CHUN AN TAOISIGH: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment last met; and when it next plans to meet. — Alan Kelly. [13097/21]

2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16849/21]

3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with infrastructure last met; and when it will next meet. — Matt Carthy. [19937/21]

4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with the economy will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20474/21]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the latest activities of the shared island unit of his Department. — Neale Richmond. [16456/21]

6. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Gary Gannon. [17188/21]

7. To ask the Taoiseach the priorities of the shared island unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17201/21]

8. To ask the Taoiseach when he expects the shared island unit will meet with those involved in the Dublin Belfast Economic Corridor Report; and the details of the north-south initiatives being considered. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [17205/21]

9. To ask the Taoiseach an bhfuil plé déanta go fóill ag a Aonad um Oileán Comhoimhneacháin maidir le ról na Gaeilge i dtodhchaí chomhoimhneacháin na hÉireann. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18418/21]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if the shared island unit in his Department has conducted an economic appraisal of the challenges and benefits that a united Ireland will present. — Matt Carthy. [19938/21]

11. To ask the Taoiseach the position regarding the priorities of the shared island unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [20333/21]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department’s Shared Island Initiative. — Peadar Tóibín. [20477/21]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15561/21]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe last met; and when it will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [17168/21]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with foreign affairs will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [17186/21]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19934/21]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [20146/21]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Mick Barry. [20334/21]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with foreign affairs will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20476/21]

20. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline and order of citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15657/21]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress towards implementing the citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Alan Kelly. [17170/21]

22. To ask the Taoiseach the expected running order of citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17202/21]

23. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline and order of citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18551/21]

24. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline and order of citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [20145/21]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagements with the President of the United States of America. — Alan Kelly. [14478/21]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest discussion with the President of the United States of America. — Neale Richmond. [14545/21]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent dialogues with the Government and President of the United States of America. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15656/21]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the President and Vice-President of the United States of America. — Mary Lou McDonald. [16850/21]
29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent discussion regarding vaccines with the President of the United States of America. — Peadar Tóibín. [17076/21]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest discussion with the President of the United States of America. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [17203/21]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagements with the President of the United States of America. — Paul Murphy. [20147/21]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his engagements with the President of the United States of America. — Mick Barry. [20335/21]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change last met; and when it will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [17169/21]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19935/21]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change last met; and when it will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20475/21]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19936/21]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination last met and will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [20486/21]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent phone conversation with the UK Prime Minister following recent events in Northern Ireland. — Neale Richmond. [19969/21]

39. To ask the Taoiseach the status of his most recent communications with the Northern Ireland First and Deputy First Ministers following recent events in Northern Ireland. — Neale Richmond. [19970/21]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the First Minister of Northern Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [20478/21]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland last met and will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [20485/21]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [20507/21]

43. To ask the Taoiseach the full cost to date of the IBRC Commission; and the expenditure incurred in respect of legal fees by recipient law firms. — Mairéad Farrell. [20513/21]

44. To ask the Taoiseach the progress to date on the citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Gary Gannon. [20537/21]
45. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of international applicants to the Top Level Appointments Commission for the recently vacant position of secretary general of the Department of Health; and the number of international applicants who were shortlisted for the position. — Mairéad Farrell. [20796/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role his Department will play in ensuring that annual Departmental spending proposals as part of the annual budgetary cycle are aligned with climate action and carbon reduction targets; the way in which his Department plans to assess the National Development Plan 2018-2027 against Ireland’s carbon reduction plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20242/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether there is a return of austerity given the Stability Program Update forecasts that Government expenditure as a percent of GNI* is to start contracting from 2021 until 2025; and the taxes projected to rise over the same period. — Mairéad Farrell. [20797/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the recoupment of the €10 million overpayment of rent for the Miesian Plaza; the specific engagement that has taken place with the landlord; the details of the way in which that overpayment will be repaid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20812/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason the phase 1 report review of the National Development Plan identifies the potential for the expanded use of public private partnerships given their poor past performance. — Mairéad Farrell. [20798/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the judicial review window has closed on the Glanmire flood relief; if observations or challenges were received; when it will be progressed for tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19931/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Programme for Government commitment to introduce a more open budgetary process, less dominated by existing level of service, with small incremental additions each year but focused on major public goals and proven policy performance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [20386/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the PEACE PLUS Cross-Border EU Programme 2021 to 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20384/21]
53. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to increase staffing levels across the public service in key areas such as health, education, higher education and training in which clear deficits in capacity have been revealed in the context of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20472/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the key recommendations for his Department of the recent report Supporting Excellence: Capital Project and Programme Delivery Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [20399/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when flood defence construction works will advance in the upper Lee area for Inchigeelagh, Ballingarey and Ballyvourney, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20493/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role his Department played in setting the salary level for the Secretary General of the Department of Health; if he is satisfied that the new salary is justified; if he has concerns that the increase in salary for this position will lead to further pay claims in other Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20042/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date by which he plans to publish the results of the review to renew the National Development Plan 2018-2027. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20539/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans in relation to the implementation of social and green clauses in public procurement. — Brian Stanley. [20403/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has given further consideration to the ring-fencing of seized cash to fund community driven projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19968/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 267 of 27 January 2021, the status of the transfer of ownership of the Westgate House, Drogheda from the OPW to Louth County Council; if the OPW has set out any requirements on the future use of the building as part of the transfer of ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20481/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the oversight of his Department of the target to increase the public service employment target for persons with disabilities on an incremental basis from a minimum of 3% to a minimum of 6% by 2024 (details supplied); the number and percentage of public service employees in this category in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20245/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the OPW allocation of costal and flood relief funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [20483/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he remains satisfied that the action taken by his Department to date remains sufficient to protect Ireland from the double impact of Brexit and Covid-19; if he has contemplated or is contemplating any further exercises in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2786/21]
64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to establish a new oversight, accountability and transparency unit in order to regularly record the allocation of capital expenditure and grants on a publicly accessible Open Ireland portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20243/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current position in relation to the flood alleviation scheme for Crossmolina, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [20385/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of Ireland’s capital expenditure as a proportion of GNI* in 2021; the way this compares to the EU average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [20400/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the proposals to intensify cooperation with the relevant Departments and agencies in Northern Ireland to deal with flooding problems such as those caused by the River Erne system in counties Cavan and Fermanagh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20105/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if austerity measures are being considered or discussed by his Department in response to the economic impact of Covid-19 lockdowns on the country. — Peadar Tóibín. [20480/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the scheme to alleviate flooding from the Owenglin River in Clifden, County Galway; the details of the analysis carried out or commissioned by his Department into the environmental elements of this flood relief scheme; if he is satisfied that the recent tendering process adequately provided for these environmental issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20509/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress being made on public sector employers moving to 20% home and remote working in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [20393/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the recent Parliamentary Budget Office analytical model (details supplied) which suggests that the State’s debt burden will be on a sustainable path over the next 10 years and that aggressive fiscal consolidation will not be required to ensure that the burden of debt can be sustained taking growth rate forecasts into consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20246/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the process for approval of the new salary for the Secretary General of the Department of Health which is said to be deemed to be commensurate with the scale of the responsibilities, including the vaccine roll-out in the immediate term and the challenges of implementing the Government’s ambition for the roll-out of Sláintecare and the budget of €21 billion for health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20148/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the review of the National Planning Framework; the overall funding commitment in relation to climate and transport projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [19940/21]
74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress being made on equality budgeting by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20391/21]

75. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe cén sprioc atá ann do lín na státseirbhíseach nua a earcófar i mbliana a mbeidh inniúlacht sa Ghaeilge acu; an sprioc díoibh siúd a mbeidh inniúlacht sa Bhéarla acu; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18892/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the revised National Development Plan will have a greater emphasis on persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [20394/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the expenditure ceilings outlined in the Stability Programme Update 2021 will deliver commitments made in the Programme for Government and under the Climate Action Plan 2019; if he will disaggregate the cost of those commitments under the expenditure ceilings in the Stability Programme Update 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20534/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for further review of the National Development Plan. — Matt Carthy. [20043/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if all relevant Departments have developed action plans as part of the reform agenda as in the Building Momentum Public Service Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [20387/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the action he is taking to ensure value for money is obtained for the significantly increased capital budget which will be at an all-time record level in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20396/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost to date of all Covid-19-related payments in his Department to individuals and corporate entities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [15409/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps his Department has taken to improve the infrastructure of ports and airports due to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19967/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has received an update from the Department of Health in relation to the costs associated with the building of the new children’s hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [20388/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he will commence publishing statements of Ireland’s net worth along with State assets and liabilities; the timeframe for the implementation of this OECD recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20149/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be made available for tackling the increasing and accelerated coastal erosion in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [20495/21]
86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the review of the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19670/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of his Department’s work on the National Recovery and Resilience Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20398/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current position regarding the Enniscorthy flood relief scheme; when will the OPW officially sign off on the scheme for the River Slaney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20487/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the phase 1 review report by the National Investment Office focussing specifically on the climate action measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20152/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to compile a report on non-compliant Covid-19-related expenditure given the high volume of Covid-19-related procurement purchases which took place outside the standard competitive procedures. — Mairéad Farrell. [20511/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the findings made by a programme (details supplied) detailing the waste of public money in the Office of Public Works; the action that has been taken since within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20535/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the action he is taking to strengthen oversight of the capital budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20395/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of flood defences in the Spanish Arch and docks area of Galway city; if a public consultation will be undertaken in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20510/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the perceived regulatory weaknesses in Ireland’s public procurement regime which have been brought to the fore during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20540/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated level of public expenditure for 2021; the extent to which the level 5 restrictions in place since the end of 2020 have impacted on the forecasts he made in Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20389/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the engagement he has had with the Department of Social Protection in relation to the issue of pensions for community employment scheme supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [20382/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the engagement he has had with the Department of Social Protection in terms of providing a pension scheme for community employment scheme supervisors. — Cathal Crowe. [20408/21]
98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department is engaging at European level to make social and green clauses more flexible in public procurement. — Brian Stanley. [20404/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Enniscorthy flood defence scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19671/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the options being considered for funding of works required to the weir at Ballincollig Regional Park; the engagement that has been had with the local authority to progress these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20492/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of progress to complete the Ennis South Flood Relief Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [18416/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the key performance indicators his Department uses to establish the extent of green public procurement; the level of achievement they show for the most recent year for which data is available; and the improvements compared to three years earlier. — Richard Bruton. [20336/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if common themes were identified in the consultation process which has formed part of phase 1 of the Review to Renew examination of the National Development Plan; when the updated national development plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [20405/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Bantry flood relief scheme; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [20494/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on a uniform pay rate and policy for senior civil servants in Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20332/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the proposals to amend the Arterial Drainage Act 1945 to include additional waterways including the River Erne system in County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20104/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to review the cost benefit analysis for flood relief works to incorporate turlough flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1430/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the funds he expects to be available to Ireland under the European Union Cohesion Package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [20397/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when funding will be released to establish the occupational pension scheme for community employment scheme supervisors as recommended by the Labour Court in 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20488/21]
110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the Public Service Innovation Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [20402/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the recent comments of the ECB president and board members on the crucial need to maintain an ambitious fiscal stance to avoid the risk of delaying economic recovery and amplifying the longer-term scarring effects of the Covid 19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20244/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a representative of his Department was sent to the WRC Conciliation Conference with staff from a union (details supplied) regarding staff claims on 20 April 2021; if he will send a representative to future WRC conferences given that HR has to defer to his Department for any decisions regarding pay and conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20150/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to future proof the economy through social investment spending initiatives with an aim of preventing economic stagnation and growing inequality due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [17177/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the mechanism to ensure the responsible and most effective spend of the potential €10.8 billion available to Departments and agencies for capital expenditure in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [20406/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the gross expenditure provided for in the budget for 2021; if this will be sufficient to cover the now projected voted expenditure for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18893/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to include specific provision for turlough flooding in the cost benefit analysis for flood relief works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1429/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated number of civil servants currently working remotely as a result of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [20407/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the CFRAM schemes for County Louth and east County Meath; the key dates and so on in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20482/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which reform throughout the public service is likely to be a feature of public policy in the current year and thereafter with particular reference to the delivery of cost reductions and efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [2785/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of public servants recruited before 1 April 2004 currently availing of the increase in the compulsory retirement age from 65 to 70 years of age for public servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20392/21]
121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Crossmolina flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19669/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the assessment he is making or he has made as to whether capacity across public service bodies is keeping pace with increased investment levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [20401/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount provided across 2020 and to date in 2021 for Covid-19-related spending programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [20489/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has or is planning to carry out an audit on staffing levels and facilities across the public service in key areas such as health, education, higher education and training in which clear deficits in capacity have been revealed in the context of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20473/21]

125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cumulative additional public expenditure undertaken to meet the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic since the beginning of March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20390/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the decision to increase the pay for the Secretary General of the Department of Health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20331/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there will be no cliff-edge termination of Covid-19 spending programmes at the end of June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [20490/21]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*128. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department during Ireland’s membership of the UN Security Council. — Alan Kelly. [20508/21]

*129. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a breakdown of the higher executive officers, administration officers, assistant principal officers, principal officers and assistant secretaries in his Department by gender in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [17918/21]

*130. To ask the Taoiseach the number of complaints his Department has received from members of the public under the heading of GDPR and data information requests since 2018 to date in 2021; the number of data information requests that have been refused and accepted, respectively; the number of GDPR requests refused; and the basis on which they were declined in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [17999/21]

*131. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons who are classified as self-employed by sector in each year since 2015; and the number of employees who are classified as employed in the same sectors in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [18363/21]
*132. To ask the Taoiseach the number of young persons from 18 to 24 years of age that are not in employment, education and training excluding those on the pandemic unemployment payment. — Louise O’Reilly. [18475/21]

*133. To ask the Taoiseach if he has considered arranging further meetings with the vaccine providers that are currently supplying Covid-19 vaccines here to discuss supply. — Neale Richmond. [18645/21]

*134. To ask the Taoiseach the reason the timeframe for the NAMA Commission of Investigation was extended until 30 September 2021. — Mattie McGrath. [18717/21]

*135. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the work of the shared island unit with the Economic Social Research Institute; if the shared island unit has commissioned research to be undertaken by the ESRI; and if he will provide a copy of the terms of reference of this research and for the publication schedule of same. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18803/21]

*136. To ask the Taoiseach if wood chip is being transported out of Ireland; and if so, the location it is being transported to. — Claire Kerrane. [18822/21]

*137. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the discussion he had with the President of the United States of America with regard to the undocumented Irish in America during his phone call on St. Patrick’s Day. — Joe McHugh. [19148/21]

*138. To ask the Taoiseach the reason Ireland has failed to submit excess mortality figures from 2020 to Eurostat; and if the excess mortality rates for 2020 are available and will be published. — Mattie McGrath. [19354/21]

*139. To ask the Taoiseach if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised. — Michael Ring. [19823/21]

*140. To ask the Taoiseach if any person can apply for a position (details supplied). — Michael Ring. [19878/21]

*141. To ask the Taoiseach the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; and if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors. — John McGuinness. [20734/21]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the immediate reintroduction of click and collect services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18174/21]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the need for a defined plan for reopening retail business; his views on whether there is a need for a reopening plan as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18175/21]
*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the need for an urgent arbitration plan to address the looming rent crisis for businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18176/21]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the financial supports available to businesses will be extended to enable those businesses that were viable prior to the pandemic to trade effectively once restrictions are lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18177/21]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to any Minister or Minister of State or adviser to a Minister or Minister of State who requested or suggested to the HSE or any Department that a hospital (details supplied) in Dublin be used as a vaccination site for Covid-19. — Alan Kelly. [18272/21]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the announcement by the IDA that it plans to appoint a consultant in Israel to present Ireland as an investment location; if his views were sought in advance of this announcement; the systems that will be in place to ensure that businesses connected to illegal Israeli settlements in occupied Palestinian territory including but not limited to those listed in the UN database will not be engaged by the IDA or benefit in any way from the proposed new arrangement; if he is in agreement with this decision of the IDA in view of UN CERD January 2020 recommendations which demand Israel ceases its policies of racial discrimination and apartheid and the 2017 Report by the UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia accusing Israel of imposing an apartheid regime of racial discrimination on the Palestinian people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18277/21]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will explore the merits and the way in which it can be permitted to allow some retail outlets to provide a limited call-in service for the fitting of essential clothing items and or services such as bra fitting and foot measuring for children’s shoes in view of the fact that without access to these services a person’s physical health is being put at risk. — Catherine Murphy. [18316/21]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to approve pay rises for an industry (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [18326/21]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are many businesses that do not have rateable business premises and do not qualify for supports; if a support scheme for such businesses will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18370/21]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding requests for appeals in respect of the restart grant scheme that was introduced for Covid-19 when the closing date was brought in abruptly without giving proper notice to potential applicants; the funding that has been provided by his Department to local authorities in respect of appeals; the amount paid by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [18410/21]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration has been given to enabling click and collect services to support customers and businesses during current public health guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18432/21]
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*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available for small businesses if rent arrears are demanded to be paid by landlords post-Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18435/21]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to provide support under the Covid-19 business aid scheme for those without commercial rates contributions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18444/21]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has considered classifying children’s clothing and shoes as essential goods that can be purchased in-store during level 5 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18446/21]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the engagement he has had with his European counterparts on the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18458/21]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he will take to ensure a series of criteria (details supplied) are met with regard to the recent announcement by the IDA to appoint a business development consultant to establish a presence in Israel and to present Ireland as an investment location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18463/21]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to introduce a new round of business restart grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [18484/21]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if assistance will be provided to a business (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [18506/21]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available and the supports he is considering for businesses ineligible for existing Government schemes due to operating from a building that is not a fixed physical structure on which business rates are payable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18510/21]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if plans will be put in place to reinstate click and collect facilities for businesses in a safe and secure manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [18558/21]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there is a plan or timeframe for a safe return to click and collect retail services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18580/21]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount in unpaid wages that has been returned to workers following workplace investigations by the Workplace Relations Commission by sector, year and value of wages returned in each of the years 2011 to 2020, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [18581/21]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will give consideration to granting book shops permission to offer click and collect services to their
communities once click and collect facilities are able to return under public health guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18616/21]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an updated report on the implementation of the EU-UK trade agreement and the impact it has had on Ireland and our trading patterns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18647/21]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a skills audit by the IDA for County Mayo; the results of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18654/21]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if further clarification will be provided on when small window cleaning businesses, that is, external cleaning on domestic properties can reopen their businesses under the latest restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18701/21]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some large department stores (details supplied) are selling non-essential items in breach of current public health restrictions; the steps he will take in this instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [18774/21]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a practice of an employer requiring employees who cannot attend their work premises due to Covid-19 restrictions to reimburse the employer for the cost of couriering work materials such as files to the employee is prohibited under the Payment of Wages Act 1991; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18796/21]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when outdoor work such as window cleaning outdoors is expected to return; if he will provide details of guidelines on the definition of outdoor work and the plans for outdoor work under current health guidelines. — Gino Kenny. [18847/21]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the €50,000 turnover threshold for the small business support scheme will be reduced; if an alternative financial support will be provided to small businesses with lower turnovers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18993/21]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Irish SMEs that have a subsidiary in Canada. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19064/21]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of IDA grant supports provided to vaccine drug product manufacturing fill finish facilities and vaccine drug substance manufacturing facilities supported by the State in each of the years 2011 to 2021; the cost to establish NIBRT and grants provided from 2010 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19118/21]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the challenges that were identified against Covid-19 vaccine drug product manufacturing in existing facilities here: the cost and timeline associated with these challenges; if a report was commissioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19119/21]
*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the overall level and composition of IDA Ireland grant supports by purpose, sector and region in each of the years 2011 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19121/21]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if employers will be entitled to ask job applicants if their leaving certificate was predicted grades or exam based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [19243/21]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if businesses providing window cleaning for residential properties are allowed to resume their services on 12 April 2021 in line with the restart of residential construction. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19292/21]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 1 of 25 March 2021, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the remaining lenders of the Strategic Banking Corporation of Ireland future growth loan scheme will not lend to the hospitality industry; if the hospitality industry is excluded from the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19331/21]

*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on providing sector specific grants administered by Enterprise Ireland and local enterprise offices for English language teaching organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19389/21]

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount drawn down by Irish businesses from the Brexit loan scheme to date; the sectors in which the loan has been accessed; and the geographical distribution of loan recipients per NUTS III region, cross referenced with loan values. — Marian Harkin. [19406/21]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will allow small businesses to transfer from the Covid restrictions support scheme to small business assistance scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [19436/21]

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration has been given to easing restrictions on the purchasing of children’s clothes given that there continues to be no click and collect service. — Sorca Clarke. [19441/21]

*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when it is planned to open shops selling children’s clothes in view of the fact that these shops have been closed since early January 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19442/21]

*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the announcement of retail stores being able to sell and fit children’s shoes; his plans to allow for same for the sale of children’s clothing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [19444/21]

*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of the essential requirements and qualifications which were specified in the request for tenders with regard to the recent announcement by the IDA to appoint a business development consultant to establish a presence in Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19445/21]
*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the exclusion of businesses under the small business assistance scheme due to the €50,000 turnover threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [19459/21]

*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if children’s clothing is included on the essential retail list; his plans to include children’s clothes on the essential retail list along with children’s shoes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19519/21]

*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to review the regulations regarding the sale of children’s clothes noting the challenges faced by parents trying to purchase school clothing further to updated Covid-19 plan and the phased return to school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19584/21]

*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the commitment given to provide specific guidance regarding the sale of children’s shoes; and when parents and families can expect to be able to purchase these essential items. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19585/21]

*190. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures that will be taken in respect of the decision by the IDA to appoint a business development consultant in Israel to ensure proper procedures with regard to the processing and transferring of personal data in view of the fact that the proposed consultant will be based in Israel; the way in which a data breach will be managed in these circumstances; if a risk assessment has been carried out in view of the duty of care of the IDA under the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19672/21]

*191. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an employment permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [19765/21]

*192. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19812/21]

*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19867/21]

*194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason a restart grant was declined for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [19951/21]

*195. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the IDA has, in respect of the decision by it to appoint a business development consultant in Israel, investigated the possibilities of a permanent establishment being created by virtue of the fact that a fixed place of business is being established in Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20044/21]

*196. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider allowing the €3 million Solas fund established for a group (details supplied) to be used towards the
payment of redundancy sums that have been denied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [20091/21]

*197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of virtual trade missions to the USA that were held in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if a virtual trade mission to the USA will be held before the end of quarter 2. — Paul Donnelly. [20099/21]

*198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 141 of 10 March 2021, if he will give further consideration to issues raised in additional correspondence from a company (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20157/21]

*199. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for SMEs whose turnover is under €50,000; if funding aid will be provided for them during Covid-19 restrictions given that they cannot avail of same and do not meet the criteria for funding schemes currently in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20164/21]

*200. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if concerns will be addressed in relation to the continuing prohibition on the purchase of children’s clothes and shoes, with the exception of online purchases which is having a disproportionate and adverse impact on those with limited access to broadband and those who lack sufficient computer literacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [20165/21]

*201. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has engaged with the Low Pay Commission regarding a review of universal basic income as set out in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [20215/21]

*202. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports available for a company (details supplied) with mobile premises, premises which are not permanently fixed in place and premises on which no commercial rates are payable which are ineligible for the current Covid-19 business support schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20229/21]

*203. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 486 of 7 July 2020, the status of the long-awaited review of the eligibility for the insolvency payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20296/21]

*204. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to putting in place a new loan facility scheme for SMEs in order to reflect current challenges posed by the pandemic to small and medium-sized businesses by which the scheme would be independent of the main commercial banks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20300/21]

*205. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to putting in place a new loan facility scheme for SMEs in order to reflect the current challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic by which loans would be made available over a ten-year period with interest rates of 1% in years one to five and no higher than 3% for the remaining period with a moratorium option available for year one of the loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20301/21]
*206. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the Government plans to reintroduce the click and collect system of retail currently suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. — John Paul Phelan. [20319/21]

*207. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason for the stated policy to introduce a phased reopening of retail as part of the reopening of society generally as temporary pandemic measures are removed from society. — John Paul Phelan. [20320/21]

*208. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to provide financial supports for businesses operating out of homes that have been impacted financially by Covid-19 but do not qualify for the Covid restriction support scheme or other supports, such as travel counsellors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20362/21]

*209. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the proposed competition (amendment) Bill; if this proposed Bill will seek to provide additional powers for the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission to assist in gathering evidence to tackle cartels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [20456/21]

*210. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will reopen the general employment permit scheme to help alleviate the current labour crisis in the mushroom sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20657/21]

*211. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20723/21]

*212. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to significant competitive advantage that bigger multinationals and retail operators presently have over small and medium sized retailers in towns and villages throughout Ireland in the absence of a permissible click and collect service; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the resumption of a click and collect service is now vital for the survival of many small retailers; when a click and collect service will be allowed to resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20746/21]

*213. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress that has been made towards the Government’s commitment to introduce a living wage for Irish workers by 2025. — Brian Stanley. [20772/21]

*214. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for the implementation of a living wage; and if he is considering different age categories. — Brian Stanley. [20773/21]

*215. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for the implementation of a living wage; and his views on whether students at third-level will be able to avail of the living wage if they are also working. — Brian Stanley. [20774/21]
*216. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider offering a restart grant for businesses that are unable to avail of the small business assistance scheme or the outdoor enhancement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [20783/21]

*217. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason sole traders are excluded from the ready for customs grant; if an alternative grant is available for sole traders for such costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20799/21]

*218. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the Mercosur impact report will be published given that it was expected to be published in Spring 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20830/21]

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

*219. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the restrictions that apply to the use of CCTV for enforcement against breaches of waste and litter legislation. — Richard Bruton. [18101/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a review of the North-South Interconnector project is to be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [18107/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a technical analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18280/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when high-speed fibre broadband will be available to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [18343/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps a person (details supplied) can take in a situation in which a person does not have an allocated Eircode and therefore cannot obtain a broadband connection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18351/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan will be rolled out for premises (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [18387/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department is participating in an EU Commission initiative on the monitoring of Covid-19 and its variants in wastewater and availing of funding from the Commission for this initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [18408/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has identified or estimated the percentage of total greenhouse gas emissions that each Department has responsibility over; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18427/21]
*227. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which an estate (details supplied) can be considered serviced by broadband providers and also require intervention under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [18457/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Inland Fisheries Forum; when it last met; his plans to reconvene the Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18486/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will review and respond to matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to the provision of broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [18634/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on progress to accelerate the delivery of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [18665/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if ahead of rewetting a bog (details supplied) under the Bord na Móna bog rehabilitation scheme, protective works can be undertaken at an important structure in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18756/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consultants have been appointed to commence the technical analysis to inform a review of the security of energy supply of Ireland’s electricity and natural gas systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [18782/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the location of the source of electricity in view of the fact that two main power stations have closed down. — Claire Kerrane. [18819/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if electricity is being imported here in any form. — Claire Kerrane. [18820/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if two power stations, Lanesborough and Shannonbridge, are being dismantled for export to Germany. — Claire Kerrane. [18821/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding provided by his Department to An Taisce in each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [18838/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding allocated by his Department from 1 January 2020 to date to each member body of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [18839/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 95 of 19 November 2020, when proposals will go to Cabinet following his consideration of the Digital Hub Agency strategic review which was completed early in 2020; when the report will be published; and if he still expects the transfer of the Digital Hub Agency
to Dublin City Council to go ahead in 2021 nearly a decade after it was first mooted in 2012. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18872/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of litter fines issued; the number of litter fines paid in numerical and percentage terms; the number of fines still to be paid in numerical and percentage terms; the revenues collected and revenues outstanding from same for each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by local authority area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18925/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of prosecutions for littering offences taken against persons, companies and or other legal entities in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of successful prosecutions; the number of unsuccessful prosecutions; the number of proceedings still to be determined with respect to same by local authority area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18926/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount spent on legal fees by each local authority for the purpose of pursuing unpaid fines relating to littering offences in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18927/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the sum of awards allocated to local authorities by the courts owing to successful prosecutions for littering offences in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18928/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of funding collected for the salmon conservation fund between 2016 to 2021 by the licences distributors; the breakdown of the funding; the projects it was distributed to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19038/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage of commission paid to fishing licence distributors; if he will review these payments and percentages considering the distributors are responsible for banking and bookkeeping and have not been compensated for the collection of the extra stamp duty attached to each licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19039/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to commission a review of the proposed North-South interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19089/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter in relation to the purchase of a licence to fish (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19156/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he expects the capacity review of the National Cyber Security Centre to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19181/21]
*248. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected timeframe for the announcement of findings from the consultation on the development of new solid fuel regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19227/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the survey regarding public engagement in relation to the consultation on the development of new solid fuel regulations will be activated. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19228/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he envisages changes following the consultation on the development of new solid fuel regulations for persons who collect, dry and use waste wood to heat their homes using wood burning stoves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19229/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of telecommunication service providers that provided access to zero rate educational websites during the Covid-19 pandemic; if he will provide details of the companies and services provided; if the services are ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19277/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated amount of State funding provided by his Department to An Taisce each year for the past five years; if he has concerns regarding An Taisce’s remit and ability to cause huge delays to developments of significant importance to the farming community in the south east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19287/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline recent changes that took effect on the European Union energy labels for electrical goods; the efforts undertaken to promote public awareness of these changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19357/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons estimated to have purchased electrical goods under the old European Union energy ratings for electrical goods prior to the current public health restrictions, but are still awaiting delivery of such goods following the change in energy ratings; the position which occurs in a situation in which high-rated items were purchased prior to the changes and lower-rated items are delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19358/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage of passthrough charges that are payable to the Government in the form of the PSO levy; the amount the Government has received from the PSO levy and passthrough charges from the energy suppliers since the beginning of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19379/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will extend the warmer homes scheme to persons over 70 years of age who are not in receipt of fuel allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19499/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the broadband roll-out in rural towns (details supplied) in County Dublin. — Emer Higgins. [19522/21]
*258. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a person (details supplied) has not received their landline connection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [19570/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to amend the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2021 to make the Government a relevant body under section 15 of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19630/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the impact of the recent judgement (details supplied) delivered on 30 March 2021 on the upcoming Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19631/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of litter wardens in each county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [19653/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of waste collected due to illegal dumping each year by county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [19654/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of public bins in each county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [19655/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount taken in annually through fines for illegal dumping. — Sorca Clarke. [19656/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the type of materials that are predominantly being dumped illegally. — Sorca Clarke. [19657/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the Bord Na Móna and privately owned bogs and peatlands by county that are due to be rewetted, reseeded and regenerated for the purpose of carbon sequestration; and the individual size of the bogs that are to be regenerated in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [19674/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the responsibility of local authorities in residential waste management under the Local Government Act 2001. — Thomas Gould. [19677/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funds being spent by his Department on research and development for renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [19712/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the roll-out of fibre broadband will be accelerated; if so, the plan for the acceleration; and the new predicted completion date. — Mattie McGrath. [19736/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19813/21]
*271. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19868/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a property (details supplied) will be connected to broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19899/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of household connections as part of the Eir T 300 programme; the number of household connections as part of the roll-out by a company (details supplied) by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [19908/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the communication plan in place to inform elected members in local authorities of timeframes and sequence of implementation of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [19915/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the North South interconnector project is still considered a project of common interest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [19942/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the renegotiation of the Trans-European Networks for Energy Regulation, with particular reference to projects of common interest; when these negotiations will conclude; when the proposals will be agreed or made public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [19943/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the groups he has met with in respect of providing a disability waste waiver. — Sean Sherlock. [20037/21]

*278. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide an bhfuil aon obair fiosrúcháin nó pleanáil déanta ag a Roinn mar gheall ar an tionchar is féidir a bheith ag an athrú aeráide ar an nGaeilge, agus mura bhfuil go fóill, an mbeadh sé sásta tabhairt faoin obair sin go luath. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20236/21]

*279. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide an bhfuil aon obair fiosrúcháin nó pleanáil déanta ag a Roinn mar gheall ar an tionchar is féidir a bheith ag an athrú aeráide ar an nGaeilge mar theanga sa tsocháí, agus mura bhfuil go fóill, an mbeadh sé sásta tabhairt faoin obair sin go luath. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20238/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration is being given to introducing more flexibility in the National Broadband Plan to allow National Broadband Ireland to connect commercial premises that may already have a limited broadband connection to connect to the new fibre optic cables that in many cases pass adjacent to these existing industrial locations but cannot be connected despite existing broadband options for such facilities failing to meet the capacities required for such industries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [20321/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if National Broadband Ireland will hold discussions with Eir in order to provide broadband to premises in
cases in which Eir fibre broadband infrastructure is bordering an amber area under the National Broadband Plan and in which there is sufficient capacity to accommodate more premises on this line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20353/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a monthly update of the Eircode system will be put in place in order to speed up the allocation of Eircodes to new postal addresses in order that they can connect to fibre broadband (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20354/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when National Broadband Ireland will commence its survey at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [20440/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when National Broadband Ireland will commence its survey at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [20441/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the townlands in which surveying has been completed in relation to the National Broadband Plan; the townlands in which surveying is underway currently; the townlands in which it is planned to conduct surveying before the end of 2021, by county in tabular form; if he will report on the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [20469/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the townlands in which the construction or build out phase has started in relation to the National Broadband Plan; the townlands in which construction will commence before the end of 2021; the number of premises that have been connected; the percentage that these comprise of the total number in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [20470/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to phase out usage of aluminium trays as containers for food; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20562/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a household (details supplied) will be able to avail of e-fibre broadband. — Robert Troy. [20576/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied with the importation of peat and coal briquettes to Ireland due to the wind down of production in Ireland in line with measures to phase out fossil fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [20653/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of peat, peat and coal briquettes, wood briquettes and coal imported to Ireland in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [20654/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of peat, peat and coal briquettes and coal produced here in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [20655/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to calls from advocacy groups for a designated wind farm zone of 22km from
shorelines, similar to that introduced in other European countries; the position regarding same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [20666/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20724/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when fibre broadband will be available to a household (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20789/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the policy statement to be produced in April 2021 regarding the approach to opposing the importation of fracked gas as noted in the Programme for Government; the measures he will take to ensure this position is raised with all relevant public bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [20810/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*296. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric car charging points in each county. — Peadar Tóibín. [18105/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Transport when the driver theory test will be available online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18182/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Transport if an essential worker (details supplied) in County Kerry will be provided with a date for their driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18223/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Transport if driving lessons will resume for essential workers once level 5 restrictions are lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18230/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of his plans to clear the backlog of driver tests once level 5 restrictions are lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18231/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of no-shows for driver tests in each of the years 2017 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18232/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific amount allocated towards each individual active travel project in County Wexford in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [18253/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 28, 29, 30 and 31 of 4 March 2021, the timeframe for the completion of the preliminary business case for the DART expansion project. — Joe Flaherty. [18262/21]
*304. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 28, 29, 30 and 31 of 4 March 2021, if the DART expansion project will be announced in advance of the launch of phase two of the review of the National Development Plan. — Joe Flaherty. [18263/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 28, 29, 30 and 31 of 4 March 2021, the length of time it will take to complete the DART expansion project once the technical review of the DART expansion commences. — Joe Flaherty. [18264/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to any Minister or Minister of State or adviser to a Minister or Minister of State who requested or suggested to the HSE or any Department that a hospital (details supplied) in Dublin be used as a vaccination site for Covid-19. — Alan Kelly. [18274/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will give permission for an emergency temporary pedestrian footbridge across the Owenriff River, Oughterard to ensure pedestrian safety particularly for the 600 schoolchildren who traverse the river daily across a narrow bridge without footpaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [18328/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has assessed the development plans on which Dublin Port is now consulting; his views on the possible impact on other users in the Dublin Bay area; and the way it fits in with optimal development of the city. — Richard Bruton. [18348/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will accede to the request for a meeting made jointly by groups (details supplied) to discuss their body of work to stimulate aviation and support regional airports. — Cathal Crowe. [18358/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet with a group (details supplied) to discuss its proposals for a funding strategy for the region and in particular Shannon Airport. — Seán Canney. [18374/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Transport if the recently published Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 - Our Rural Future includes additional funding for regional and local road repairs in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18381/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the commitment to develop a subsidised local area hackney service as listed in the Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 - Our Rural Future plan; if he will provide clarity on the timeline envisaged to develop such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [18400/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of providing an hourly bus service to every population centre in the State with a population of over 300 persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18426/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Transport the financial supports available to private coach and bus operators that do not have a premises and do not pay commercial rates to their local council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18440/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Transport if zebra crossings can be installed without Belisha beacons as currently installed at the junction of Church Street, Market Street and Seaview Road, Clifden, Connemara, Galway. — Francis Noel Duffy. [18461/21]
*316. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered postponing, deferring or altering the delivery method of CPC courses for lorry, coach and bus drivers in view of Covid-19 restrictions; his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18485/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider providing an online test option for the significant backlog of persons waiting to do their driver theory test given the current public health restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [18589/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider revising the taxi drivers test to accommodate older drivers who are not computer literate. — Kathleen Funchion. [18606/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of all available grant funding towards feasibility studies for greenways; and when each grant opens for applications. — Claire Kerrane. [18640/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Transport if the situation will be clarified regarding persons that are awaiting driver tests for urgent work related issues; the way these applicants can be accommodated in the current Covid-19 context; if he will address the way this cohort can reach the required number of driving lessons from an approved driving instructor before being eligible to apply for a driver licence in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [18662/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on efforts to develop a recovery plan for the aviation industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [18669/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric vehicle home charger grants provided in each year since the creation of the scheme; the spend in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18681/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric vehicle home charger grants provided by county since the creation of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18682/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Transport the value of grants provided under the SEAI public charge point scheme since its introduction in 2019 for each local authority area; the number of charging points installed under this scheme by local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18683/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of State-owned vehicles; the number of these that are hybrid and fully electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18684/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of private aircraft flying into Ireland each week; the number of persons entering the country in private aircraft each week; and the quarantine measures in place in relation to private flights into Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [18722/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Transport the person or body that made the decision not to impose penalties under the European Union (Greenhouse Gas Emission Reductions, Calculation Methods and Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2017 (as amended) with respect to 2020 (details supplied); the reason the decision was taken; the person or body to whom the decision was communicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18734/21]
*328. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties faced by persons here in accessing a code required from the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency in the UK in order to transfer from an English to Irish licence; if assistance will be provided to a person (details supplied) who needs a C1 licence as an essential worker in the broadband roll-out and cannot access the code needed to transfer their C1 licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18735/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 236 of 10 March 2021, if a decision has been made to date on the proposal by the Road Safety Authority to extend the validity period of initial basic training certificates in line with extensions in respect of NCT and driver licences in view of the ongoing level 5 Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18772/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Transport when an issue will be addressed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [18783/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Transport if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18784/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to make the driver theory test available to take online which would allow the applicants to go ahead and take their test and reduce the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18806/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to recruit more testers for driver tests to help get through the backlog of applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18812/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with airlines in relation to PCR testing for cabin crew and pilots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18813/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) can complete a driver test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18855/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Road Safety Authority will consider facilitating driver tests for CE licences in Waterford city in view of the fact that other cities in Munster have such driver tests available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18856/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to instruct the National Transport Authority to incorporate the provision of dedicated toilet facilities for bus drivers and staff as part of the development of the BusConnects projects in cities across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18868/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase the State subvention to Dublin Bus and other CIÉ companies to ensure there is no cut in services in view of the fall in revenue and potential changes in work patterns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18903/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered a partial motor tax rebate for motorists that could not use their cars as a result of cocooning during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18919/21]
*340. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver test can be facilitated for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18921/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 480 of 17 October 2017, the progress that has been made to reduce the burden facing the diaspora when applying for a locally issued driver licence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18933/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Transport if initial basic training motorcycle lessons can go ahead as normal given that IBT can provide two metres social distance in classrooms while wearing masks, gloves, hand sanitiser and while out in the compound would be wearing full PPE gear as in helmet with visor, gloves, boots and so on and all communication can be done through bluetooth headphones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [19002/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Transport when driver lessons will resume for essential workers in need of acquiring a driver licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19003/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the criteria under which either of category B driver theory tests will resume or category B driver theory tests will commence as an online remote option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [19069/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Transport when driver lessons for non-essential workers will recommence. — Sean Sherlock. [19075/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to fund pop-up driver test locations to deal with the backlog of persons awaiting a test. — Sean Sherlock. [19076/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons awaiting a driver test appointment in each centre by age in tabular form; and the length of time they are awaiting a test. — Sean Sherlock. [19077/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Transport if services between Athlone and Roscommon have been reduced; if there are plans to increase transport services following the lifting of public health restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [19093/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify the position on driver learner permits; if he plans to include persons that cannot renew learner permits due to current public health restrictions in the extension provided to those with full driver licences; if not, the rationale for excluding this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19094/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Transport the policy with regard to use of contraflow systems during scheduled closures of a single bore of the Jack Lynch Tunnel in Cork; if an assessment has been done to measure the impact that not implementing a contraflow system has on residential neighbourhoods such as the Lower Glanmire Road when HGVs are consequently diverted through the city at night-time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19147/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a lack of a dedicated cliff rescue service due to the national suspension of the service by the Irish Coast Guard in the Fingal area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19150/21]
*352. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to provide specific support to the taxi industry in circumstances in which many taxi owners cannot trade and their revenue streams are depleted; if he has considered a waiver of the fee for renewal of a taxi licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [19194/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount paid in legal fees to the legal representations of Transport Infrastructure Ireland in respect of a project (details supplied) in each of the past five years by the legal firms involved; if he is satisfied that every effort is being made to protect the public purse in respect of such legal fees; if every effort is made to avoid protracted legal disputes between the land and property owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [19205/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount paid in legal fees in each of the past five years in respect of a project (details supplied) to the legal representatives of property and landowners affected by this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [19206/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Transport the speed reduction measures a local authority can introduce in a village which sits on a regional road with a speed limit of 50km per hour; and if a local authority can put speed ramps in place within the village confines on a regional road. — Robert Troy. [19211/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason practical flying tuition is permitted under level 5 restrictions and practical driving tuition is not. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19215/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Transport the current Covid-19 restrictions on aviation training; if flight lessons are permitted to go ahead; the capacity in which they are allowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [19216/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Transport if Transport Infrastructure Ireland will extend a footpath at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19222/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reduce the waiting times for driver theory tests in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; if his attention has been drawn to repeated cancellations of tests causing a large backlog; if consideration will be given to making driver theory tests an essential service as a result of such backlogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [19230/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider allowing SEAI electric vehicle grants to be paid directly to the garage from which a taxi driver wishes to purchase an electric vehicle to facilitate more taxi drivers purchasing electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [19247/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Transport if the proposed cut to grants for hybrid cars will be redistributed to the overall fund for fully electric cars or if it will be returned to the Exchequer; the amount of this cut to the €5,000 grant will save or will provide for other EV grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [19248/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional measures are being taken to support the aviation sector here; if engagement has taken place with airlines or their staff following the
introduction of mandatory hotel quarantines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19281/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Transport when his Department will issue the new logbook with amended addresses for vehicle registration (details supplied); and when it will be sent to the owner of the vehicle as the address needs to be changed again which is not possible until the new logbook is received. — Francis Noel Duffy. [19282/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Transport if the motor tax office can reprint a disc for a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [19333/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 40% of the passengers that have used the City of Derry Airport in recent years are based in County Donegal; and when substantial funding to the airport will be restored to reflect such passenger numbers and the commitment to the north west cross Border region under the New Decade, New Approach Agreement. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [19336/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to have another round of funding under the Active Travel Grants in 2021; if so, if he will provide the application timings for such a process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [19338/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered the suggestion of the approved driving instructors to allow candidates who are deemed suitable to take their driver test without the need to complete 12 lessons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19340/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons that are on waiting lists for driver tests for each testing centre in County Cork; the average waiting time persons have for these centres in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19404/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Transport if licences issued to fly drones are recorded on a county basis; if so, the number issued for each of the past four years; the way in which the regulations are enforced; the number of breaches recorded in the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [19413/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of PSO discussions for the Derry to Dublin route and Cork to Belfast route; if it is planned to have the issue on the transport agenda at the next NSMC meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [19423/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that are being considered to ensure that future infrastructure projects do not run over budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19426/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Transport the consideration that has been given to providing financial assistance to Dublin Bus in view of the impact from Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19427/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports that will be given to public transport operators such as Dublin Bus, Luas and Iarnród Éireann in view of shortfalls in passenger numbers and revenue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19428/21]
*374. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with the management of Bus Éireann to ensure that all replacement intercity bus stock has the capacity to carry bicycles on board (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [19466/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Transport the requirements in relation to bollards placed on footpaths; the space that must be allowed between the bollards and the edge either side of the footpath; the width that must be available for accessibility on footpaths; and the statutory instruments and regulations covering same. — Thomas Gould. [19480/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase the frequency of the 207 bus route in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19497/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the backlog of theory driver test appointments in County Tipperary; the measures being taken to clear the backlog; and when appointments will be issued. — Alan Kelly. [19501/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the Coast Guard has suspended the use of blue lights, boat operations and rescue climbing; if there are plans to remove these suspensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [19510/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Transport the difficulties his Department has experienced maintaining the continuous public emergency service provision of rescue boats, blue light response and cliff rescue over the past 24 months; and the timeline for the resumption of the suspended cliff rescue services. — Joe O’Brien. [19515/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the boundary wall separating Casement Station from Railway Terrace; if it requires maintenance or restoration; and the impact of any protected status it may have. — Pa Daly. [19542/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Transport the intercity train services that Leap cards can be used on; if it is planned to extend their use to all intercity train services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19595/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Transport when work will commence on the Moycullen bypass on the N59; if a contractor has been appointed to carry out this contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ó Cuív. [19597/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will give consideration to the use of antigen testing to assist in tackling the 180,000 plus backlog in driver tests in order to facilitate the complete reopening of driving lessons and driver theory testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [19606/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are means available through his Department in which a person could gain proof of the purchase of a vehicle as far back as 1981. — Robert Troy. [19615/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline any laws which forbid the use of national greenway infrastructure for equine or horse related activities; and his plans to review such legislation. — Robert Troy. [19616/21]
*386. To ask the Minister for Transport if an aircraft (details supplied) that landed at Shannon Airport on 5 April 2021 and stayed overnight at Shannon was approved to carry weapons or other military materials; if so, the number of weapons involved; the number of passengers and crew members accommodated overnight in hotels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19625/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Transport if an aircraft (details supplied) that took off from Shannon Airport on 6 April 2021 on its way to Lviv in Ukraine was approved to carry weapons or other military materials; if so, the number of weapons involved; if there was a transfer of US military personnel to this aircraft from another aircraft which was also at Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19626/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the strategic rail review; when he expects the review to be finalised and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19635/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons in the current backlog of driver theory tests nationwide by county for each of the 16 licence category tests, that is, category AM through to category D1E in tabular form. — Joe Flaherty. [19642/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Transport if a transport safety audit has been carried on the N73 Mallow to Mitchelstown road County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [19647/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Transport if further funding will be provided to Transport Infrastructure Ireland to ensure the upkeep and maintenance of the N73 Mallow to Mitchelstown road, County Cork and to further ensure that all modes of transport including cycling can safely use the road without fear of collision due to the absence of hard shoulders at critical points along the road. — Sean Sherlock. [19648/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects work to commence on the dual track railway line to Midleton; when he envisages this project to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19652/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Transport the proposed locations of new railway stations on the Mallow to Midleton rail line, County Cork; when each of these stations will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19658/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to engage with private developers in putting in place new railway stations on the rail network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19659/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has a role in relation to the proposed bypass of Castlemartyr, County Cork; the status of the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19661/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Transport the manner in which certain learner permits are getting an extension to their expiry dates but the initial basic training certificate for learner motorbikes does not get the same extensions. — Paul Donnelly. [19665/21]
*397. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 294 of 31 March 2021, the status of a NCT test (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19750/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the driver theory test resuming (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [19752/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is necessary for a person to have a bank account in order to apply for a driver licence; if so, the reason; if other methods of payment are accepted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19754/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of driver tests; the number of backlog applications waiting for a driver test in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [19757/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Transport the way a company (details supplied) advertises the change in its bus routes; the level of consultation that takes place with the public in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19769/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Transport if the management of the Irish Coast Guard will eliminate the possibility of further suspensions reoccurring in view of the repeated difficulties his Department has experienced in maintaining the continuous public emergency service provision for its three rescue boats, blue light response and cliff rescue over the past 24 months; the timeline for the resumption of the currently suspended cliff rescue services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [19800/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the legislation for e-scooter regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [19806/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Transport if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19825/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the approval of funding for Mayo County Council (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19833/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to extend the ten-year period for replacing taxis for those registered in 2011 given that 2010 registered taxis were given an extension in 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [19860/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Transport if the situation in which essential workers who have not completed their EDT lessons are unable to complete these without a bike driver test and are also unable to book a driver test due to the fact they have not completed their EDT lessons has been rectified. — Thomas Gould. [19862/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Transport if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19880/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address anomalies in relation to the issuing of driver licences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [19892/21]
*410. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that can be taken in relation to a person (details supplied) converting their driver licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [19893/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Transport when the licensed portal for NDI approved driver instructors will be opened again to allow instructors to upload lessons completed by persons awaiting a driving test and for persons who require medical assessment lessons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19906/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the licensed portal for NDI approved driving instructors is closed while it is still allowing the portal for essential workers to request an invitation for a driver test through the RSA website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19907/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Transport the status in respect of evaluations regarding the search and rescue contract; the name of the independent company and or person that has been used to evaluate and or advise on the tenders received; and the amount paid to the person and or company in respect of their work to date. — Catherine Murphy. [20021/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a meeting of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport, Tourism and Sport in 2019 regarding the role of the Irish Coast Guard (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [20022/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a renewal licence has not yet issued to a person (details supplied) given that a full application with a medical report was made by post; when the licence will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [20052/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will re-engage with and arrange a meeting with a person (details supplied) to examine possibilities to compensate them for stability issues which were discovered on a vessel that they purchased from another European state rendering the vessel unfit for sea and unsafe and which left them in serious financial hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20063/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Transport if persons who have booked flights to a region from which travellers will need to quarantine in a managed facility will be entitled to a full refund from their airline in view of the recent introduction of mandatory hotel quarantine. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [20086/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on matters regarding motorcycle driver testing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [20156/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of public transport infrastructure that is fully accessible for persons with disabilities; and his active plans to increase accessibility across all forms of public transit. — Catherine Murphy. [20222/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn the benefits of hydrotreated vegetable oil fuel as a direct substitute for regular diesel without the requirement for modifications to the vehicle; the supports available to assist the establishment of this fuel source as an alternative to diesel; the treatment and regulation by the Revenue Commissioners of this fuel source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [20248/21]
*421. To ask the Minister for Transport the potential costs to the Exchequer associated with the expansion of the bike sharing schemes outside of Dublin, Galway, Limerick and Cork cities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20251/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated costs associated with expanding the bike to work scheme or a similar initiative to include students in higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20252/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20267/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Sligo rail freight yard is included in the Iarnród Éireann report on rail freight; the timeline for the publication of this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [20287/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Transport the grants and schemes available to those wishing to replace their petrol and diesel cars for e-bikes and cargo bikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20290/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to assist companies to replace their car fleet at the earliest possible date given that it has been established that by removing all cars in excess of 15 years old off the roads it will deliver 20% reduction in emissions from cars by 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20297/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Transport the action he plans to take in order to achieve the target of 51% given that the Climate Action Plan 2019 sets out emission reduction targets of 35% from transport which is seen as very challenging and totally reliant on hitting an electric vehicle target of 1 million by 2030 which has now been set to be achieved within that timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20298/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to have the reduction of 51% in the use of private cars given the target is now set for a 51% reduction in transport and it has been established that private cars account for 75% of all journeys and 79% of all journeys by private cars are made outside of Dublin in which there is little or poor public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20299/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of providing free public transport in a full year in areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20310/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to recent developments in relation to the CIÉ 1951 pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20326/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Transport the safeguards he will put in place in the Dún Laoghaire driver theory test centre when it reopens in the interest of public health (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20378/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the developments regarding the CIÉ pension scheme; the actions he is taking to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [20416/21]
*433. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Leap cards sold in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [20421/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the lack of hackney licences being issued in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20432/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the difficulties in transferring hackney licence permits from one approved driver to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20433/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding actions he has taken to ensure connectivity both between and within rural communities in the absence of public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20434/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the investment in public transport infrastructure in urban versus rural areas or by region in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [20451/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Transport when an iOS app will be available for the Leap card. — Alan Kelly. [20465/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Transport when driving lessons can resume given that there are still many essential workers unable to finish their 12 lessons in order to be able to book driving tests. — Joe Flaherty. [20521/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will be proposing an extension to the ten-year rule for taxis given the financial hardship most taxi drivers are now facing as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [20529/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for investment in rail projects as outlined in the Programme for Government including projected timelines and associated costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [20531/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the queries raised in correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to their intention in taking a holiday abroad in 2020 and subsequent attempts to secure a refund from the airline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [20554/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that essential workers who do not have a driver test booked are unable to continue with driving lessons; and his plans to address the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20575/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 59 of 18 February 2021, if his attention has been drawn to a bulletin (details supplied) which recommends the use of natural ventilation in trains during both train stops and train travel to further reduce the spread of Covid-19; the analysis his Department has carried out or commissioned to ascertain the adequacy of the natural, forced and air circulation ventilation systems on Iarnród Éireann trains, particularly in trains in which the windows cannot be opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20578/21]
*445. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider increasing the 25% cap on public transport capacity in line with the recent easing of Covid restrictions and the full reopening of schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [20687/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to ongoing discussions taking place between CIÉ management and the membership of the CIÉ 1951 pension schemes as represented by their trade union group in relation to the future of these pension schemes; if he will intervene to resolve these problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20693/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20736/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated final cost of the current search and rescue helicopter contract; the proposed value of the new search and rescue helicopter contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [20776/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Transport when the new search and rescue helicopter contract will be put out to tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [20777/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Transport if a review has been undertaken to date to assess the value for money of the existing search and rescue helicopter contract; if the conclusions of this review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [20778/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Transport if the new search and rescue helicopter contract will consider a mixed approach to service delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [20779/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received a submission from the Air Corps in relation to providing services for the search and rescue helicopter contract; if this has been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [20780/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times the search and rescue aviation steering group that have met since its inception; the number of members of the steering group; the Department or agency which they represent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [20781/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the developments regarding the CIÉ pension schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [20782/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a trailer licence category was removed from a driver licence in the case of a person; if it will be reinstated for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20806/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver test will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20807/21]
*457. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is planned to recommence driving lessons for essential workers who are yet to complete the required driving lessons to allow them to apply for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20808/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Transport when an exchange transport manager CPC IRL-EU certificate will issue for a person (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20809/21]

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

*459. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps being taken to address the proliferation of illegal vehicle registration plates on motor cars; the number of successful prosecutions secured for failure to comply with vehicle registration plate regulations in each of the past ten years to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [19575/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement with the Minister for Finance with regard to the issue of the definition of independent agricultural contractors regarding section 664A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; if he has requested the Minister for Finance to seek to resolve the situation in a manner which would allow farm contractors to avail of the same tax framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20276/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the problems community groups and resident associations are having in opening new accounts in financial institutions to avail of local authority grants (details supplied); the plans in place to solve these problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18178/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding rent and mortgage repayments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18216/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give consideration to the extension of the help-to-buy incentive scheme for first-time buyers to include the purchase of existing dwellings given the shortage of new housing developments and the difficulty in getting planning permission for new builds in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [18222/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of drawdowns from the help-to-buy scheme in County Kerry in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Pa Daly. [18234/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address concerns that there is only one major insurer now available to the leisure industry and adventure tourism sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [18299/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is flexibility regarding tax boundaries for pension recipients who are subject to increased tax deductions as a result of recent increases to the payment; if consideration has been given to the impact that increases to pension payments have on moving recipients to a higher tax bracket and resulting in tax deductions which are higher than the social welfare payment; the measures in place to prevent these increased deductions resulting in lower income for pension recipients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18315/21]
*467. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are differences in the approach of capital gains tax vis a vis inheritance in the case of an adopted person who leaves behind an estate and others; and if a capital gains tax of 44% is imposed on the estate of an adopted person who has left it to a blood relative or in the case of no blood relative being found that the estate becomes a State asset. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18373/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Finance if the operation of the stay and spend incentive will be reviewed and extended beyond April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18433/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Finance the action being taken to deliver a strong and vibrant credit union sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18437/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to enable credit unions to become involved in financing housing projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18438/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax reliefs or concessions available to support persons working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18439/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the Programme for Government commitment on a senior executive accountability regime to deliver heightened accountability with the banking system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18442/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged with mortgage lenders regarding mortgage applicants being able to drawdown their mortgage loans due to their inability to secure mortgage protection insurance on health grounds in the context of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18443/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend access to the Covid restrictions support scheme for businesses and persons that do not operate in rateable premises but still face considerable overheads as part of their operating costs, such as travel counsellors, those working in the arts and on-track bookmakers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18445/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered reducing the tax liability of those whose income was supported by the temporary wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18447/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to extending the 9% VAT rate for tourism and hospitality beyond December 2021 until the end of 2022; if so, the estimated cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18448/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the help to buy scheme to include the refurbishment of old property to upgrade; if not, if the scheme will be reinstated for habitation for first time homeowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18451/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a way for a person (details supplied) to be supported on a scheme; if not, the alternative supports in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [18515/21]
*479. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recent Parliamentary Budget Office analytical model for public debt sustainability analysis (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18524/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the legislative timeline for the SEAR legislation; the details on the precise licensed and regulated sectors within the financial services industry to which the regime will ultimately apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18525/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the section of legislation used by the Central Bank to investigate a transaction undertaken in 2014 by a consortium of staff at a firm (details supplied) only enables the regulator to pursue actions against staff of regulated firms once the facts have been found and an enforcement action against the firm concerned has been taken or a settlement agreement has been reached; if he plans to undertake a review of the relevant legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18526/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Finance if his plans to update the Central Bank code of practice to allow for impact assessments and 12-month consultation periods in which bank branch closures are being considered; his plans to increase the bank levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18527/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps Ireland will take with reference to the report of the UN High-Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity and the FACTI panel to ensure it meets the important recommendations to tackle illicit finance including international tax abuse. — Ged Nash. [18528/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of credit unions that have been permitted by the Central Bank to pay a dividend to members for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18590/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will arrange to forward a SA.2 form to a person (details supplied) as per the Revenue Commissioners guidelines. — Michael Creed. [18628/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of meetings Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment has held; the dates of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18797/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the practice in which vulture funds transfer the legal title of a loan to a credit servicing firm while retaining beneficial ownership of the loan in order to avoid regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [18832/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to amend the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman Act 2017 to increase the turnover threshold for small and medium enterprises that can access its support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [18833/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated annual cost to the Exchequer of the tax relief for tuition fees for private colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18854/21]
*490. To ask the Minister for Finance if as a major shareholder in a bank (details supplied), he will instruct the bank to withdraw its proposal to impose non-overdraft account fees on non-business account holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18858/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated net contribution that will be made by Ireland under the MFF agreed by the EU for 2021-2027; the way this compares to the estimated net contribution of the EEA countries of Iceland, Norway and Lichtenstein and with the non-EEA country Switzerland that have access to the customs union and the single market for the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18867/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter in relation to insurance for a dance school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19001/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the provisions of the Covid restrictions support scheme as it applies to self-employed travel counsellors who are currently ineligible for the scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [19022/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a person (details supplied) in County Kildare is paying tax on income. — Duncan Smith. [19062/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding mortgage applicants and the EWSS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [19078/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is possible to reduce VAT or zero rate VAT on new build apartments, on new build apartments within certain price ranges, and on new build apartments sold to certain categories of purchaser that is first-time buyers, local authorities or approved housing bodies. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19127/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason Irish deposit rates are among the lowest in Europe; the way he plans to support the Irish saver environment and help regular savings accounts in Ireland that are at risk of losing the value of their money over time due to inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19152/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the introduction of a special savings incentive scheme similar to the ISA savings scheme in the UK and the TFSA scheme in Canada; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19153/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the whole area of insurance reform and consider capping general damages for minor injuries by an average of 80% compared to the previous book of quantum guidelines (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [19225/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount of State funding provided to An Taisce every year for the past five years; the categories under which such funding has been provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19285/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of betting excise duty collected in each of the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by month. — Thomas Gould. [19317/21]
*502. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of betting excise duty provided to the HSE in 2020. — Thomas Gould. [19318/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [19337/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered encouraging employers who are financially able to help contribute to employees tax bills garnered as a result of the temporary wage subsidy scheme to alleviate the burden on workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19412/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter in relation to directors’ salaries and tax warehousing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19481/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered introducing legislation to compel insurance companies to offer flood protection to all who wish to avail of it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19505/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recently enunciated position by the US with regard to global corporation tax reform; his plans to provide detailed forecasts on the proposed policy impact of the US corporation tax reform proposals presented to the OECD on Ireland; the estimated potential loss of corporation tax receipts per annum for each year to 2030, in tabular form if this proposal is implemented; the policy changes he is considering in order to sustainably replace the estimated loss to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19520/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to changes introduced by the Revenue Commissioners regarding credit in respect of tax deducted from emoluments of certain directors and employees; his further views on whether this is a departure from the established practice; his views on this new initiative by the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19529/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on matters raised by a person (details supplied) in relation to recent changes by the Revenue Commissioners regarding credit in respect of tax deducted from emoluments of certain directors and employees; his views on this new initiative by the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19560/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Finance if any of the bond sales on behalf of the State or the NTMA and brokered by a company (details supplied) were sold to parties connected to the company, nominees, associates or subsidiaries of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [19617/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Finance if a company (details supplied) has declared any potential conflicts of interest to the State in the bond dealings of same on behalf of the State or NTMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [19618/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Finance the process by which a company (details supplied) was appointed to sell bonds on behalf of the State and NTMA; if he is satisfied that the procurement of
the company was in compliance with Irish procurement law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [19619/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Finance if an application (details supplied) for the Covid restrictions support scheme will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19714/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Finance if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19814/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the recent statement by the IMF in respect of the prospect of a solidarity surcharge (details supplied) to support economic recovery globally; if he will commit to producing a well-designed system of net wealth taxes to support Ireland’s economic recovery and public investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19834/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 86 and 87 of 1 April 2021, the yield from the sugar sweetened drinks tax in respect of the breakdown of the categories; if the Revenue Commissioners or his Department collect data in respect of the revenue collected by sugar sweetened drinks tax rates in terms of the sugar content and rate of duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [19856/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Finance if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19869/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Finance if the proposal with regard to the addition at European Council level of the words, by the use of secondary markets, to Ireland’s 2018 country specific recommendations was made by Ireland; if not, the way that Ireland voted on the amendment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20004/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to introduce mitigation measures to address the increased costs of building materials such as a reduced VAT rate on building materials considering the housing shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20014/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Finance if income taxpayers can make a paper tax return manually through the post; the procedures in place to facilitate such a return; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some income tax payers have experienced difficulties in obtaining the necessary income tax forms to make a return for 2020 in this way and also in trying to speak to someone over the phone in the Revenue Commissioners to discuss these procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20055/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has given consideration to the scheme which operates in Northern Ireland in which those with planning permission for extensions or new builds can reclaim VAT back; if he will examine the feasibility of a similar scheme here as a means to addressing the housing shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20062/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 60 of 31 March 2021, the status of work on the issue of the definition of independent agricultural contractors regarding section 664A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20082/21]
*523. To ask the Minister for Finance if provisions are being made to assist claimants (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to an avenue which may support their claims; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [20217/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Finance if businesses impacted by the travel restrictions such as language schools, travel agents and so on the trading of which is unlikely to return to normal when domestic restrictions are lifted will have supports such as the temporary wage subsidy scheme, the Covid restrictions support scheme and so on extended beyond the current deadlines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20220/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered extending the help-to-buy scheme to divorcees who have no beneficial interest in a property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20257/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of the key employee engagement programme in the most recent reporting period arising from figures compiled up to 31 March 2021; the number of persons and companies and size of the companies that availed of same in that reporting period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [20292/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of the employee share incentive schemes for the most recent period arising from figures compiled up to 31 March 2021 including save as you earn, RSS, approved profit-sharing schemes, the key employee engagement programme and employee share ownership trusts; the number of persons and companies that availed of same in that reporting period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [20293/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason PAYE workers who were on the temporary wage subsidy scheme or the employment wage subsidy scheme but file taxes jointly with a self-employed person must pay tax due on the temporary wage subsidy scheme or the employment wage subsidy scheme payment in lump sum and not through tax credits as promised; if he will facilitate this for PAYE workers who file jointly with self-employed persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20295/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Finance if the insurance section of his Department has conducted an analysis of issues in relation to the complications for persons seeking mortgage protection cover who have underlying but completely controlled medical conditions in accessing this vital protection; if his Department has proposals or suggestions for these persons to be able to access such cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [20315/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has raised with the Central Bank the activities undertaken by a bank (details supplied) in relation to mortgage customers whose mortgages were securitised without their knowledge leading to their mortgage payments being collected by a different entity; if the rights of these customers have not been affected as a result; his views on whether such activities by the bank are within the scope of the legislation as intended; and if not, if the legislation will be amended. — Eoghan Murphy. [20559/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the future of the National Asset Residential Property Services; and the options being considered for the future of the special purpose vehicle post the winding down of NAMA. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20663/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Finance the month in which the new central bank Bill underpinning the implementation of the senior executive accountability regime will be published; if the public
consultation process concerning the key aspects of SEAR will not be curtailed and that sufficient
time for implementation of the new regime will be ensured by his Department; and if he will make
a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [20664/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the banks
are not allowing customers to draw down approved mortgages in cases in which their employers
are on the employment wage subsidy scheme even in cases in which the customer in question is still
working full-time and not in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment (details supplied); if
he will engage with the banking institutions to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on
the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [20668/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons currently being supported by the
employment wage subsidy scheme; the total expenditure on the scheme and its predecessor since
March 2021; his plans to extend the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim
O’Callaghan. [20682/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies currently being supported by
the Covid restrictions support scheme; the total expenditure on this scheme since its introduction;
his plans to extend the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan.
[20683/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress made on strengthening the enforcement of
the vacant site levy; if he has considered or is considering the introduction of a site value tax; and
if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20718/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Finance the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender
balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out
the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or
agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately
qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and
private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20725/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Finance the income generated from betting duties in each of the
years 2015 to 2020; the estimated income that will be collected in 2021; and if he will make a
statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20740/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the tax free status of Shannon Airport; if
an aircraft transfers ownership whilst parked at Shannon if the transaction becomes liable for taxes
for either the seller or purchaser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe.
[20745/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the
Covid restriction support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-
Rae. [20788/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider establishing a public state bank similar
to other European countries to increase competition in the Irish banking sector following the exit of
a bank (details supplied); the reports on the potential exit of KBC; and if he will make a statement
on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20804/21]
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*542. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans a change to a rule (details supplied) for offers by the Public Appointments Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18239/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the panel for the Irish language executives in the Civil Service is expected to be cleared; the length of time an applicant on the panel will be expected to wait before being offered a position; the efforts being made to increase the number of jobs in the Irish language sector in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [18330/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be provided for pensions for community employment scheme supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [18359/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the effective dates of the last three increases that were applied to the pensions of civil service principal officers in retirement; the level of increase that was applied to their pension on each occasion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18493/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the names of the trustees of a community centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18521/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Public Appointments Service plan to run an open administrative officer competition in the Civil Service in 2021; if the service plan to run an open competition for the position of third secretary for the Department of Foreign Affairs in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18550/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a schedule of vacant and or unused Garda stations by location; if he will also provide a schedule of repurposed and sold former Garda stations in each of the years 2018 to date in 2021; and if he will also provide a schedule by location of Garda stations that are being retrofitted and or upgraded. — Catherine Murphy. [18861/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW plans to make resources available to Galway County Council to develop a plan to deal with the coastal erosion at a location (details supplied) in view of the urgent need for coastal erosion works there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18884/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the impact Brexit has on companies in Northern Ireland applying for public Government contracts here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19026/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of plans to remove FEMPI cuts from retired members of An Garda Síochána; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [19044/21]
*552. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of the empty and vacant OPW buildings across the State by county; the length of time each of the buildings has been vacant; and the annual cost of retaining these buildings on the OPW portfolio. — Martin Browne. [19073/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the recovery plan under the recovery and resilience facility will be submitted to the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [19111/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the CFRAM schemes for County Louth and east County Meath to include key dates and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [19197/21]

*555. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cost for essential repair roadworks for the North Road in the Phoenix Park, Dublin 8. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19327/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason contracts relating to the transfer of lands which are urgently required for the erection of facilities for use by the Irish Coast Guard at Castlefreke, Rosscarbery, County Cork which were furnished over two years ago by the solicitors acting for Coillte to the State Solicitors Office, who is acting for the Office of Public Works, were not executed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19458/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the competition for temporary clerical officers in the public service that was announced in 2020; the progress in relation to this competition; the number of applicants for same; the number of persons who passed the appropriate test; the number that have been called for an interview and appointed to positions to date; the number who are still under consideration who have not been contacted to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [19540/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of scheme pension entitlements for community employment supervisors; the position regarding same; the timeline for a decision to resolve this longstanding issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [19587/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the provision of a community employment supervisors pension scheme; and if this scheme will be in place shortly. — Robert Troy. [19614/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 24 February 2021, if the list of publication dates for each of the 22 live studies, reviews and research projects commissioned by him will be provided; and if a brief description of the work being undertaken will be provided in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [19777/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of recruitment processes for top civil servant positions run by TLAC in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, disaggregated by title of vacant position to be filled, total number of applicants per advertised job vacancy, the number shortlisted per vacancy, the number of Irish versus international applicants per vacancy; and the breakdown of public sector applicants versus private sector applicants in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [19778/21]
*562. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19820/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19875/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he and or the Office of Government Procurement were consulted in respect of the search and rescue contract process embarked upon by the Department of Transport; the advice and or assistance it provided to the Department on this project; and if he sanctioned funds to be used as capital for the company awarded the contract. — Catherine Murphy. [20023/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to publish the National Recovery and Resilience Plan submission to the European Union for funding from the Recovery and Resilience Facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [20025/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the location, square meterage and duration of properties in the OPW estate that are vacant and or unoccupied as of 13 April 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [20038/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied that public service reforms to date are sufficiently incorporated in the discharge of Government policies through various Departments with a view to ensuring maximum benefit and stability for the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10589/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he expects to rely to a greater or lesser extent on reform as a means of achieving cost effective delivery of services and contracts; if he perceives any opportunities to expand, explore or redirect policies in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [10590/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if rent allowance is reckonable with respect to the Public Service Stability Agreement 2018 – 2020 and pensions paid to retired prison officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [20119/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil servants and the number of public sector workers who are currently working from home; the way in which this compares to the first lockdown in March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [20177/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the processes in place to ensure that civil servants and public servants are working from home where possible. — Paul Murphy. [20178/21]

*572. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe an bhfuil na hacmhainní ar fáil le go mbionn an tSeirbhís um Cheapacháin Phoiblí (PAS) in ann glacadh le hiarratais i nGaeilge do phoist sa tséirbhís poiblí a bhfuil ardhchumas sa Ghaeilge mar cheann de na coinníollacha do na poist; an eagraítear na scrúduithe agus na hagallaimh trí Ghaeilge sa chás seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20182/21]
*573. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding Kenmare flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20376/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if discussions have taken place within his Department on providing funding for a feasibility study of the railway line from Navan, County Meath to Kingscourt, County Cavan; if he will consider the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20413/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has made an assessment of the trend in carbon price which is consistent with the new enhanced EU target for the reduction in greenhouse gases; and the way in which this will be built into policy on the public finances. — Richard Bruton. [1503/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the engagement he has had with the Northern and Western Assembly ahead of the new round of the European Regional Development Fund in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [43919/20]

*577. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if Bawnboy Garda station is to be refurbished; and if so, the timeframe for the completion of the works. — Niamh Smyth. [20447/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to recent adverse media commentary in relation to the performance of Ireland’s freedom of information system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20555/21]

*579. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the implementation of the OPW integrated workplace management system; the details of the system; if the property data included in the system will be publicly accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20557/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the transposition into Irish law of the EU whistleblowing directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20558/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans to develop a zero waste policy requirement for event organisers and vendors hosting events in the Phoenix Park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20571/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if any changes in respect of procurement are contemplated with a view to speeding up various infrastructural proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20686/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20731/21]
*584. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of all properties and national monuments under the control of the Office of Public Works in County Donegal in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20819/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans the Office of Public Works has to refurbish the historical courthouse at Carndonagh, County Donegal in order that it can be reopened as a district court for the north Inishowen area. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20818/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the April 2020 EU Parliament resolution (details supplied); the steps he has taken and controls his Department has put in place one year on since the resolution to ensure that such conditions are attached to the high level of public support received by enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20821/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which the targets identified by his Department at budget time remain in line with expectations notwithstanding the impact of Covid-19 and or other issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20837/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which targets in respect of public expenditure for the year 2021 remain in line with expectations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20838/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the issues most likely to impact on his Department’s projections in respect of public expenditure and reform for 2021; the extent to which particular issues have been identified as challenging; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20839/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which reform continues to remain an integral part of policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20840/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress to date in the context of FEMPI; the extent to which issues remain outstanding in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20841/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which there exists a need for reform of procurement regulations with a view to identifying improved value for money, efficiency and a trading environment equal to that in other jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20842/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if issues have been raised with his Department arising from possible inefficiencies in procurement in this country; the efforts being made to identify such issues and a means of resolution in line with best practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20843/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied that procurement policies here are in line with the principles of public expenditure and reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20844/21]
*595. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which various Departments remain in line with the targets and principles of public expenditure and reform set by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20845/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which his Department can continue to influence good practice in the context of public expenditure and reform; and the extent to which he expects these principles to have a beneficial impact on the economy in 2021. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20846/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way he can create realistic opportunities for first-time and other house buyers to gain access to the housing market in the short-term in the context of public expenditure and reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20847/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he considers reform to be an integral part and necessity in the housing markets with a view to creating opportunities for first-time home buyers other than the corporate sector to gain access towards providing a home of their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20848/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied that adequate measures have been taken in respect of public expenditure and reform to withstand the ongoing impact of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20853/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which his Department can facilitate recruitment throughout the public sector with particular reference to essential services such as the health services and others impacted by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20854/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he expects to be in a position to meet in full the expenditure anticipated in 2020 and subsequent years in the National Capital Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20855/21]

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

*602. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider a restart type grant to wet pubs similar to the grant scheme to help restaurant and dry pubs repurpose and provide outdoor seating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [20305/21]

*603. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the 1926 census will be available to the public on digital format. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20662/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding reopening of park runs in a safe controlled setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18120/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the process by which a sports club is determined to be in a disadvantaged area or not; if a club can seek to be
included in one of the grounds of demographic changes; the way in which a club might make such a case; the regularity with which the classifications are reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18214/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a club (details supplied) can or could qualify as a club serving a disadvantaged community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18215/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the responsibilities under her Department for the Gaeltacht; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [18303/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of any changes to the responsibilities for the Gaeltacht under her Department from 2020 to date; the rationale for such changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [18304/21]

*609. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the rationale for such changes in which responsibilities for the Gaeltacht under her Department have moved to another Department in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [18305/21]

*610. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current number of live studies, reviews and research undertaken or commissioned by her; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [18340/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects the Night-time Economy Taskforce to report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18434/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if chartered boat companies that take day-trip tourists on off-shore fishing expeditions qualify for supports under the tourism business continuity scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [18480/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the jurisdictions in which the arts sector has specifically been chosen for universal basic income pilots as she stated it had been in an article (details supplied); and if she will provide citations for studies or reports conducted into these universal basic income pilot schemes that were specific to the arts sector describing their success or otherwise. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18563/21]

*614. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide or cite any evidence or studies upon which she based her statement that universal basic income is proven to encourage entrepreneurship and enhanced creativity in an article (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18564/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on whether basic income for artists must be index-linked to take account of inflation. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18565/21]
*616. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on whether basic income for artists must be based on the living wage rather than the minimum wage alone in order to cover basic living costs. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18566/21]

*617. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated annual cost of providing the universal basic income pilot as proposed by the Arts and Culture Recovery Taskforce in the A Life Worth Living report published in November 2020 to all workers in the arts sector including those not currently in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18567/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address an issue raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18614/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider implementing a policy on bilingual packaging in English and Irish by the end of 2024 on all products; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18624/21]

*620. Chun a fhaiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén dáta faoina mbeidh na treoirlínte d’earnáil na gcoláistí samhraidh atá idir lámha ag a Roinn curtha ar fáil do choláistí samhraidh; cén dáta faoina mbeidh cinneadh déanta go mbeidh nó nach mbeidh na coláistí samhraidh in ann fáilte roimh dhaltaí i rith an tsamhraidh; agus an bhfuil airgead curtha i leataobh don chás ina mbeadh ciste cobhsaíochta ag teastáil arís. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18672/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if clarification will be given in relation to underage non-contact outdoor training in pods of 15 and when this will apply to persons over 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18699/21]

*622. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when outdoor dance classes will be allowed to resume for adults; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18762/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if evaluation has commenced on sports capital grant applications for the next round of funding; the average time it will take to evaluate each application; and if she will set out the evaluation method. — Catherine Murphy. [18775/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the criteria in respect to the allocation of funding to Sport Ireland in 2020 used to allocate monies to the different sporting organisations; the breakdown of the funding being awarded across major sporting bodies here by Sport Ireland in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18817/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider matters (details supplied) in respect of the sports capital programme. — Catherine Murphy. [18843/21]
626. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports available to member owned sports clubs nationally (details supplied) in view of the extended forced closure on public health advice. — Catherine Murphy. [18844/21]

627. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will clarify the position in respect of clubs that have been previously awarded grants; if their chances of receiving a grant in future applications is diminished in view of previous awards (details supplied); if she will provide a guidance note in respect of the application process to this Deputy in order to assist clubs in County Kildare with their application in view of the volume of queries the Deputy receives; and her plans to reform and or simplify the application process. — Catherine Murphy. [18874/21]

628. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é an tsuim airgid iomlán a cheadaigh a Roinn d’Fhoras na Gaeilge in 2020; cén méid den airgead sin a caithheadh in 2020; murar caithheadh ar fad é, cén méid nár caithheadh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18881/21]

629. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to introduce a scheme to support tourist businesses with a turnover of less than €50,000 affected by the Covid-19 crisis in view that the previously announced Fáilte Ireland scheme excluded this sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18890/21]

630. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of an application by a club (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18897/21]

631. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when decisions will be made on the 2020 Sports Capital and Equipment Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18938/21]

632. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if legislation will be introduced to regulate road bowling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18956/21]

633. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address a matter regarding an application under the tourism business continuity scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18982/21]

634. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if final approval will be given to a grant for a project (details supplied) under the large scale sporting infrastructure scheme in line with the recommendation by the former Minister of State that the project would be fully funded following the result of the appeal process that concluded in April 2020; if the matter will now be given urgent priority taking into consideration the amount of time that the applicant has waited since the application was made and the merits of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [19009/21]

635. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there has been a determination of invalid applications under the sports capital funding; and if clubs and organisations deemed invalid will be notified in order that they can begin other funding arrangements. — Sean Sherlock. [19010/21]
*636. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide the names and or composition of the expert group on the return of sport; if she will publish their communications on the return of sport; if she will provide their rationale for recommendations made to her; and if she will set out her engagement with NPHET on her advice on the reopening of outdoor and indoor sport. — Catherine Murphy. [19050/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund will reopen for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19060/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an application for the restart bed and breakfast grant (details supplied) will be processed as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19132/21]

*639. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an mbeidh cead ag na cúrsaí Gaeilge a bhíonn ar siúl i nGaeltacht Thír Chonaill a bheith oscaílte in mbliana; an mbeidh teagmháil dhíreach aici le soláthróirí na gcúrsaí agus leis na heagraíochtaí cuí eile le tacaíocht a chur ar fáil don earnáil a thugann maoiniú isteach atá rithabhachtach do phobail faoin tuath i nGaeltachtí ar an Dúin na nGall; an dtabharfar aon chúiteamh do na mná ‘tí nó do na coláistí a bheas ríosa in mbliana muna mbeidh na cúrsaí ar siúl; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaoibh. — Thomas Pringle. [19244/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are plans for the return to sport; the engagement that has been taking place with sporting organisations in relation to the current public health restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19461/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has been in contact with the Minister for Health regarding the return to sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19462/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the case of a business (details supplied) that does not qualify for the Fáilte Ireland grant for limousine tour guides will be examined; the supports in place to aid this business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [19534/21]

*643. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén uair a dhéanfar cinneadh an mbeidh coláistí Gaeilge ar siúl i mbliana; an iocfar cúiteamh leis na mná tí, na coláistí, na hallaí áitiúla agus páirtithe leasmhara eile mura mbeidh siad ar bun. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19592/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if formal sports capital approval will be granted to a club (details supplied) as soon as possible. — Robert Troy. [19611/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the situation with respect to Ireland signing and ratifying the Council of Europe Convention on the Manipulation of Sports Competitions, known also as the Macolin Convention, which was opened for signature in September 2014 and which came into force in September 2019; the implications of same for Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19663/21]
*646. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the initiatives in place to scout for local talent in the arts space. — Emer Higgins. [19787/21]

*647. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the level of talent-spotting engagement that takes place between RTÉ and the Arts Council regarding, for example, actors, screenwriters, comedy writers or playwrights. — Emer Higgins. [19790/21]

*648. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when a business continuity scheme application by a company (details supplied) will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [19791/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19824/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if outdoor drama practice for children can recommence in line with the proposed reopening of outdoor training for under 18s; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [19828/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19879/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding supports for the amusement park providers who remain closed as a result of current public health restrictions; her plans to introduce further funding supports for the sector to assist with severe financial issues many are experiencing at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [20039/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the plans for St. Andrew’s Church, Suffolk Street, Dublin 2. — Catherine Murphy. [20049/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to revisit the way in which outdoor golf may resume in the context of allowing clubs to permit non-member fee paying visitors to use their courses that live within the county and or within 20km from their home as a matter of urgency in view of the fact that this arrangement will provide immediate potential to raise revenue and mitigate further losses due to not being in a position to facilitate social and society golf; and the reason for restricting the number of persons that can play together per tee time. — Catherine Murphy. [20050/21]

*655. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil aon obair fiosrúcháin nó pleanáil déanta ag a Roíonn gar dhéanamh ar an tionscal is féidir a bheith ag an athrú aeráide ag an nGaeltacht, agus mura bhfuil go fóill, an mbeadh sí sásta tabhairt faoin obair sin go luath. — Aengus Ó Snaodaigh. [20235/21]

*656. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil aon obair fiosrúcháin nó pleanáil déanta ag a Roíonn gar dhéanamh ar an tionscal is féidir a bheith ag an athrú aeráide ag an nGaeltacht, agus mura bhfuil go fóill, an mbeadh sí sásta tabhairt faoin obair sin go luath. — Aengus Ó Snaodaigh. [20237/21]
*657. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding being allocated to the weatherproofing and outdoor dining infrastructure scheme for 2021; and the amount that will be allocated to each individual local authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [20360/21]

*658. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding that has been allocated to outdoor seating and accessories for tourism and hospitality services scheme; and the amount that has been allocated each local authority in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [20361/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will extend the inbound agents continuity scheme for the remainder of 2021 and 2022 in view of the fact that the inbound market replies on countries that are now on the prescribed list for mandatory hotel quarantine (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [20532/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to correspondence (details supplied) from a representative body regarding the continuation of the inbound agents continuity scheme; and his plans to introduce further supports for this sector. — Catherine Murphy. [20533/21]

*661. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad iarrratas ar chead pleinála de gach cineál a rinne Údarás na Gaeltachta nó cliant-chuideachtaí dá chuid le cútig bliana anuas, briste síos de réir limistéar pleinála teanga Gaeltachta leis na sonraí seo a leanas: cé mhéad de na hiarratais phleanála a bhí déanta go hiomlán i nGaeilge amháin; cé mhéad acu a raibh na cáipéisí tacaíochta ar fad i mBéarla;agus cé mhéad acu a bhí go hiomlán i mBéarla amháin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20590/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the music entertainment business assistance scheme will open in April 2021 as announced by her on the 9 March 2021. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20670/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the efforts her Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of her Department; if she will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20735/21]

*664. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad airgead atá á chaithreamh ag a Roinn le cúrsaí trí Ghaeilge a sholáthar ag an tríú leibhéal, nach mbaineann leis an Gaeilge mar ábhar nó leis an múinteoireacht, ar nós Dlí, Eolaíochta, Gnó,agus cé mhéad mac léinn timpeall na tíre atá sna cúrsaí seo. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20770/21]

*665. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán faoi aon phlean ag an Roinn faoi láthair maidir le coláistí samhraidh sa Ghaeltacht in 2021; an bhfuil maoiniú curtha i leataobh do mhúná agus fir tí mura bhfuil na cúrsaí sin á réachtáil mar gheall ar Covid-19; an bhfuil an tAire sása ráthaíocht a chur ar fáil do mhuintir na Gaeltachta a bhíonn ag brath ar na cúrsaí seo go mbeidh cúiteamh ar fáil dóibh mura dtéann na cúrsaí ar aghaidh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [20803/21]
Chun an Aire Títhíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta: To the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

*666. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has plans to cull mink in the wild in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18852/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans the Office of Public Works have to secure and repair the old church and surrounding walls at Raymogh Abbey near Manorcunningham, County Donegal; and his views on whether such important historical sites require ongoing maintenance and care. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20820/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will support the request submitted to his Department for additional funding to complete the design and construction a project (details supplied); the amount that each household will be expected to pay in order to receive a water connection under the scheme; if this payment will be expedited in advance; the legal guarantees that residents will receive regarding the delivery of their connection once they have paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18113/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he will take to deal with the problem of bonds lodged by developers with local authorities expiring before the works in public areas in developments are completed in accordance with the planning permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [18190/21]

*670. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grants or assistance available for those who need to adapt their home for medical needs but who are over the income threshold to apply through the local authority. — Mark Ward. [18194/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated Covid-19-related delays on the Rebuilding Ireland projects in County Kerry with an on-site status. — Pa Daly. [18235/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties brought back into use in County Kerry by the voids stimulus programme and other void-related schemes in 2020; and the estimated remaining housing stock that could be brought into use in the county by the scheme. — Pa Daly. [18236/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the planning exemption for certain classes of commercial properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18282/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the recruitment process of the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission; the location of the advertisement; the way in which the selection process is undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18290/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a project (details supplied); if Dublin City Council ever submitted a cost-benefit analysis or capital appraisal to his Department in relation to this area; if a consultancy was engaged by Dublin City Council between 2007 and 2010; if they supplied various submissions after consultations with residents; if so, the cost of this exercise; his plans to progress this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [18297/21]
*676. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the study by his Department in relation to a project (details supplied) will acknowledge that this is not a new application but rather a legacy issue and that funding was already approved back in 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [18298/21]

*677. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which a single person can purchase a property in Dublin or other urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18310/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the research his Department is undertaking on the way in which single persons are priced out of buying a property in Dublin or other urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18311/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that will be put in place for single persons who earn too much to be included on a social housing list but earn too little to be able to afford a home in Dublin or other urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18312/21]

*680. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to concerns regarding the changes to the procedure for registration of easements due to come into effect in 2021; if he will consider extending the enactment of these changes in view of additional delays caused by Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [18377/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he has had with lending institutions regarding the new affordable housing scheme; the engagement held in relation to the clawback; the discussions that have taken place regarding the economic implications and viability for institutions of lending under this scheme given the 30% equity which is held by the Government and in view of the current difficulties persons are experiencing in accessing mortgages under the housing (incremental purchase) scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [18388/21]

*682. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the basis in which community owned childcare facilities are exempt from commercial rates; if he is satisfied that the valuation office is ensuring that all such facilities are exempted from these charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18399/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a childcare facility (details supplied) has been charged a substantial bill for commercial rates; if this facility is exempt from such charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18405/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the process of statutory recognition for competent architectural technology professionals to provide assigned and design certifier functions in line with other statutory registers defined in the Building Control Act 2007 and the progress of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [18406/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if clarity will be provided in relation to the inclusion of divorced or legally separated couples as eligible applicants for the
proposed affordable purchase shared equity scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18436/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grants available for private homeowners to retrofit to enable access for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18449/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected timeframe for the review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes; the expected timeframe for the review of exemptions for educational and community buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18471/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost rental targets in each of the years 2021 to 2025, inclusive. — Emer Higgins. [18477/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and review of exemptions for educational and community buildings as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; if he will report on the need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18483/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if essential works which will prevent significant deterioration of a building can be conducted during the Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18499/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will commission the Housing Agency to conduct a study into the housing needs of persons who having experienced a relationship breakdown and subsequently lost their family home but due to income and prior home ownership are not eligible for social housing or for any of the affordable or private purchase first-time buyer supports. — Eoin Ó Broin. [18537/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a replacement financial assistance scheme available for new water and sewer connections for low income families following the removal of the local authority waiver scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18538/21]

*693. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an application (details supplied) for a transfer of lands will be completed as soon as possible. — Brendan Griffin. [18595/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will account for the discrepancy between figures given by Cork City Council in relation to social housing waiting lists and those provided by the Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2020. — Thomas Gould. [18625/21]

*695. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a community water scheme (details supplied) that received grant approval in June 2020 has been informed that it now has to find an additional nine connections or €10,411.75; the reason these charges were not included in the initial approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18639/21]
*696. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are grants or financial supports for a family that wish to convert a part of their house not adjoined to but beside the home into suitable accommodation for elderly parents to allow them to move close to their family and downsize; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18652/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an extension or grace period will be granted for those with planning permission due to expire in the coming months but are behind schedule due to the standing down of the construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [18664/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure that the housing needs of the Traveller community are met by local authorities; his plans to ensure that existing funding is fully drawn down and utilised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18693/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider relaxing planning regulations for businesses to construct outside dining areas following the announcement of funding for these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18718/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the exemptions for Ireland on delivering the environmental objectives of the EU Water Framework Directive within the time period allowed, that is, high or good status by 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18724/21]

*701. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the rivers Boyne and Blackwater in County Meath are exempt from the EU Water Framework Directive or any of its provisions; if exemptions have been granted to these rivers under Directive Article 4(4)(a); if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18725/21]

*702. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the oversight and monitoring measures in place to ensure Ireland is compliant with the EU Water Framework Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18726/21]

*703. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grants are available for the provision of a sensory room in a private dwelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18729/21]

*704. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures in place for reviewing the employment practices of State-related providers, for example, the ESB. — Claire Kerrane. [18733/21]

*705. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of developer provided infrastructure projects nationwide that fall outside the scope of circular PL5/14 of November 2014 and the agreed memoranda of understanding in terms of the transfer of water services infrastructure assets within the estates to Irish Water by local authority area in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [18777/21]

*706. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that has been allocated to date under the first round of Multi-annual Developer Provided Water Services
*707. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that has been drawn down to date under the first round of Multi-annual Developer Provided Water Services Infrastructure Resolution Programme by local authority area in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [18778/21]

*708. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ascertain through the Property Registration Authority of Ireland the ownership of the granite outcrop to the rear of a location (details supplied) in County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18798/21]

*709. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if taking photography in a range of locations near a development site to facilitate the preparation of photomontages for visual impact assessment while preparing a file for planning submission or in response to a request for further information issued by a planning authority under the Planning and Development Acts that is in relation to a planning application which has already been made is an essential service under the restrictions now in place under level 5 of the Plan for Living with COVID-19 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18800/21]

*710. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of his Department’s review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and review of exemptions for educational and community buildings as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; the details of the stated need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18841/21]

*711. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the housing supply targets for all local authorities; the context of the current review of the county development plans and the National Planning Framework in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [18939/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the necessary funding will be made available to Irish Water, approximately €2 million, in order to progress the Ballina wastewater treatment plant in County Tipperary through detailed design and awarding of the contract in parallel to the planning process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [18943/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant social housing for 2020, by local authority and month. — Thomas Gould. [18946/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the further solutions he is proposing to address the issue of voids on local authorities such as Cork City Council. — Thomas Gould. [18947/21]

*715. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase the funding directed towards local authorities to address voids under the new programme; and the breakdown as to the targets and limits for this funding for local authorities. — Thomas Gould. [18953/21]
*716. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for funding under the vacant properties voids programme for 2020 that have been received from Limerick City and County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [18961/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for funding under the vacant properties voids programme for 2020 received from Limerick City and County Council that have been approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [18962/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are 152 vacant properties voids owned by Limerick City and County Council in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [18963/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are 152 vacant properties voids across the Limerick City and County Council authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [18964/21]

*720. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the hen harrier threat response plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18968/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria for the recent URDF; the reason an application (details supplied) failed to meet this criteria; the person or body that adjudicated on the applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18977/21]

*722. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding his Department allocated to An Taisce in each of the years 2012 to 2020; the expected allocation for 2021; the expected allocation for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [19006/21]

*723. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 138 of 9 September 2020 and 334 of 13 January 2021, when final sanction for a small scale infill social housing development (details supplied) in Dublin 11 will be approved; the reason for the long delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [19029/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the body responsible for co-ordination and enforcement of legislation in relation to magnet fishing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19067/21]

*725. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the location of the first 440 cost rental homes; the criteria that will be used for the allocation of same; and the way persons that are not first-time buyers but have a housing need will be accommodated. — Richard Bruton. [19070/21]

*726. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19143/21]
*727. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of empty or unoccupied domestic dwellings in County Wexford by local electoral area; the action that has been taken to date in relation to these properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19213/21]

*728. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of empty or unoccupied council owned properties in County Wexford by local electoral area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19214/21]

*729. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Part V social homes delivered by each local authority in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [19224/21]

*730. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take to ensure that a protected structure of historical, social and architectural significance is not allowed to fall into further disrepair (details supplied); the role the OPW has to ensure this important building is maintained and preserved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19275/21]

*731. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of State funding provided by his Department to An Taisce every year for the past five years; the categories under which such funding has been provided; the amount of funding provided to An Taisce which has been used by the body for legal challenges against planning applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19286/21]

*732. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason An Taisce is a prescribed body in the planning process; the membership and directorship of An Taisce; if he has concerns regarding its remit and ability to cause huge delays to developments of significant importance to the farming community in the south east based on ideological grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19289/21]

*733. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of his Department’s review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and review of exemptions for educational and community buildings as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; if he will provide details of the stated need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [19335/21]

*734. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline responses with regard to the enforcement of the new short-term letting regulations in counties Louth, Meath and Dublin (details supplied) by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [19355/21]

*735. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details on his Department’s review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and review of exemptions for educational and community buildings as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; the details on the stated need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [19356/21]
*736. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the protocols and rules in place by his Department or local authorities, if any to determine the allocation and construction of (details supplied) per town and village in any particular county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [19377/21]

*737. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households currently in receipt of the housing assistance payment support in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19382/21]

*738. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the Exchequer expenditure on the housing assistance payment scheme in each of the years 2016 to 2020 inclusive by county in tabular form; the expected outlay for HAP per county in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19383/21]

*739. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 340 of 6 October 2020, the status of the case relating to a windfarm (details supplied); the amount of fines paid and owed to date; the retrospective environmental impact assessment substitute consent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19394/21]

*740. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role of the Heritage Council in assessing grants for the publication of books such as a book (details supplied); the level of funding provided each year for such projects; if there is a separate category for such books giving a unique historical perspective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [19414/21]

*741. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time equivalent vacant homes officers by local authority in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [19449/21]

*742. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding provided for a vacant homes officer to each local authority in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [19450/21]

*743. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review figures provided in the Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2020 of his Department given that Cork City Council dispute the figures and have provided figures that show a clear discrepancy that cannot be accounted for in the 30 day difference. — Thomas Gould. [19451/21]

*744. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether the vacant homes schemes and policies are sufficient in addressing the vacant homes issue. — Thomas Gould. [19452/21]

*745. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he receives regular updates on the number of homes applied for through the vacant homes scheme by local authority; and if so, if he will provide the figures. — Thomas Gould. [19453/21]

*746. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding provided to each local authority for preventative maintenance in each of the years 2015 to date. — Thomas Gould. [19454/21]

*747. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans in relation to addressing social housing conditions given recent findings by the ECSR. — Thomas Gould. [19455/21]
*748. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding a submission made to his Department (details supplied); when a decision will issue in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19465/21]

*749. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a serious issue (details supplied) with regard to funding local authority housing will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19489/21]

*750. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the vacant position of wildlife ranger in north County Kerry has never been filled; his plans to advertise the position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [19518/21]

*751. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if matters (details supplied) in relation to the control of wood pigeon will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19541/21]

*752. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the referendum on the right to housing as set out in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [19544/21]

*753. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to enhance the legal remedies for homeowners who are dealing with construction defects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19556/21]

*754. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to improve access to low-cost, long-term finance for homeowners of defective properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19557/21]

*755. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to develop an advice service for homeowners who are affected by construction defects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19558/21]

*756. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made in conserving, designing, tendering and carrying out further works on the national monument on 14-17 Moore Street, Dublin 1 in order for it to be open to the public as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19593/21]

*757. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the works approved recently under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund for the Moore Street area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19594/21]

*758. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if agreement has been reached between the NPWS and Galway County Council in relation to method statements that are required to be agreed with the NPWS as part of the planning conditions of the upgrade of the road between Bunakill and Oughterard on the N59, before the upgrade works on this road can progress; if not, if discussions are ongoing in relation to these statements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19596/21]

*759. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding available for general maintenance of a church; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19634/21]
*760. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the funding allocated to Irish Water in the current round of capital funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19662/21]

*761. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households in receipt of the housing assistance payment that have applied for a discretionary top up to their HAP payment; the number that were approved; the number of these applicants that received the full entitlement of the 20% top-up by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19679/21]

*762. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department consulted with tillage farmers regarding the National Parks and Wildlife Service suggestion that open season on wood pigeons be removed. — Martin Browne. [19687/21]

*763. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the National Parks and Wildlife Service suggestion to end the open season on wood pigeon shooting; the studies the Service has undertaken on the issue of crop damage by wood pigeons; and the number of farmers were involved in these studies. — Martin Browne. [19688/21]

*764. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether wood pigeons are not a threat to tillage and horticulture crops; if a provision in legislation will be made for same as a game bird (details supplied); and if he will ensure responsible hunting will not be impeded by his Department as with other game species. — Martin Browne. [19689/21]

*765. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if awnings and canopies to support hospitality industries can be made exempted developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [19718/21]

*766. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that agriculture marts are not eligible for a waiver in respect of commercial rates as part of Covid-19 measures; if he will review this matter with a view to applying a waiver to marts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19723/21]

*767. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grant-aid is available to support families to construct a granny flat for older members of their families to prolong and prevent their admission to care homes or hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19775/21]

*768. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding community funding allocated by local authorities; if such funding can be allocated by a local authority to a sports or community group including for capital works in circumstances in which all the members are residing in that local authority area but the sports grounds or premises which they own are in a different local authority area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19799/21]

*769. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19818/21]

*770. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to sanction a post (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [19837/21]
*771. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if applications for data centres can go directly to An Bord Pleanála; if data centres are or will be deemed to be strategic infrastructure; if current applications still go to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19846/21]

*772. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications submitted to planning authorities for data centres in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Bríd Smith. [19847/21]

*773. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount he has allocated in additional funds to carry out increased cleaning and litter collection in parks and other public places; if he has allocated additional funds to local authorities to provide public toilets in parks and other public places; if so, the amount in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19848/21]

*774. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will build on the current successful pilot projects of all-year-round daily seawater quality monitoring in bathing areas and improve health and safety for swimmers by mandating all of coastal county councils to promptly commence such monitoring; if he will provide these councils with the resources to carry out all-year-round daily seawater quality monitoring in bathing areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19849/21]

*775. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will maintain the current restrictions on the way in which the locations and when hares can be captured for the purpose of coursing in the context of continued widespread infection of the RHD2 virus among hares in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19850/21]

*776. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a person (details supplied) will receive their annual compensation for ceasing turf cutting in a raised bog; the reason for the delay with this payment in 2021 which is normally paid at the end of March; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19859/21]

*777. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19873/21]

*778. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if steps have been taken to initiate the regeneration of Pearse House, Dublin 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [19883/21]

*779. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans in place to encourage town living through the identification of vacant housing, buildings and heritage buildings in towns and villages in order to conserve existing buildings and to incentivise persons to live in built-up areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [19913/21]

*780. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the temporary accommodation pressures in County Donegal as a consequence of families having to vacate their houses due to demolition and reconstruction of houses with MICA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [19921/21]
*781. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Programme for Government commitment to incentivise local authorities to bring forward pilot participatory budgeting projects; when details of same will be announced; the funding mechanism to be put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [19941/21]

*782. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of fines imposed on Ireland by the EU in each of the past ten years due to raw sewage being released into coastal waters at various wastewater treatment plants nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [19955/21]

*783. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of fines imposed on Ireland by the EU in each of the past ten years due to raw sewage being released into Dublin Bay by the Ringsend wastewater treatment plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [19958/21]

*784. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has examined the increased costs of building materials such as timber, steel and other essential materials; if he has assessed the impact that recent price increases will have on housing supply; if he will introduce measures to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20019/21]

*785. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Arklow wastewater treatment plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [20068/21]

*786. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 625 of 24 March 2021, when he expects to receive the updated data in respect of quarter 1 2021 from local authorities in terms of short-term letting regulations. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20115/21]

*787. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when legislation for the new role of a directly elected mayor for Limerick city and county will be brought before Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20127/21]

*788. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department will publish the annual planning and development statistics for the years 2013 to 2019 for each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20128/21]

*789. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if information will be provided on his Department’s review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and the review of exemptions for educational and community buildings as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; if information will be provided on the stated need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [20141/21]

*790. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if one-off housing on family-owned land in a location (details supplied) will be considered for approval under the Ireland 2040 plan; and when the planning rules recommended in the plan will come into force. — Cathal Crowe. [20162/21]
*791. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of units classified as turnkey units in each of the years 2017 to 2020 that were delivered as Part V units by year and local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20186/21]

*792. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of turnkey acquisitions by approved housing bodies and local authorities in each of the years 2017 to 2020 that were refurbishments, repairs or conversions of existing buildings and structures by year and local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20187/21]

*793. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a document published by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [20199/21]

*794. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to correspondence received by Minister of State with responsibility for Local Government and Planning dated 12 March 2021 in relation to the CPO of lands (details supplied); the action his Department has taken in relation to the new information contained in this correspondence; and if he has brought this new information to the attention of the Taoiseach, the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and the Minister for Transport. — Paul Murphy. [20311/21]

*795. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a meeting took place on 29 September 2014 between a senior Department official and three persons to discuss the unauthorised removal from the Minister’s office of a file pertaining to the CPO of lands (details supplied) and to receive a replacement file; if a security file within his Department was created in connection with the security search for the missing file; and if the unauthorised taking of the file from the Minister’s office between the dates of its first delivery on 1 September 2014 to the date of the replacement file of 29 September 2014 was reported to An Garda Síochána. — Paul Murphy. [20312/21]

*796. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he considers the 12 March 2012 Report of the Independent Review of the management by the Department of the Environment, Community and Local Government of an application by Wicklow County Council for loan approval in respect of the compulsory purchase of land at Charlesland, County Wicklow and the 9 February 2013 Report of the Independent Review of the Compulsory Acquisition of Land at Charlesland, County Wicklow by Wicklow County Council to be reliable given the new evidence provided to his Department. — Paul Murphy. [20313/21]

*797. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to be able to introduce the new streamlined local authority funding model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [20317/21]

*798. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the financial supports he plans to introduce to promote the town centre first policy which aims to see redevelopment and renewal of often vacant or underused town centre buildings for new dwellings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [20318/21]

*799. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to a question to the European Commission (details supplied), if he consulted with the Commission in relation to
making public land available to not for profit housing associations to build social and affordable housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20338/21]

*800. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites being assessed for the vacant sites levy in each local authority area; the number of sites for which planning permission has been granted in each local authority area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20349/21]

*801. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the planned ownership of the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20379/21]

*802. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the person or body the Land Development Agency will be answerable to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20380/21]

*803. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the person or body who will be answerable to the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20381/21]

*804. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of inspections that were undertaken by the Residential Tenancies Board in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020 in each local authority area; the number that were deemed to be compliant; the number of fines that were issued for those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [20414/21]

*805. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there plans to amend section 133 of the Local Government Act 2001 to ensure that all councillors have access to detailed minutes and decisions made at a corporate policy group level in each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [20417/21]

*806. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the income limits for eligibility for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20445/21]

*807. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend in full the current declarations made under section 3 of the European Communities (Wildlife Act, 1976) (Amendment) Regulations 1986 (SI No. 254 of 1986) allowing for the control of certain wild bird species which is due to expire on 30 April 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [20457/21]

*808. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the houses in Limerick city and county that have received funding under the voids programme in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if any of the houses are still vacant. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20466/21]

*809. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding streams available to local authorities for the refurbishment of vacant local authority homes in need of minor and major repairs; and the criteria and process for same. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20467/21]
*810. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the vacancy percentage of local authority owned homes for each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20468/21]

*811. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of public funding that has been spent on legal fees for the mortgage to rent scheme; the number of mortgages approved for the mortgage to rent scheme that have been sold to vulture funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [20514/21]

*812. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding assessment for social housing in certain circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [20526/21]

*813. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected time to finalise the new affordable housing Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [20530/21]

*814. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if information will be provided on his Department’s review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and review of exemptions for educational and community buildings as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; if information will be provided on the stated need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [20573/21]

*815. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will convene a meeting or correspond with the banks and financial institutions to call on the banks and financial institutions to assist families in County Donegal who have been affected by MICA defective concrete blocks in their homes given the recent comments by Minister of State for Housing and Urban Renewal in relation to the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20574/21]

*816. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding available to local authorities to support legal fees and costs incurred from CPOs under the vacant sites levy. — Thomas Gould. [20652/21]

*817. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if information will be provided on his Department’s review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and review of exemptions for educational and community buildings, as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; if information will be provided on the stated need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20660/21]

*818. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a full update on the proposed provision of a new fire station in Dunleer, County Louth since €1.6million was awarded for the design and site purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20680/21]

*819. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding mechanism that was provided by his Department to deliver social housing at an address (details supplied) in County Kildare; the amount of funding that was provided; if the funding provided was 100% of the
cost of delivering the units; if not, if it was additional financing provided from another source that is, the Housing Finance Agency, a private bank, and so on; to whom this funding was provided; the repayment terms of the funding; when is it due to be paid; and the restrictions on the sale of these properties to the tenants were included as part of the conditions of the funding. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20684/21]

*820. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant residential properties in Ireland; and the amount of revenue that was generated by the vacant site levy in each of the past two years. — Mick Barry. [20691/21]

*821. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made on strengthening the enforcement of the vacant site levy; if he has considered or is considering the introduction of a site value tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20717/21]

*822. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20729/21]

*823. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the delivery of new social homes by construction over acquisition commenced in line with the Programme for Government objective and priority to increase social housing stock by over 50,000 over a five-year period through a focus on new builds in each of the 31 local authorities since 1 June 2020 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20741/21]

*824. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the practice of deeming online planning observations invalid in cases in which an address has not been provided; and if not, if he will engage with An Bord Pleanála to find ways to make this requirement more explicit on its online submission system. — Róisín Shortall. [20765/21]

*825. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to increase the income threshold on Rebuilding Ireland home loans in view of the difficulty for those earning over €50,000 to €75,000 purchasing with bank mortgages. — Richard Bruton. [20766/21]

*826. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the progress and provide periodic reviews from 2011 to date in 2021 of the National Housing Strategy for People with a Disability 2011-2016 as extended to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20801/21]

*827. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will take to ensure planning and permitting processes for fossil fuel developments are in accordance with Ireland’s climate obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [20811/21]

*828. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities which employ a biodiversity officer in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20813/21]
*829. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities which employ a heritage officer in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20814/21]

*830. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on remarks made by the outgoing interim chair of the Land Development Agency that the current allocation of €2.5 billion for the agency for delivering housing is insufficient (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20247/21]

*831. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for a dramatic reappraisal of public housing policy with a view to ensuring the early provision of a specific number of houses well above that anticipated already to ensure a reasonable chance of a home within a specific time for those currently on local authority waiting lists and those waiting to go on such lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20850/21]

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*832. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the specific action he or his Department has taken within the EU or at international level in the context of the commitment in the Programme for Government to forge alliances with other EU member states and to oppose any annexation of territory by force to create such alliances to oppose the maintenance and expansion of illegal settlements in the occupied Palestinian territories; the results of these actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20935/21]

*833. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether Israel’s continuous creation of illegal settlements in the Palestinian Territories and subsequent imposition of Israeli rule amounts to annexation of territory taken by force; the actions he plans to take to oppose such actions in view of the clear commitment in the Programme for Government to do so and in view of the urgency of the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20938/21]

*834. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the appropriate response at national level to the continued expansion and maintenance of independent illegal Israeli settlements in Palestinian territory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20937/21]

*835. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to ensure that human rights issues are addressed and embedded in any renewal of the 2016 EU-Turkey deal that was struck following the 2015 migration crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18156/21]

*836. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the processing of non-urgent passport applications will resume while Ireland remains at level 5 restrictions; the steps his Department is taking to ensure that the backlog of passport applications resulting from the suspension of normal passport services will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18240/21]

*837. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise the detention of a person (details supplied) with the Ambassador and officials of the Egyptian Embassy in Ireland; if he will convey concerns in relation to the continued detention of the person and the lack of engagement with their family on their location or status; if he will convey the concerns of human rights advocates regarding the treatment of prisoners in Egypt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [18259/21]
*838. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will support a full investigation by the ICC prosecutor of individuals suspected of war crimes committed in the occupied territories in the context of the decision of the ICC that it has jurisdiction in the Palestinian territories occupied by Israel since 1967 namely Gaza and the West Bank including East Jerusalem; if he will support the role of the ICC in the EU and on the UN Security Council in this regard; if he will oppose attempts to defer an investigation or prosecution under Article 16 of the Rome Statute in view of the continual and increasing illegal transfer of Israeli civilians into the West Bank with the approval of the Israeli Government contrary to international law; if he condemns any attempts to impose sanctions on ICC staff or other personnel involved in or assisting the investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18278/21]

*839. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will lead a joint statement in the UN Human Rights Council for the upcoming 80th meeting of the Standing Committee (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [18314/21]

*840. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had a conversation with the new administration in the United States of America in relation to ongoing US sanctions against Cuba; if the ban on contributions to Cuba via third countries has been discussed; his views on this ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [18361/21]

*841. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Government response to treatment of the LGBT+ community by Uzbekistan and the level of press freedom in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18366/21]

*842. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the recent actions of the military of Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18382/21]

*843. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will use its influence in the United Nations including the seat on the Security Council to promote peace and human rights across the rest of the world; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18411/21]

*844. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the IDA plans to appoint a business development consultant to establish a presence in Israel; if his views or that of his Department were sought in advance of this announcement; his views on whether it is appropriate to promote and advance Ireland’s trade with Israel (details supplied); his views on the conclusions of a recent report by Israel’s largest human rights group that the Israeli Government perpetuates the supremacy of one group of persons over another and therefore that Ireland could end up supporting an apartheid regime of occupation; if he will consult his colleague the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise Trade and Employment in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18464/21]

*845. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on an incident in which a journalist has had to leave China due to pressure from the Chinese authorities (details supplied); if he has engaged with the Chinese ambassador on this incident; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18587/21]

*846. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will express concerns in relation to the recent decision by Turkey to withdraw from the Istanbul Convention relating to the prevention and combating of violence against women and domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [18644/21]
*847. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to a significant Covid-19 outbreak in Jau prison in Bahrain; the details of the recent engagement he has had with the UN Human Rights Council and the EU-Bahrain human rights dialogue regarding Bahraini prisoners of conscience and their treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18650/21]

*848. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the action Ireland is taking at the UN Security Council to highlight China’s genocide of the Uyghur Muslim population; the details of his response to a recently released 25,000 word report (details supplied); his plans to discuss the findings with the authors of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [18660/21]

*849. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider working with the United Kingdom and United States of America in imposing targeted sanctions on two major Myanmar military conglomerates (details supplied); the position of the European Union on Myanmar and the military conglomerates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18705/21]

*850. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is prepared to call upon the Turkish Government to reconsider its decision to withdraw from the 2011 Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [18710/21]

*851. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the case of person (details supplied) who applied to become an Irish citizen through foreign birth registration. — Louise O’Reilly. [18834/21]

*852. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will review a case (details supplied); if he has come across a similar issue as this regarding Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [19017/21]

*853. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the plan which has been developed for Ireland’s period on the UN Security Council; his main priorities; and if specific initiatives are planned to highlight human rights abuses. — Richard Bruton. [19117/21]

*854. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs whether or not it would be possible to extend the life of passports as has been done with other public certificates in view of the difficulties at level 5 of processing applications. — Richard Bruton. [19145/21]

*855. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise concerns regarding the treatment of political prisoners in Jao prison in Bahrain; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an outbreak of Covid-19 and overcrowding in the prison generally represent a serious threat to the health and welfare of the prisoners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [19187/21]

*856. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise concerns regarding the threats faced by LGBTQI+ persons and journalists in Uzbekistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [19188/21]

*857. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on a matter (details supplied); the details of yearly numbers or reliable estimates in each of the years 2001 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [19236/21]
*858. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [19506/21]

*859. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [19508/21]

*860. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [19509/21]

*861. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of staff currently working in the passport section; if staff from the passport section have been redeployed to other Departments during the current level 5 lockdown; if so, their role in those Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [19512/21]

*862. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if an aircraft (details supplied) was approved to land at Shannon Airport; if it was carrying weapons or munitions; if US military personnel were transferred from this US Air Force Learjet to another aircraft which was at Shannon Airport during these times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19627/21]

*863. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if foreign births registration applications are still being processed such as in the case of a person (details supplied); the expected timeline of these applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19717/21]

*864. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19730/21]

*865. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19815/21]

*866. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19870/21]

*867. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the diplomatic steps he is taking through the EU or through Ireland’s seat on the UN Security Council to ensure that the 300,000 Palestinian citizens in occupied east Jerusalem are allowed to express their democratic right to vote in the forthcoming Palestinian elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [19960/21]

*868. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has or will call in the Israeli Ambassador to Ireland to ensure that they are clear that Ireland wishes to see the 300,000 Palestinian citizens in occupied east Jerusalem being allowed to vindicate their democratic right to vote in the forthcoming Palestinian elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [19961/21]

*869. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the diplomatic steps he is taking through the EU or through Ireland’s seat on the UN Security Council to halt the forcible evictions and home demolitions targeting hundreds of Palestinian families in occupied east Jerusalem particularly in the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood; if he has or plans to call in the Israeli Ambassador regarding this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [19962/21]
*870. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the date passport processing will restart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [19986/21]

*871. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with the UK Government in relation to the gun that was found by workmen at a house near Moy, County Tyrone on 12 April 2021 that was later handed over to police in a County Armagh police station (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [20013/21]

*872. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will call for the release of Bahraini prisoners of conscience given the abuse and the rampant spread of Covid-19 within the prison system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20080/21]

*873. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will condemn the mistreatment of Bahraini prisoners of conscience who are being abused by prison authorities on a daily basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [20081/21]

*874. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the processing of passport renewal applications will resume in circumstances in which additional documentation is required to be submitted; his plans to tackle the backlog of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [20126/21]

*875. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the date a person (details supplied) can expect their passport from the passport office. — Kathleen Funchion. [20144/21]

*876. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the death of a person (details supplied) while detained in Jau Prison; if he has made representations to the Bahraini Government regarding the alleged maltreatment of political prisoners in Bahraini prisons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [20195/21]

*877. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the contacts taking place between Ireland and the US administration in terms of regulating the status of the undocumented Irish; and his views on whether the recent election of President Biden offers an enhanced opportunity to advance the cause of the thousands of Irish citizens who find themselves in such circumstances. — Robert Troy. [20221/21]

*878. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the Passport Office will reopen for operation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [20249/21]

*879. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to endorse the World Health Organisation Covid-Technology Access Pool initiative to help achieve equitable, global access to Covid-19 vaccines; if he plans to advocate for same at international level, particularly at European level and at the UN Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20367/21]

*880. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he has taken to oppose any annexation or plans to apply Israeli sovereignty over territory which is part of Occupied Palestine in view of the commitments in the Programme for Government that Ireland’s interests are best served by active and engaged membership of the European Union and to give leadership within the EU. — Patrick Costello. [20435/21]
*881. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised the matter of illegal settlements in occupied Palestine officially with his EU partners in view of the present situation of continual efforts by Israel to create illegal settlements in Occupied Palestine which the Israeli Prime Minister has clearly indicated his intention that they will be permanent. — Patrick Costello. [20436/21]

*882. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the immediate steps he plans to take at the UN Security Council to oppose the illegal Israeli settlements in Occupied Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [20437/21]

*883. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be processed urgently owing to the current backlog within the passport office. — Peadar Tóibín. [20442/21]

*884. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications that have been submitted while the passport service has been paused; the actions being taken to deal with the backlog of passport applications waiting to be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [20452/21]

*885. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons who have applied for a passport which have not yet been processed. — Joe Flaherty. [20504/21]

*886. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons who have applied for a passport which have not yet been processed by county in tabular form. — Joe Flaherty. [20505/21]

*887. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of an application by a person (details supplied); if the application will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [20516/21]

*888. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when both the Cork and Dublin passport offices will reopen to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [20517/21]

*889. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he will take to help ensure a meaningful election observation to ensure free and fair elections take place in the upcoming Palestinian legislative council election in view of the statement by EU Representative Sven Kühn von Burgsdorff (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [20544/21]

*890. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that he has taken to prevent the targeting of EU-funded aid structures by Israel and subsequently condemn those given UN reports (details supplied) that in the first two months of 2021 the targeting of EU-funded aid structures by Israel tripled compared with the monthly average in 2020; the penalties Ireland and the EU will implement in response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [20545/21]

*891. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the reopening of the Passport Office as an essential service is now being considered given the backlogs and difficulty in categorising urgent cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [20579/21]

*892. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications that were made through the Irish Embassy in Tokyo, Japan in each of the years of 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Richard O’Donoghue. [20711/21]
*893. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20726/21]

*894. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the imminent eviction of eight Palestinian families from the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood of Israeli-occupied Palestinian East Jerusalem and due to be replaced with illegal Israeli settlers; the actions that Ireland will be taking to ensure Israel does not carry out this war crime given that these evictions are in contravention of international law and would constitute a war crime of forcible transfer of parts of the population of an occupied territory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20742/21]

*895. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the passport office will reopen as normal; when persons can expect to have their expired passports renewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20787/21]

*896. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20802/21]

*897. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to reports of the imminent eviction of up to 16 Palestinian families from their homes in the Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan neighbourhoods of East Jerusalem (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20817/21]

*898. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has studied the recent report by the United Nations Office for the Co-ordination of Humanitarian Affairs which documents the striking increase in violence by Israeli settlers against Palestinian civilians in the occupied West Bank; his views on whether this is part of a pattern primarily designed to take over land and to intimidate and terrorise Palestinians; his further views on whether it is creating an atmosphere of impunity and as the military are usually present it amounts to a discriminatory two-tier approach to military protection and policing in the West Bank other than condemning these activities; the actions he plans to take in defence of international law at EU and international level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20816/21]

*899. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the arrangements for the next meeting of the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20824/21]

*900. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of his recent discussions with members of the UK Government in relation to Northern Ireland with particular reference to recent violence and disturbances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20825/21]

*901. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the recent discussions he had with members of the UK Government pertaining to the Ireland-Northern Ireland protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20826/21]

*902. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had discussions with members of the Northern Ireland Executive and or with political parties in Northern Ireland regarding the recent
violence and disturbances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20827/21]

*903. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he has had discussions with international leaders in the context of an international response to human rights abuses globally and now a matter of serious concern; if he will continue to pursue these issues through the EU and UN and if necessary using Ireland’s position on the UN Security Council to do same; if a particular action can be taken against the perpetrators of such abuse in the European Criminal Courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20851/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*904. To ask the Minister for Defence if members of the Defence Forces returning here from overseas deployment will have to undergo mandatory hotel quarantine upon their return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19008/21]

*905. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans for the future use of the firing range at Cushla, County Roscommon which is no longer in use by the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19715/21]

*906. To ask the Minister for Defence if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19810/21]

*907. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide a report on the plans of his Department to provide permanent stable accommodation as against hostel accommodation for retired veterans of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19851/21]

*908. To ask the Minister for Defence if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19865/21]

*909. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of qualified female pilots currently in the Air Corps; the number of female pilots currently in training; the number of qualified female air traffic controllers in the Air Corps; and the number of females currently in training to become qualified air traffic controllers. — Paul Donnelly. [20093/21]

*910. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of qualified female civilian fitness instructors employed either by his Department or the Defence Forces working in each military barracks here in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [20094/21]

*911. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has engaged virtually with his French counterpart to date in 2021. — Denise Mitchell. [20422/21]

*912. To ask the Minister for Defence the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20721/21]
*913. To ask the Minister for Education the procedures in hand to ensure that students with special needs can apply to schools deemed appropriate for their needs without being discriminated against by virtue of their age given that a concerted and coordinated efforts is required to ensure that such children are placed in the most appropriate schools possible regardless of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18138/21]

*914. To ask the Minister for Education the reason student teachers at a college (details supplied) are required to pay €350 to attend a Gaeltacht course while student teachers attending State-funded colleges can do so for free; if the Gaeltacht course is compulsory in order to qualify as a teacher; if she will consider removing the cost for all students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18163/21]

*915. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to give incremental credit to teachers returning to Ireland who have previously worked as post-primary teachers in private schools outside of the EU in order to encourage more teachers to return to work in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [18167/21]

*916. To ask the Minister for Education the basis for changing the policy regarding the allocation of special needs resource hours in schools (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [18171/21]

*917. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a child (details supplied) will be examined; if a school place will be provided for them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18183/21]

*918. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 391 of 3 February 2021, if the response to the Parliamentary Question will be reviewed; her views on same; the process for the change of school status requests from junior infants to co-educational; the timeframe involved; if the correspondence from the school and from a person (details supplied) provide sufficient information to expedite the matter; if her officials have met the representatives of the school; and the number of meetings or engagements that she or her officials have had with the school. — John McGuinness. [18188/21]

*919. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) can be facilitated with a school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18192/21]

*920. To ask the Minister for Education the options open to the parents of a child (detailed supplied) who was excluded from mainstream secondary school in 2019 and has not had any school since despite having an ASD diagnosis. — Mark Ward. [18196/21]

*921. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of a school (details supplied) in which there have been six confirmed cases of Covid-19 with children from the same classes informed to attend school; and if she will provide the Covid-19 guidelines in national schools. — Paul Donnelly. [18197/21]

*922. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be notified of a decision in respect of its application for a new bus service submitted in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [18218/21]
*923. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address an issue in relation to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18224/21]

*924. To ask the Minister for Education the reason an application for emergency works for a school (details supplied) was refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [18229/21]

*925. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider raising the compulsory retirement age of drivers who are in possession of a full PSV licence, a full driver licence and are certified as medically fit to drive, who have been working for contractors on contracts with Bus Éireann but are currently required to retire at 70 years of age as in the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [18241/21]

*926. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the legal strategy (details supplied) to pursue the contractor who originally built schools for the cost of the precautionary measures and the permanent remediation works. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18242/21]

*927. To ask the Minister for Education if the independent review to establish the current use and practices in the design and build procurement construction model for the delivery of school buildings has been finalised; and if so, if the findings of this review will be published. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18243/21]

*928. To ask the Minister for Education if the permanent remediation works have been carried out in a school (details supplied); if not, the remediation works that still remain; and when they are due to be carried out. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18244/21]

*929. To ask the Minister for Education when the permanent remediation works will recommence for a school (details supplied); the effect this will have on the creche; and if the crèche will have to close whilst these works are been carried out. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18245/21]

*930. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to any Minister or Minister of State or adviser to a Minister or Minister of State who requested or suggested to the HSE or any Department that a hospital (details supplied) in Dublin be used as a vaccination site for Covid-19. — Alan Kelly. [18275/21]

*931. To ask the Minister for Education the number of newly-registered primary school teachers with the Teaching Council who received their teaching qualification from a college (details supplied) since 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18302/21]

*932. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 923 of 24 March 2021, if she will further review and advise on correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [18331/21]

*933. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [18335/21]

*934. To ask the Minister for Education if she will take steps to allow graduates of Trinity College Dublin in deaf studies to apply for a professional master of education enabling them to teach in mainstream schools. — Pa Daly. [18342/21]
*935. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the naming of special needs schools as special; if she will consider removing the word special from the name of such schools as this may attach a stigma to the schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18372/21]

*936. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to develop an inclusive sexual health education programme across primary and post-primary levels that includes an inclusive programme on LGBTI+ relationships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18379/21]

*937. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with a diagnosis of autism that need access to an ASD specific unit given that they are as yet without a confirmed school place for the coming academic year in September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18396/21]

*938. To ask the Minister for Education cén fáth nach raibh leagan Gaeilge den Return to Educational Facility Parental Declaration Form, 78 focal san iomlán, a d’eisigh an Lárionad Faire um Chosaint Sláinte de huidh Fheidhmeannacht na Seirbhísí Sláinte, ar fáil do thuiscintiúir mac léinn a fhearastalú ar scoileanna lán-Ghaeilge, go háirithe os rud é gurbh éigean an fhoirme a bhíteach liomta acu dá bpáistí sula dtabharfadh cead dóibh fíleadh ar an scoil le linn na dianghlasála leibhéil 5 is déanaí, agus an iomlán a d'éirigh leis go bhfuil dhuine de na hainn agus ar FSS leaganacha Gaeilge d’fhóirimneacha den Sórt sin a chur ar fáil go huathoibríoch, agus nach cóir go mbeadh ar phríomhghníomh nó ar thuiscintiúirí dul á lorg nó id a aistriú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18407/21]

*939. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to the in-person supplementary programme for children with special educational needs in view of the fact that it might be difficult during the Covid-19 situation to have this supplied in homes; the alternative arrangements that can be put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [18421/21]

*940. To ask the Minister for Education if she has received correspondence from a school (details supplied); and if she has reviewed same. — Patrick O’Donovan. [18422/21]

*941. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a submission by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18441/21]

*942. To ask the Minister for Education the services that should be put in place by a primary school for a student who has a diagnosis of severe dyslexia and also dyspraxia; and the full in-class and home supports which should be put in place. — Robert Troy. [18470/21]

*943. To ask the Minister for Education the status on an emergency works application by a school (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [18474/21]

*944. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the current requirements in place at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [18511/21]

*945. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [18522/21]
*946. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a recent report (details supplied) and its contents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [18542/21]

*947. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the findings of a report and its findings (details supplied); her plans to address the school place shortages in east County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [18543/21]

*948. To ask the Minister for Education if an impact assessment of demand for additional school places across the east Cork local electoral area catchment area has been carried out (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [18544/21]

*949. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that over 50 children requiring a place in an ASD unit or special school place in east County Cork do not have a secondary school place for September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [18545/21]

*950. To ask the Minister for Education if an impact assessment will be carried out on the lack of special secondary school places in east County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [18546/21]

*951. To ask the Minister for Education if an impact assessment will be carried out on the lack of primary special school places and ASD places in east County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [18547/21]

*952. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to capacity issues in east County Cork in primary and secondary level school places; if an assessment of the situation will be carried out with a view to increasing capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [18548/21]

*953. To ask the Minister for Education if students that have permission to travel abroad for education purposes will be expected to pay €2,000 to quarantine upon returning home at the end of their school term abroad. — Robert Troy. [18552/21]

*954. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a recent application by a school (details supplied) in County Tipperary for funding for emergency works to ensure the safety of staff and pupils; and if funding will be made available to the school. — Martin Browne. [18556/21]

*955. To ask the Minister for Education if a student (details supplied) in County Kerry will be made eligible for school transport following the determination of a section 29 appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18557/21]

*956. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a determination was made on one of the section 29 appeals by persons (details supplied) given the appeals of both were submitted together and with the same documentation from the post primary school; if a determination will be expedited on the rejected appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18560/21]

*957. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she can take to assist parents urgently seeking places for younger siblings in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18629/21]
*958. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered introducing a method for parents and guardians to confirm to schools that they have abided by the Covid-19 regulations during the Easter break from to prevent additional transmission of Covid-19 in school settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18646/21]

*959. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 836 of 24 March 2021, the person or body to be contacted in cases in which a board of management in a primary school operates outside the Governance Manual for Primary Schools 2019-2023 without following section 14, part 8 of the manual; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18649/21]

*960. To ask the Minister for Education the supports in place for students unable to return to school due to a family member having a serious underlying condition; if those students will be facilitated to learn from home; the provisions in place in such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18651/21]

*961. To ask the Minister for Education the current restriction on teachers registered with the Teaching Council under route 3 that requires them to have to apply for continuous extensions to acquire their Teaching Council number annually. — Kathleen Funchion. [18653/21]

*962. To ask the Minister for Education the status of efforts made by her Department to procure sites for schools at a location (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [18663/21]

*963. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to undertake an independent assessment of the pilot projects aimed at retaining Traveller and Roma children in education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18692/21]

*964. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she has taken to provide a comprehensive policy for the Irish language from pre-primary education to teacher education for all schools in view of the commitment in relation to same in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [18694/21]

*965. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether the proposals by the NCCA in relation to the Irish language are premature in the absence of an overall revised framework for the teaching of the language given the commitment in the Programme for Government to provide a comprehensive policy for the Irish language from pre-primary education to teacher education for all schools; and if she will consider withdrawing these proposals pending a more thorough approach. — Dara Calleary. [18695/21]

*966. To ask the Minister for Education the number of notifications made by teachers to the Tusla education support service of instances in which students and children have disengaged from online learning. — Peadar Tóibín. [18712/21]

*967. To ask the Minister for Education the number of autism spectrum disorder places in primary and secondary schools in Finglas, Dublin 11; her plans to increase the number of ASD units within primary and secondary schools in the area; the timescales for delivery of each in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18713/21]

*968. To ask the Minister for Education the number of autism spectrum disorder places in primary and secondary schools in the Ballymun area of Dublin; her plans to increase the number
of ASD units within primary and secondary schools the area; the timescales for delivery of each in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18714/21]

*969. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 574 Question of 31 March 2021, the number of notifications made by teachers to the Tusla education support service of instances in which students and children have disengaged from online learning since the start of the pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [18715/21]

*970. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 574 Question of 31 March 2021, the number of child referrals made by schoolteachers to Tusla for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [18716/21]

*971. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 574 of 31 March 2021, the number of child referrals made by schoolteachers to Tusla in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [18719/21]

*972. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a child (details supplied) has not received a place in a special school as recommended by the HSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18728/21]

*973. To ask the Minister for Education the grants available for parents of children with autism for the provision of educational equipment which can be used in the home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18729/21]

*974. To ask the Minister for Education the age limit for a primary school caretaker (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18761/21]

*975. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the latest move in temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied); when the school will receive more information on a permanent site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18763/21]

*976. To ask the Minister for Education if she will allocate the full 50 special education teaching hours to a school (details supplied) needed as a result of the reprioring in 2019 and considering the yearly increase of student intake; if her Department has considered revising the 20% cap under circular no. 007/2019 to allow schools to receive their full special education teaching supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [18773/21]

*977. To ask the Minister for Education if she will include all DEIS band one schools when reducing class size numbers for all class levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18801/21]

*978. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the cascade aspect of teacher absences in the context of Covid-19 in which the substitute panel is saturated with requests, thereby seeing special needs teachers frequently being required to take over absentee teacher class duties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18815/21]

*979. To ask the Minister for Education the number of new primary teachers registered with the Teaching Council in each of the years since 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18825/21]
*980. To ask the Minister for Education the programmes available to secondary schools to highlight and educate students on issues surrounding sexual based crime; and her plans for any future programmes in this regard. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18835/21]

*981. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will intervene in this case to ensure that the child is able to continue their education in school. — Sean Sherlock. [18873/21]

*982. To ask the Minister for Education when she envisages having a scheme up and running to provide compensation arising out of a case (details supplied) to the victims of sexual abuse in schools over the years; if this will be in the form of an ex-gratia payment; the method by which this will be assessed; the reason for the delay in making this scheme available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18880/21]

*983. To ask the Minister for Education if teachers are going to be prioritised for the vaccination programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [18916/21]

*984. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a timeline on the development of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [18924/21]

*985. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of a school (details supplied) that is scheduled to have the teaching staff reduced from four to three based on current retention numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [18937/21]

*986. To ask the Minister for Education the reason two students (details supplied) are unable to receive an exemption in Irish. — Dara Calleary. [18955/21]

*987. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [18958/21]

*988. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene to rectify the payroll anomaly in which secondary school music teachers will not receive payment for their work in staging the leaving certificate practical examinations for music. — Cathal Crowe. [18966/21]

*989. To ask the Minister for Education the measures in place to prevent and address outbreaks of Covid-19 in special education schools and particularly those in urban areas such as Dublin in consideration of the recent decision not to vaccinate teachers and special needs assistants as a priority group; if there is understanding that this will increase the likelihood of outbreaks of the virus within these school settings which is beyond school staff control; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18990/21]

*990. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in providing permanent accommodation to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19005/21]

*991. To ask the Minister for Education if she will sanction the retention of a fourth teacher at a school (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [19011/21]
To ask the Minister for Education the average per capita spending on technology for a visually impaired child in primary and post-primary school respectively in a given year. — Neasa Hourigan. [19014/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if high risk staff are to return to second-level schools especially those with underlying conditions or are pregnant. — Sean Sherlock. [19018/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school transport grant for a child (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [19065/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if she has had meetings with the forward planning unit in her Department regarding the provision of second level places in east County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [19084/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the changes that will be implemented in the school transport system this coming academic year. — Sean Sherlock. [19085/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for completion of the review of DEIS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [19114/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the reason the decision was taken not to conduct a re-profiling exercise of special education teacher allocation in 2021, in view of the previous commitment to do so. — Paul Murphy. [19137/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the reason schools which were recognised as being under-resourced in terms of special education teacher allocation in 2019 had a cap of 20% on any upward adjustment applied, meaning that they continued to be under-resourced, even as determined by her Department’s own re-profiling exercise. — Paul Murphy. [19138/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be allocated the additional special education teacher hours more than 50 that her Department previously recognised as required in 2019, in view of the fact that the number of pupils attending the school has increased since then. — Paul Murphy. [19139/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the way she plans to support primary and secondary schools in the delivery of financial literacy and well-being for students; the measures that are currently in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19154/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if a monetary allowance is provided for music teachers that facilitate and have various duties of the day of leaving certificate music practical exams; if not, if her attention has been drawn to the functions and duties of such teachers and their requirement to be present on the day; and the reason no payment is provided for music teachers in these circumstances. — Bríd Smith. [19155/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the status of the proposed new building for a school (details supplied) in County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [19163/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the current stage of the construction process for a proposed new school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [19164/21]
*1005. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a proposed start-up date for a school (details supplied) in County Galway; if funding is in place for the construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [19165/21]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects the National Council for Special Education to complete and submit its policy advice on education provision in special classes and special schools first commissioned in September 2018. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19168/21]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 514 of 24 February 2021, if her Department will consider allowing the affected teachers to progress to point four before the commencement of academic year 2021-2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [19190/21]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to minimise the time new schools spend in temporary accommodation before moving to a permanent site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19191/21]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will engage in forward planning in terms of projected population growth and the corresponding need for new schools to ensure that when schools are opened they can move straight into a permanent site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19192/21]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and post-primary schools in an area (details supplied) that are operating either in temporary accommodation or in prefabs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19193/21]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special school placements available at primary school level in Dublin 22; the number of children awaiting special school placements at primary school level in Dublin 22; and the efforts being made to ensure increased provision of special school and ASD class placements for children in the area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19198/21]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts being made by her Department and the NCSE to ensure a person (details supplied) obtains a placement in a school suitable to their specified educational needs. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19201/21]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts being made by her Department and the NCSE to ensure a person (details supplied) obtains a placement in a school suitable to their specified educational needs. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19203/21]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No.170 of 21 January 2021, if she will provide a copy of the notices for this ex-gratia scheme published in the press and other mass media; the number of applications to this scheme to date; the number of applicants who were previously the subject of litigation; the number of cases still open; the cost of this ex-gratia scheme to the State to date, including that for a person (details supplied); the way in which survivors that were previously unaware of this ex-gratia scheme may now make enquiries regarding same or make applications to it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19217/21]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently put in place a protocol to ensure that an investigation is promptly carried out involving her Department and any other relevant bodies of the State, the school and the parents concerned, when there is a breakdown of a school placement
for a child with an autistic spectrum disorder to rectify such a breakdown and to ensure that such a breakdown does not happen again. — Paul Murphy. [19218/21]

*1016. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil i gciest aici Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna faoi leith a chur ar bun a dhéanadh freastal ar scoileanna agus ionaid oiliúna eile atá ag feidhmiú nó ag teagasc trí Ghaeilge agus atá faoi bhfoirđ éagsula Oideachais agus Oiliúna faoi láthair ar fud an stáit le cintiúi go mbeadh na tacaíochtaí cuí ar fáil do na scoileanna seo trí Ghaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19235/21]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Education her engagements regarding zero rate educational websites to support students and families during the Covid-19 pandemic; the actions of her Department in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19276/21]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a school (details supplied) that has not been awarded sufficient special education teaching hours; if she will review the number of hours allocated to this school with a view to increasing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [19291/21]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Education if it will be ensured that a school (details supplied) will retain a fourth teacher into the 2021-2022 academic year. — Cathal Crowe. [19302/21]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Education if she has held meetings with principals and education stakeholders from east Cork; if not, if she plans to hold such a meeting; if so, if all constituency members from Cork East will be invited to such a meeting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [19308/21]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to educate young persons on the associated risks with gambling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [19319/21]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Education the proposed education programme for primary and post-primary students on drugs and alcohol; if this will include behavioural addictions; if this will be given by schools or outsourced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [19320/21]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) was promised an additional 50 hours in 2019; if the school has been delivered the hours it was promised; if the number of hours currently available to the school are adequate for the SEN needs of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19323/21]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Education if assistance can be provided for a child (details supplied) who needs a place in a special school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [19329/21]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 141 of 11 February 2021, if she will provide details of any contact that has taken place in 2021 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [19339/21]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the practice of music teachers providing unpaid accompaniment and other assistance to students for their music practical examinations, many of which take place on leave days; and if music teachers are allowed to avail of the examinations aide rate of payment within their own school. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19363/21]
*1027. To ask the Minister for Education the status of discussions to bring school secretaries pay and conditions put on a par with all other public servants; her views on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [19378/21]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she is taking to assist a person (details supplied) with autism in Cork city access to a school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19388/21]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school students projected to transition to secondary level in each of the four school planning areas of Cobh, Midleton, Carrigtwohill Fermoy and Youghal respectively in each of the years 2021 to 2025, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19410/21]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter in relation to school bus transport tickets (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19443/21]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Education if the wearing of face coverings in classrooms is mandatory or voluntary; if exemptions exist; and if so, the details of same. — Mattie McGrath. [19463/21]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for the proposed inclusion for the new electric vehicle charging guidance in the second edition of the TGD 033 School Building Projects and Compliance with Part L of the Building Regulations 2017; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [19516/21]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Education the engagements she has had with representative bodies to date regarding the decision not to vaccinate teachers as a priority. — Sorca Clarke. [19573/21]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make available the scientific advice that she has referred to regarding the decision to not vaccinate teachers as a priority. — Sorca Clarke. [19574/21]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a distinction is being drawn in terms of risk and need for vaccinations with SNAs and others who carry out the same roles but in a different setting given the level of one to one and personal care provided by SNAs in special needs schools and the inability to social distance. — Sorca Clarke. [19583/21]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in providing new permanent joint accommodation to two schools on the one site (details supplied) which are in very poor standard accommodation at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19599/21]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Education if a funding application review will be carried on the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [19622/21]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Education if a payment will be issued to a person (details supplied). — David Cullinane. [19700/21]
To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the differentiation in incremental credit on the teaching salary scale between those working in primary and post-primary private schools outside of the EU (details supplied); and if she will consider amending same in order that the experience of both cohorts is recognised. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [19722/21]

To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether it is reasonable for her Department to deny a school (details supplied) additional special education hours given the school has demonstrated a need for an additional 50 hours to keep up with the needs of students; her further views on whether it appropriate that her Department in spite of the refusal of additional hours is requesting that the school open a class for students with ASD; and if she will consider revising this refusal in order that students such as a person will not go without the educational support they need to fully access education on a par with their peers. — Seán Crowe. [19747/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the current section 29 appeals process; if changes have occurred to this process in the past 12 months; if so, the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19748/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the status of special school education facilities in east County Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [19759/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19811/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of the five-day rule for final year teaching students will receive a response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [19827/21]

To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter regarding the urgent need for temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied) in County Wicklow; her plans to ensure that places are available for students in the area in September for the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19857/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19866/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the number of days of in-school learning children and young persons have missed since March 2020, by age group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [19888/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if private businesses that provide physical education sporting services for local schools are considered educational under the new restrictions; if they can trade as of 12 April 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [19891/21]

To ask the Minister for Education when she plans to implement the recommendations contained in a report commissioned by the Department of Justice (details supplied) to provide DEIS band 1 status and or equivalent resources and supports to schools on the north side of Drogheda, County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19904/21]
*1050. To ask the Minister for Education the rationale for the new revised section 29 appeals process (details supplied); the way in which this revision and demand fit the best interest of the child principle; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [19909/21]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reconsider the school transport arrangements for affected children from Rathcoffey, County Kildare to a campus (details supplied) given that the children affected live more than 4.8 kilometres from any secondary school and given that it is accepted practice that a national school is a feeder school for second level education in Maynooth; her plans to address this issue given the worry being caused to families involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19911/21]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school development (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [19929/21]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for a project (details supplied) to be transferred back to the Cork Education and Training Board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [19952/21]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Education when work by her Department on the refinement of the new DEIS identification model will be complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [19972/21]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will made on a section 29 appeal in a case (details supplied) given that the pupil is now in their final school term. — Mark Ward. [19989/21]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children currently on secondary school waiting lists in an area (details supplied); the number yet to secure a place; the way in which this compares with previous years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [20000/21]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Education the provisions that have been made for the provision of ASD secondary school education for children in County Cork given the oversubscription of a school (details supplied) and the lack of alternative options; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [20061/21]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost to move away from the Gaeltacht grant model to full State funding of mandatory Gaeltacht placement for all student teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20088/21]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Education when construction works on a school (details supplied) in Dublin 15 are expected to be completed; and the estimated cost of this project. — Paul Donnelly. [20092/21]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Education if she will bring in an appeals process for those teachers seeking incremental credit for working in schools outside of Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ossian Smyth. [20106/21]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20124/21]
*1062. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider raising the compulsory retirement age of drivers who are in possession of a full PSV licence, a full driver licence and are certified as medically fit to drive who have been working for contractors on contracts with Bus Éireann but are currently required to retire at 70 years of age such as a person (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [20129/21]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Education if parents will be refunded school transport costs for the duration of school closures due to the health restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20132/21]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of the review of the report on the ex-gratia scheme for survivors of sexual abuse in day schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20180/21]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Education if the survivors of sexual abuse at a school (details supplied) will be included in the ex-gratia scheme for survivors of sexual abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20181/21]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to amend the State Examinations Commission’s reasonable accommodations at the certificate examinations scheme to broaden the criteria for accessing a reader and to allow readers to explain the meanings of words, phrases and sentences to students who struggle with reading comprehension due to dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [20196/21]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Education her views on an issue raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [20197/21]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a procedure in place to deal with cases in which a person receives contradictory information regarding their Covid-19 risk levels from Medmark and the HSE. — Sorca Clarke. [20214/21]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Education the processes and procedures in place to identify and address bullying, harassment and employment discrimination complaints in schools by direct employees of the boards of management in which members of the board of management or senior management of the school are the subjects of the complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [20219/21]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider establishing a new second-level school in east County Cork to open in September 2022 in view of the situation that second-level schools in the area are oversubscribed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [20266/21]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered making amendments to the student teacher Gaeltacht grant model which would result in full State funding of mandatory Gaeltacht placement for all student teachers; the engagement she has had in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20347/21]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Education if special consideration will be given to the additional school accommodation scheme application made by a school (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [20350/21]
1073. To ask the Minister for Education if it is planned to restore the three school days (details supplied) that were missed prior to the commencement of remote learning in order to ensure that children are not disadvantaged any further as a result of the closure of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20438/21]

1074. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to the situation of teachers who are in the high-risk category and have received their vaccination and wish to return to work but Medmark do not take the vaccine into account as regard to its back to work strategy for teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [20444/21]

1075. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide information in relation to each of the school planning areas covering an area (details supplied). — Richard Bruton. [20496/21]

1076. To ask the Minister for Education if the provisions within the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 governing the termination of waiting lists and preference in admission to Gaelscoileanna for those who speak Irish in the home are yet in place; and if so, the way in which they are now influencing admissions. — Richard Bruton. [20497/21]

1077. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in sanctioning the need for a new primary school in Santry, Dublin 9 given the 3,600 new dwellings in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [20519/21]

1078. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in sanctioning the need for a new secondary school in Santry, Dublin 9 given the 3,600 new dwellings in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [20520/21]

1079. To ask the Minister for Education if further progress has been made with regard to the permanent planning application for a school (details supplied) to be located on the Mill Road, Drogheda, County Louth; if further updates will be provided in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20552/21]

1080. To ask the Minister for Education if further progress has been made in relation to the urgent need for additional accommodation ahead of the new academic year on the site of a school (details supplied) since her Department confirmed it would remain on Mill Road, Drogheda, County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20553/21]

1081. To ask the Minister for Education the number of DEIS primary schools and secondary schools, respectively by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20563/21]

1082. To ask the Minister for Education the number of DEIS primary schools and secondary schools, respectively by county which are provided with a home school community liaison coordinator; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20564/21]

1083. To ask the Minister for Education the funding allocated to DEIS schools in each of the academic years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 in the form of a DEIS grant to support learning in the context of DEIS for the academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20565/21]

1084. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 281 of 20 January 2021, if a final decision has been made in relation to the emergency works appeal by a school
(details supplied) following the unfortunate matter of being unable to decant to its new premises as expected in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20569/21]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Education if any of the post-primary schools to open in 2021 will be an Irish-medium school; and if not, her contingency plans to provide for the wishes of those parents who have stated a preference for Irish-medium education. — Patrick Costello. [20651/21]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure children with special educational needs who received a recent change in diagnosis as in the case of a child (details supplied) resulting in the school of their choice being no longer suitable for their needs will not lose out on a place in a second-level special school in September 2021. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20671/21]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for a change of status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20677/21]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied); the timescale for the commencement of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20685/21]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made on an application by a school (details supplied) for change of status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20709/21]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts her Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of her Department; if she will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20722/21]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Education if arrangements will be made to facilitate a child (details supplied) in relation to their application for enrolment in a special educational unit. — Joe Flaherty. [20738/21]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the new curricular subject requirements which will be in effect from 1 January 2023 downgrade the importance of Irish history by removing the requirement that history teachers should have passed Irish history modules in university equivalent to at least a quarter of their history credits. — Peadar Tóibín. [20756/21]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review tendering for school bus routes in wake of the outcome of an investigation (details supplied); the action being taken to ensure fair tendering in related routes in which concerns have been previously flagged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20794/21]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in increasing school bus capacity due to the additional seating requirements arising from Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20831/21]
*1095. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains satisfied that all children including those with special needs can get ready access to the education system notwithstanding the impact of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20849/21]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Education if music teachers who facilitated the music practical examinations for the leaving certificate 2021 will be able to avail of the examinations aide rate of payment and will be remunerated for their work. — Gary Gannon. [20860/21]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the lack of data recording the number of instances and reasons leading to students having to repeat oral examinations for the leaving certificate 2021; if she considers this an oversight by the State Examinations Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [20861/21]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her engagement with the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in respect of the ways in which the issue of youth unemployment is being addressed; her plans to reduce the levels of youth unemployment here; and if her Department offers support and or assistance to business regarding mitigating youth unemployment (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [20785/21]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person is eligible to apply for the pandemic unemployment payment if their employment ceases at the end of the casual employment season in fish processing factories; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18165/21]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the fuel allowance payment beyond April (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18201/21]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a school (details supplied) was omitted from the hot meals scheme; if the application by the school for same will be reconsidered given the socioeconomic profile of its pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [18207/21]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether credit unions and other financial institutions should be allowed the option of accepting the public services card as one of a number of possible identification documents when opening an account; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [18217/21]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Covid-19 rent supplement claimants in County Kerry that are also on the full rate of pandemic unemployment payment and on the reduced rate payment, respectively. — Pa Daly. [18238/21]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will be announcing an increase in the number of participants on community employment, rural social and Tús schemes as per the Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 - Our Rural Future document; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [18260/21]
*1105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of referrals made to JobPath to date in 2021; the reason referrals have continued during level 5 restrictions given they were suspended previously; the engagement and training being offered to participants currently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18268/21]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 989 of 24 March 2021, if the report into the contracted employment services will be published. — Claire Kerrane. [18269/21]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if invalidity and blind pensions are lost if persons with disabilities take up academic scholarships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18283/21]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to the proposals to publicly tender on a cost bid model for local employment services and jobs clubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [18284/21]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to extending the period of training and upskilling of the present community employment participants for an additional 12 months in lieu of the year lost due to Covid-19 restrictions; if she will acknowledge that to carry through the ethos of the community employment schemes to train and upskill participants in their chosen occupation for a period of three years and have them fully prepared for the labour market on the satisfactory completion of their three-year training and upskilling period would not be fulfilled for the current participants if their contract is not extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [18284/21]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a response will issue to correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to the Local Employment Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [18296/21]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the increased numbers of persons in An Post branches as a result of changes to opening hours resulting from Easter public holidays; if her attention has been further drawn to the impact this has on social distancing and raised anxiety amongst those who are collecting payments in-branch; the health and safety measures that have been undertaken to address queues in the lead up to public holidays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18356/21]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures she will be putting in place to ensure that the proposed tendering for public employment services reflects the provision of a tailored, personalised service which includes a range of progressions appropriate to the person’s circumstances and which prevents the unemployed person from being turned into a commodity whose sole purpose is to deliver a profit and protects the terms and conditions of and offers job security to the highly qualified and skilled staff that currently provide this service (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [18357/21]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to change the funding mechanism for the local employment services from a cost met model to a cost bid model; the implication of this change on guidance counsellor mediation services provided by local employment services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [18360/21]
*1114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person in receipt of either the disability allowance, an invalidity pension or other disability payment from her Department is permitted to take up a PhD scholarship or bursary without the loss of their disability allowance, their invalidity pension or other disability payment or any part thereof. — Paul Murphy. [18364/21]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the only DEIS band 1 national school (details supplied) in County Clare was not included in the hot school meals programme for 2021-2022; if this decision will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [18389/21]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if 189 schools were successful and 91 applicant schools were not successful in their applications for the recently announced hot school meals pilot programme; the number of the unsuccessful applicant schools that were DEIS schools; her plans to address the large demand for hot meals in many more schools given the large volume of unsuccessful schools that applied to be part of the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18390/21]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports in place for young persons from 18 to 24 years of age that are not in employment, education and training. — Louise O’Reilly. [18476/21]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a person (details supplied) who was turned down for the State pension transition payment; and if this case will be reviewed. — Sean Sherlock. [18519/21]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will receive a response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [18593/21]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the lack of progress in the area of legal recognition for non-binary persons; if she is committed to providing for an x marker on legal documents in line with practice in other progressive European countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [18612/21]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the outcome of an appeal for a State pension (non-contributory) will be re-examined in the case of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [18615/21]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made on the introduction of an extra three weeks of parents’ benefit; and the timeframe involved for the change to apply. — John McGuinness. [18661/21]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views and advice on a matter (details supplied) in relation to seasonal workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18702/21]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if grants are available to allow a person caring for an elderly relative to upgrade their car in cases in which they are solely responsible for driving the older person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18739/21]
*1125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the draft legislation in relation to gender recognition for transgender persons aged 16 and 17 will be brought before Dáil Éireann; the progress made to date in relation to the other matters set out in the Programme for Government relating to this issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18745/21]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reopen services relating to public services cards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18754/21]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the legal basis for demanding the public services card for other public services in view of the Data Protection Commission report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18760/21]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expand recognition and payments for carers of incapacitated persons; if persons who must give up work to care for an incapacitated person will receive financial support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18766/21]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made on implementing the Programme for Government commitment on pensions for carers; if the matter for carers of incapacitated persons will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18767/21]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when tenders will be sought for the provision of local employment services throughout the State; if it will be a condition of bidding to provide such services that the area of operation of each service will be coterminous with the existing SICAP provision areas or LAG areas for Leader; if the operating companies will be required to have a partnership structure to their boards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18885/21]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will approve the extension of the fuel allowance for an additional four weeks in view of the costs incurred by persons in earlier spells of extremely cold weather and the additional time spent at home resulting in higher fuel costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [18896/21]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will support the demands from community employment supervisors to access an occupational pension scheme and for the same rights as other workers in the public sector carrying out identical or similar work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18904/21]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the situation with regard to the issuing of new public services cards; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that persons cannot get access to certain services, for example, applying for a learner’s permit due to public services cards which are needed to apply for same are not being issued at present; the alternatives to accessing services without a public services card that exist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [18979/21]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update in relation to the ongoing community employment supervisors pension issue; if plans are in place for a pay rise for
supervisors given that there has been no increase since 2008; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [19000/21]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person is on a certain rate of carers allowance designed to allow them to work 18 hours, if the allowance can be increased due to a lack of working time due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [19019/21]

*1136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 989 of 23 March 2021, if the external consultant’s report on public employment services will be made available; if she will also share the response from the LMAC regarding the progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [19020/21]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 989 of 23 March 2021, if the future of employment service provision will ensure that schemes will continue to be community-focused; if her Department will avoid a move towards a cost-bid model as part of updates to local employment services in recognition of the extensive public costs of schemes such as JobPath; if a cost-meet model will be utilised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [19021/21]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position of PRSI liability for persons that are legally separated and in receipt of maintenance payments (details supplied); her plans to investigate the current system further to ensure that persons in such a position are not overly financially disaffected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [19098/21]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views regarding the tourism industry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19126/21]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the 156/234 day allowance for jobseeker’s benefit has not been extended to those who are in receipt of this payment as a direct result of the pandemic and associated restrictions. — Sorca Clarke. [19128/21]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason aviation staff, many of whom have already experienced a significant decrease in their earnings, are told by her Department that they must experience a further substantial loss of earnings in order to requalify for casual jobseeker’s benefit. — Sorca Clarke. [19129/21]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the continued financial supports that are available to those whose working hours have been significantly reduced as a result of the current pandemic and its associated restrictions; and her plans to extend the criteria needed to qualify for casual jobseeker’s allowance. — Sorca Clarke. [19130/21]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial supports that are available to those whose working hours have been significantly reduced as a result of the current pandemic and its associated restrictions when they have exhausted the current qualifying criteria for casual jobseeker’s benefit (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [19131/21]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress that is being made to give non-binary persons legal recognition on legal documents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [19159/21]
*1145. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if self-employed workers with PRSI contributions in category S can avail of carers benefit if they meet other criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19161/21]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to extend the eligibility of self-employed persons to avail of carers benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19162/21]

*1147. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to adjusting the terms of the pandemic unemployment payment scheme to allow persons to undertake day and night-time courses to upskill and potentially retrain for other forms of employment. — Cathal Crowe. [19184/21]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on progress regarding the legal recognition of non-binary persons. — Paul Murphy. [19221/21]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the time a person can remain on jobseeker’s benefit in which they have lost days at work due to Covid-19; if she will suspend the rules around requalification to allow workers to retain the income support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [19278/21]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to issues facing workers (details supplied) that are coming to the end of their claim on jobseeker’s benefit due to the six month, nine month rule and that rely on this income support; the action she plans to take to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [19279/21]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address concerns from a person (details supplied) that changes in pension eligibility and contribution rules introduced in 2012 have had an adverse impact on the pension amount they are set to receive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [19310/21]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied) for the State pension (non-contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [19475/21]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter in relation to an overpayment (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19477/21]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for the expansion of local employment services; if the expansion will include the change in delivery from a cost-met to a cost-bid arrangement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [19500/21]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a commitment will be given to ensure community-based employment services which provide certainty, capacity and equity in terms of access for jobseekers which do not use a costs-bid basis for future contacts given the prospect of a wave of unemployment due to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [19580/21]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if entitlement to a State pension through the ten year rule can be re-examined in cases in which an applicant has previous contributions in the UK which could be taken into account. — Robert Troy. [19607/21]
*1157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the minimum amount of pension income which a person resident here is expected to live off. — Robert Troy. [19609/21]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost associated with increasing all basic adult social welfare rates including the increase for a qualified adult by €10 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ó Cuív. [19613/21]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) regarding a widow’s pension. — Paul McAuliffe. [19643/21]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the enterprise support grant will be made available to sole trader rate payers that did receive restart grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19651/21]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a disability allowance will be reinstated in the case of a person (details supplied); if the payment can be reinstated as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19666/21]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in the case of a review of a disability allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [19703/21]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a listing of the social welfare schemes whose payment rates and rules may be adjusted by way of Ministerial order including those requiring amendments to primary legislation respectively in tabular form; and the number of recipients and annual spend on each of the schemes in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [19709/21]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of women who are currently linked to their husband’s PPSN via the addition of the letter W at the end of their PPS number by county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [19724/21]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to bus drivers who are seasonal workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19739/21]

*1166. 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. [19749/21]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19751/21]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if women whose spouse has passed away can retain their W PPSN if they wish to do so; the steps her Department can take to ensure a supportive transition to a new PPSN and updating of systems regarding social welfare entitlements in cases in which women receive a new PPSN or revert to their original PPSN; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [19756/21]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19822/21]
*1170. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the locations in which the local employment service will be rolled out as part of plans to roll the service out to areas not currently covered by existing providers; the timeframe for their establishment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [19839/21]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of the jobseeker’s allowance and jobseeker’s benefit aged 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 years of age, respectively; and the corresponding number of each on a reduced rate of €112.70. — Claire Kerrane. [19840/21]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons referred to JobPath to date in 2021. — Claire Kerrane. [19841/21]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who gained employment which was sustained for 13, 26, 39 and 52 weeks, respectively through JobPath in 2020. — Claire Kerrane. [19842/21]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who have completed JobPath since 2015 who did not find employment. — Claire Kerrane. [19843/21]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who applied for the new benefit payment for 65 year olds since it was introduced; the number of applications which were refused; and the number approved. — Claire Kerrane. [19844/21]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons referred to the local employment service in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Claire Kerrane. [19845/21]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the recently announced benefit payment for 65 year olds in order that each person, irrespective of their record of PRSI contributions is eligible for this payment from the date at which they are 65; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19852/21]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19877/21]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address concerns (details supplied) raised by local employment services staff in Drogheda, County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [19954/21]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the process will be standardised in cases in which a person is in receipt of farm assistance and their income is static from year to year given that some persons filling out these forms annually find this process extremely cumbersome; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20003/21]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that undertook a programme (details supplied) during its existence; and the cost of the programme. — Louise O’Reilly. [20065/21]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the youth employment support scheme budget for 2021 including increased training allowances as provided for under the July stimulus in 2020. — Claire Kerrane. [20121/21]
*1183. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons employed through the JobPlus scheme from January 2020 to date; the number of employers involved in the scheme from January 2020 to date; and the number of payments across the two applicable rates for this timeframe in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [20122/21]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 139 of 25 November 2020, if further information will be provided in relation to the value of the contract and a description of the contract work referenced. — Mairéad Farrell. [20166/21]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if measures will be taken to ensure that workers of a company (details supplied) who are being informed that their jobseeker’s benefit will be coming to an end will have additional income supports to maintain their incomes during the Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20170/21]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of students that availed of the back to education allowance in 2019 and 2020. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20179/21]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of the process that is followed in her Department following receipt of a report from the occupational health unit of the Civil Service; if there is a policy to disagree with reports that state that there is nothing medically wrong with an employee (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [20207/21]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions that have been taken to gender and equality-proof social welfare provisions as set out in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [20216/21]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which a person (details supplied) is entitled to a widow’s pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20239/21]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason she is proceeding to a new model of local employment service delivery; the cost basis on which the new model will be delivered; the relevant technical and previous experience necessary for a potential tender applicant; the proposed timeline for the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [20291/21]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of students accessing the pandemic unemployment payment as a result of Covid-19 in August 2020, December 2020 and March 2021, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [20327/21]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to help provide further income support for aviation workers with particular reference to applicants who have been informed that their jobseeker’s benefit is due to come to an end and that hours and income must be reduced further in order to requalify for continuing assistance; the steps that can be taken to ensure continuity of assistance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20352/21]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of capital a person can have without it affecting their lone parent family income payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20363/21]
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*1194. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20371/21]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to extend the means test for those who wish to participate on the rural social scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [20430/21]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if JobPath will be coming to an end soon; if so, the date it be will be finishing; if she plans to replace the scheme with another scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [20439/21]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is receiving the correct amount of disability payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [20503/21]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is an entitlement to an increase in child dependent payments in the case of a person (details supplied) in view of the reduced level of maintenance payments. — Michael Creed. [20585/21]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if credits are automatically awarded in cases in which a person received the pandemic unemployment payment as with other social welfare payments as in the case of a person (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [20656/21]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review of the case of a person (details supplied) will be carried out following the provision of new information; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [20692/21]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason her Department treated a home loan account amounting to €178,000 from a financial institution as a deposit account in calculating the eligibility of a person (details supplied) to disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20716/21]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the efforts her Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of her Department; if she will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20733/21]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered extending the two year term that businesses are eligible to receive grant aid under jobs plus scheme in view of the significant financial pressure many businesses are under due to the Covid-19 pandemic and in order to retain as many jobs plus employees as possible in the workforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [20786/21]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average fees on standard private pension products such as PRSAs and AVC-PRSAs in Ireland; the way in which these fees compare to the EU average; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20829/21]
*1205. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeframe in which a person applying for a State pension should expect to hear back once they have submitted the necessary documents. — Cathal Crowe. [20856/21]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options available to a person who has applied for a State pension prior to their 66th birthday but failed to hear back before the birthday and now is unable to work up extra contributions to make up a shortfall in entitlements. — Cathal Crowe. [20857/21]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the free travel pass scheme to persons who cannot hold a driver licence due to their level of vision impairment but do not meet the medical conditions for blind pension resulting in them being ineligible for the free travel pass scheme and incurring significant additional costs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [20859/21]

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

*1208. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons from north County Tipperary that are referred to refuge accommodation in counties Limerick and Clare in each of the years 2016 to 2020 inclusive; his views on the lack of a refuge in north County Tipperary; his further views on the pressure it puts on such services in counties Limerick and Clare; and if there are plans to provide such a service in north County Tipperary. — Martin Browne. [19074/21]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions his Department has taken to survey the resource needs of local authorities and make available additional resources for accommodating asylum seekers as outlined in the recommendations of the Report of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19395/21]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the preparation and implementation of the National Strategy for Women and Girls 2017-2020; the number of times this committee has met in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will publish all minutes from these meetings. — Catherine Murphy. [20823/21]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if all 50 asylum seekers from the Moria refugee camp that were committed to relocating in October 2020 have been successfully relocated here; if not, the timeline for their relocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18155/21]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has had discussions with an organisation (details supplied) regarding its need for financial support; the supports his Department plans to provide to the organisation in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18193/21]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to set up a redress board for persons that suffered sexual abuse in an organisation (details supplied); and the timeframe for the implementation of same. — Paul Donnelly. [18198/21]
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*1214. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the process by which a preschool can apply for capital funding to develop a new building for an existing preschool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18206/21]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for not advertising the call for submission on a restorative recognition scheme for former residents of the mother and baby homes in a publication (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18225/21]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the expected date of the introduction of enhanced medical cards to survivors of mother and baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [18233/21]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the sections of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 that have commenced to date; his plans and associated timescales for the commencement of the remaining sections of the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [18248/21]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the changes he plans to make to the way in which a person with limited or no decision-making capacity can be represented by a person with power of attorney; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [18249/21]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Government will immediately relocate refugees and asylum seekers from the horrific, dehumanizing Moira refugee camp in Lesvos, Greece in which they are trapped; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18267/21]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of progress relating to the implementation of the recommendation from the WRC to amend the pay scale for county childcare managers; if his Department has completed a review it was undertaking of a submission which was received from a county childcare committee board of management before January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [18308/21]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date on which the consultation on the establishment of a statutory entitlement to paid domestic violence leave is due to conclude; and if he will publish the findings of this consultation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18553/21]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of single persons who are sharing with other persons within the direct provision system. — Pa Daly. [18569/21]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to develop a successor strategy to the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18690/21]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made to date to develop a comprehensive Traveller and Roma training, employment and enterprise plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18691/21]
*1225. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered to staff working in Tusla residential care and special care units; the number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered to staff working in Oberstown Children Detention Campus; the reason for any difference in approach; the timeline for the vaccination of Oberstown staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18781/21]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the average estimated cost of the direct provision system per person per month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18795/21]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 729 of 31 March 2021, if parents who welcome a child via surrogacy can avail of parental leave and parent’s leave and benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18840/21]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the follow-up actions taken by officials in the International Protection Accommodation Service regarding a facility (details supplied) outlining the finding; the measures taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [18863/21]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans providing extra funding to an organisation (details supplied) due to the effect the Covid-19 pandemic is having on it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19007/21]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter in relation to the ECCE scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19056/21]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and name of all private providers of children’s residential care for Tusla; the number of residents currently in privately run residential homecare for children; the estimated full cost of funding to all private providers of children’s residential care contracted by Tusla since 2010; and the number and cost of funding and providing services to residents in residential care provided directly by the HSE. — Bríd Smith. [19104/21]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of requests for emergency refuge from domestic violence that could not be met each month during 2020, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19107/21]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to resettle refugees in Ireland currently in Greek migrant camps including child refugees; if the number of refugees from this region to be resettled can be increased to 400; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [19179/21]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions that have been completed out of the 149 actions recommended in the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19346/21]
*1235. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the establishment of a working group to develop an autism innovation strategy; the membership of the working group; the timeline to develop the strategy; if this strategy will consist of clear targets and goals; if it will be given adequate resources to meet its targets and goals; the way in which persons with autism and groups representing persons with autism can feed into and become involved in the creation of this strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [19523/21]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the State funding an organisation (details supplied) has received each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [19532/21]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the way the irregular location of certain child and family support networks such as play therapy may pose a barrier to the implementation of a successful intervention in the lives of a family requiring that service locally. — Martin Browne. [19576/21]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on south County Tipperary being left behind in relation to the to the roll-out of the national prevention, partnership and family support service; and the initiatives being taken currently to rectify the matter. — Martin Browne. [19577/21]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date and plan for when a prevention, partnership and family support team will be operational in south County Tipperary as is operating in neighbouring Tusla business areas. — Martin Browne. [19578/21]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans or has had engagement with any party in relation to potential future use of houses at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; if so, the nature of the plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19641/21]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 535 of 17 February 2021, the status of the investigation into the leak of the report of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19776/21]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19809/21]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19864/21]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the draft national standards for children’s social services once approved will replace the existing National Standards for Foster Care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19922/21]
*1245. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the promised disability (miscellaneous provisions) Bill; the timeline for the publication of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19974/21]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the promised assisted decision-making (capacity)(amendment) Bill; the timeline for the publication of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19975/21]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for Ireland’s ratification of the Optional Protocol to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19976/21]

*1248. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the decision support service; when it will be fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19977/21]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of young persons who have been taken into wardship in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021 for oppositional defiant disorder, conduct disorder and emotional behaviour disorder; the number of these young persons that have been sent for specialist treatment to a hospital (details supplied) in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19978/21]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Irish young person’s resident in a hospital (details supplied); the way in which their progress is monitored by Tusla or other State bodies while they are resident there; the way in which their reintegration on return to Ireland is managed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19979/21]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the draft national standards for children’s social services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20108/21]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the full commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Sean Sherlock. [20198/21]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of outbreaks of Covid-19 that have been recorded in early childhood education and care facilities each month to date in 2021. — Sean Sherlock. [20200/21]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding direct provision accommodation for asylum seekers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [20232/21]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the final report of the collaborative forum of former residents of mother and baby homes and related institutions will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20233/21]
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*1256. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date for publishing the interim report of the Anti-Racism Committee; the scheduled timeframe for the implementation plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20366/21]

*1257. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige cén fáth gur mhol a Roinn do sholáthraí seirbhísí cúram leanaí Gaeilge ráiteas físe trí Bhéarla amháin ón Aire ar an 12 Aibreán 2021 a scaipeadh ar fhoireann na seirbhísí agus teaghlaithe Ghaeltachta a bhaineann úsáid as an tseirbhís; cén fáth nár cuireadh fotheidil Ghaeilge leis an bhfíseán a fhad is a cuireadh fotheidil Bhéarla leis chun freastal ar phobal labhartha na Gaeilge; agus an admhaíonn sé go raibh an moladh agus an teachtareacht seo ag brú Béarla ar mhuintir na Gaeltachta agus pobal labhartha na Gaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20410/21]

*1258. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige an bhfuil aon bheartas nó comhghnás cumarsáide ag a Roinn chun a chinntiú go ndéanfaidh aon chumarsáid ón Roinn freastal ar phobal labhartha Gaeilge agus soláthraí seirbhísí cúram leanaí a fheidhmíonn trí Ghaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20411/21]

*1259. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Leanaí, Comhionannais, Míchumais, Lánpháirtíochta agus Óige an bhfuil cúram ag a Roinn i leith chomhghnáis don Roinn freastal ar phobal labhartha na Gaeilge agus muintir na Gaeltachta, agus cén obair atá ar bun aige bainteach leis sin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20412/21]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20720/21]

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

*1261. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the investment made into student mental health services over the past three academic years. — Martin Browne. [20706/21]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current psychological counselling staffing levels across all public higher education institutions. — Martin Browne. [20707/21]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student that received a higher CAO offer in November 2020 after taking up a third-level course will be expected to pay first-year student contribution charges for both the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years; the number of students it is anticipated will be impacted; the estimated cost to the Exchequer to waive the student contribution charge for these students for the 2021-2022 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18106/21]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase the delivery of third-level college places; the location of the additional third-level places to be allocated; and if these will be allocated to the HEAR or DARE programmes or
other similar schemes in other colleges across the country given the current shortage of same. — Thomas Gould. [18109/21]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to increase the SUSI grant threshold. — Thomas Gould. [18288/21]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if an application for the DARE scheme by a student (details supplied) will be accepted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18317/21]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of third-level students who are not in receipt of a SUSI grant and received the €250 once-off Covid-19 payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [18318/21]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether it is fair that SUSI recipients of the Covid student support payment are specifically exempt from tax however the non-SUSI payment is considered as income for tax purposes for non-SUSI recipients. — Mattie McGrath. [18319/21]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide further clarification on a matter (details supplied); the students classified as the majority; and the basis on which a student is considered tax liable. — Mattie McGrath. [18320/21]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans in place to support students in rural areas who are unable to attend or access a college course due to a lack of broadband and as a result are at risk of failing their end of year exams; the way in which colleges and universities will facilitate students in the event of such an outcome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [18327/21]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if supports will remain in place for language schools to allow the industry to protect itself until it can return to business with the resumption of international travel for the next 12 to 18 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [18365/21]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of publicly funded research being produced which is open access; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18375/21]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a person (details supplied) has to pay further fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [18412/21]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a person (details supplied) who is completing a plumbing apprenticeship will be able to start their first stage of college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [18414/21]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is satisfied with the work of the Higher Education Authority and the subcommittee of the governing body of Galway Mayo Institute of Technology on their management oversight and
development of the Mayo campus taskforce implementation plan; and his views on whether the recommendations progressed and the changes implemented realised their targeted impact in making the Mayo campus more financially viable into the future. — Alan Dillon. [18465/21]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason the ring-fenced funding provided by the Higher Education Authority of €750,000 per annum used in 2018, 2019 and 2020 was only used to reduce the ongoing annual deficits incurred at the Mayo campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18466/21]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he expects the mid-term review report of the independent assessor of the Mayo campus taskforce implementation will be published; the details of the HEA Finance and Governance Committee findings on this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18468/21]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to access to educational supports will receive a response. — Claire Kerrane. [18509/21]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action he will take to ensure that all apprentices whose course has been affected by Covid-19 restrictions will be able to qualify in the same timeframe as they would have done before the restrictions were introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [18529/21]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the practice by the Science Foundation of Ireland Centre for Research Training at the University of Limerick of requiring PhD students to undertake unpaid work placement as interns for 12 weeks of up to 45 hours per week as part of their PhD scheme (details supplied); if this practise at the university is also carried out by other universities here; if he will request the University of Limerick and any other universities to review these practises, including a requirement that PhD student interns are paid the same as other interns for the work they carry out and are allowed to freely choose which companies they work for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18540/21]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will request the University of Limerick and or the Science Foundation of Ireland Centre for Research Training at the University of Limerick to comply with GDPR requirements; if they will be requested to provide their PhD students with all or any information collected in relation to access to educational supports involved in such PhD student internship allocation processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18541/21]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the procedure used to appoint the independent programme executive director for the TUSEI project; the salary associated with and duration of the contract; if the appointment of an independent programme executive director was requested by institutes of technology within the consortia; if not, if it was an initiative of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18636/21]
*1283. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if technological university consortia other than TUSEI have had or will have an independent programme executive director appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18637/21]

*1284. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students studying at the Mayo campus of GMIT since 2005, by course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18638/21]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on talks with the aim of finding an alternative to placements for social care students in order to allow them to progress into the next year or to graduate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18648/21]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of a western regional skills forum to determine the current and future needs of employers in relation to education, skills and recruitment in the west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18655/21]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown of the higher education courses which include a compulsory placement element; if students are entitled to be paid on these placements; and the number of students enrolled on courses of this nature; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18670/21]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated amount that has been distributed through the student assistance fund over the past twelve months to support students with placement costs. — Claire Kerrane. [18671/21]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure there are common practices across third-level institutions for the recognition of the names and genders of transgender and intersex persons within the institution even in cases in which a gender recognition certificate has not been issued (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18703/21]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if plans for new apprenticeship programmes by Letterkenny Institute of Technology and ETB Donegal will be supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [18732/21]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will extend financial supports for the English language education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18769/21]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider adding a university (details supplied) for the purpose of SUSI grant aid and other open colleges which make QQI awards and certificates in many subjects in order to increase access to higher education and allow persons upskill during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18802/21]

*1293. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with their next phase of the Solas apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [18807/21]
To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of altering the free fees criteria to encompass students enrolled on a graduate entry programme who already hold a level 8 degree; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18809/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of altering the free fees criteria to encompass the final year of studies for students enrolled on an integrated master’s programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18810/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to review the eligibility criteria of the free fees initiative; the process in which the eligibility criteria for the free fees initiative can be altered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [18811/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average time an apprentice is out of education and or unemployed before taking up an apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18823/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 269 of 1 April 2021, the subjects that have intake limits or quotas issued from his or any other Department such as in the case of primary teachers and the Department of Education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18824/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of places available for first year veterinary medicine in UCD each year; the number allocated to students in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18836/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a full list of all institution and courses that provide allocated places for students from Northern Ireland or make special arrangements for those applying with A-levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18837/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the educational staff to student ratio in each higher education institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18853/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of public funding in total revenue of each higher education institute since 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18857/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if supports will be put in place to help the English as a foreign language sector recover from the Covid-19 downturn in trade. — Cathal Crowe. [18950/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost per student on the Technological University DIT pilot pre-apprenticeship programme; the number transferred to apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18975/21]
*1305. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of part-time, fixed term, zero hour, short-term and unpaid contracts that exist in each university, institute of technology and technological university across all institutions under the remit of the HEA in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [19004/21]

*1306. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has received a request from a centre (details supplied) for a waiver of the QQ1 regarding the engagement fee based on section 80 of the Qualifications and Quality Assurance (Education and Training) Act 2012; his views on this request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [19115/21]

*1307. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students in further education institutions will be afforded the Covid €250 grant. — Sean Sherlock. [19196/21]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of each project, description and funding he identified as having being already allocated a variety of projects in the south east as part of the technological university in his Dáil Éireann statement on 10 March 2021 (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [19231/21]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a detailed schedule with respect to the €966 million provided in capital funding across the higher education sector in each of the years 2008 to 2019, in tabular form; the institution, location, description or purpose and quantum of funding provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [19232/21]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of each institution, building name, size and funding requested under the Higher Education Strategic Infrastructure Fund programme call issued in December 2018 and announced in August 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [19233/21]

*1311. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálafochta agus Eolafochta an dul chun cinn atá déanta ag a Roinn go dáta le feidhm a thabhairt a chuir i gcéadú na rialtais go dtí na Oideachais agus na Tiompóideanachtaí an Iarthar ar a chur inbhinn fíor-bhunaithe i gceist. An bhfuil i gceist aithbhreithniú i dtaobh na hAire Roinn le chéile le dáltaí na hOideachais agus na Tiompóideanachtaí, mar a bhíodh a thabhairt a chuir i gcéadú na rialtais go dtí na Oideachais agus na Tiompóideanachtaí. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19234/21]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered providing additional supports to the English language training organisations which have been adversely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19343/21]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the State expenditure per student in higher education in 2021 including Covid-19 related expenditure; the cost per student excluding Covid-19 related expenditure in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19361/21]
*1314. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the State expenditure per student in higher education in each of the years since 2007, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19362/21]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average cost associated with a craft apprenticeship excluding the 45% used for allowances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19364/21]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average cost associated with a craft apprenticeship excluding the 36% used for consortia costs and set-up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19365/21]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown of the 36% cost of new apprenticeships used for consortia costs and set-up, particularly the percentage that goes on set-up costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19366/21]

*1318. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the minimum an employer is allowed to pay an apprentice under the new consortia led apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19367/21]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of removing the annual student contribution and examination fees for all apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19368/21]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices by craft and new; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19369/21]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress of all qualifying students in receiving the €250 refund on fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19391/21]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the expenditure on consortia cost excluding set-up costs since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19409/21]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure that financial supports for this sector continue given that the English language, international student sector is entirely dependent on international travel in order to get students through the transitional period of gradual reopening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [19434/21]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has considered the plight of the English language education sector that has been decimated during the pandemic due to its reliance on international travel (details supplied); if much needed supports being provided will be extended until the sector has sufficiently recovered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19533/21]
*1325. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the expansion of a further education and training course hub with a new campus for a school (details supplied) will be delivered. — Niamh Smyth. [19572/21]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the projections for the future revenue of the national training fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [19579/21]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide the details that were submitted to the Higher Education Authority on the long-term sustainable future for the Mayo campus detailed by the governing body of Galway Mayo Institute of Technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19646/21]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost to construct a single-occupancy bedroom as part of a student accommodation complex; if he plans to alter the policy on the way they increase the supply of student accommodation in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [19735/21]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has been contacted by students on the Erasmus programme who are concerned about mandatory quarantine and the fees associated with same; the actions he has taken in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19758/21]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Irish third-level students currently studying abroad on the Erasmus programme will be subject to the full costs of mandatory hotel quarantine upon their return to Ireland; the measures being put in place to alleviate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [19807/21]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19816/21]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) regarding the hotel quarantine fees faced by students who have studied abroad will receive a response. — Sean Sherlock. [19853/21]

*1333. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19871/21]

*1334. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he will put in place to address the hardship being levied on Erasmus students and students studying abroad as a result of the mandatory hotel quarantine system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19894/21]

*1335. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged with the Minister for Health, the HSE and or higher education institutes to ensure that students on clinical placements in hospitals who opt not to be vaccinated can complete their placements at a later date without failing or repeating the previous academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19919/21]
*1336. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the PPP proposal to construct a new engineering building on the grounds of Waterford Institute of Technology; the new target date for the sign-off on build contract given the scheduled date of 31 March 2021 for tender award has passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [19963/21]

*1337. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to provide an income disregard for a student on the pandemic unemployment payment who is applying to SUSI for a grant given that they would have received this income disregard if working over the holidays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19981/21]

*1338. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated amount of the Solas fund established for a group (details supplied) that is still available; if he has considered allowing this fund to be used towards the payment of enhanced redundancy sums that have been denied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [20085/21]

*1339. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if student nurses who were requested by the State to work during the first wave of Covid-19 in 2020 will be penalised by SUSI when their earnings are taken into account for the current academic year; if he can intervene in such cases; if he will amend the regulations that are facilitating the reduction in the grants available to student nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [20330/21]

*1340. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage share of public funding in the revenue of the higher education sector as a whole; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [20356/21]

*1341. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage share of public funding in the revenue of each higher education institute in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [20357/21]

*1342. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the staff-to-teacher ratio in higher education since 2008, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [20358/21]

*1343. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional information will be provided on the all-island research centres referenced in his Departments statement of strategy 2021-2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [20359/21]

*1344. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding that has or will be made available by his Department as part of the adult literacy strategy to implement the Labour Court recommendation to regularise the terms and conditions of the adult literacy tutors employed by the education and training boards; when his Department plans to implement the recommendation; the additional budget that will be made available for payment of tutors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [20542/21]

*1345. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost to cover the pro rata student contribution for students enrolled in apprenticeships
within higher education institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [20661/21]

*1346. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the prohibitive fees for graduate entry to medicine programmes; the steps he is taking to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20669/21]

*1347. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who were supported by the student support scheme for asylum seekers in 2019-2020 academic year. — Thomas Pringle. [20673/21]

*1348. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of altering the free fees criteria to include migrants, asylum seeker and undocumented students. — Thomas Pringle. [20674/21]

*1349. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students currently studying in higher education institutions who are registered as having refugee status. — Thomas Pringle. [20675/21]

*1350. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the interactions of his Department with an organisation (details supplied) since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [20700/21]

*1351. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average salary for one full-time equivalent counselling psychologist; and the estimated amount it would cost to fund one full-time psychological counsellor for every 1,000 students in each higher education institution nationwide. — Martin Browne. [20708/21]

*1352. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of each two point reduction in the academic staff-to-student ratio for universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [20715/21]

*1353. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20727/21]

*1354. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students receiving the back to education allowance who also applied for the student assistance fund based on the latest figures available. — Sorca Clarke. [20737/21]

*1355. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if financial supports for English language schools will be extended until the return of international travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20743/21]

*1356. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when works will be completed on the merger of Limerick Institute of Technology and Athlone...
IT into a technological university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [20764/21]

*1357. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta cé mhéad airgead atá á chaithreamh ag a Roinn le cúrsaí trí Ghaeilge a sholáthar ag an tríú leibhéal, nach mbaineann leis an nGaeilge mar ábhar nó leis an múinteoiríocht, ar nós Dlí, Eolaíocht, Gnó, agus cé mhéad mac léinn timeall na tíre atá sna cúrsaí seo. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20771/21]

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

*1358. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to change the regulatory framework for gambling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20996/21]

*1359. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cé mhéid breitheamh ag gach leibhéal cúirte sa tír atá inniúil ar chásanna a éisteacht as Gaeilge, sa Chúirt Achomhairce, san Ard-Chúirt, sa Chúirt Chuarda agus sa Chúirt Dúiche. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20972/21]

*1360. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cad iad na céimeanna a ghlacfaidh sí le cinntiú go mbeidh 20% de na breithiúna gach leibhéal cúirte sa tír atá inniúil ar chásanna a éisteacht as Gaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20973/21]

*1361. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cad iad na céimeanna a ghlacfaidh aici le cinntiú go mbeidh an breitheamh dúiche a shannfar don bhfolúntas i ndúiche Uimhir 1 inniúil ar chásanna a éisteacht as Gaeilge faoi mar a éilíonn alt 71 den Acht Cúirteanna Breithiúnaíse 1924. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [20974/21]

*1362. To ask the Minister for Justice when consideration will be given to naturalisation in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18110/21]

*1363. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to implement the Justice Plan 2021 with particular reference to the relevant sections supporting a victim’s journey and the availability of counselling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18117/21]

*1364. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application can be expected to advance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18119/21]

*1365. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of letters that have been issued and are being issued each month to those in direct provision in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18131/21]

*1366. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of first instance interviews for asylum seekers that have been postponed from March 2020 to date; the number that are scheduled for 2021; the number of additional interviews that are scheduled monthly to clear the backlog; the number of cases that are assigned to each interviewer; the timeframe given to complete each case; the number that received their first interview in 2020, by month; and the number of interviews with applicants outside of Dublin that have been held by month from March 2020 to date. — Thomas Gould. [18132/21]
To ask the Minister for Justice the accelerated procedures that have been put in place for those seeking asylum given the considerable backlog. — Thomas Gould. [18133/21]

To ask the Minister for Justice the nature of the non-cooperation measures in relation to those seeking asylum. — Thomas Gould. [18134/21]

To ask the Minister for Justice the way in which the return of questionnaires have been speeded up in relation to those seeking asylum. — Thomas Gould. [18135/21]

To ask the Minister for Justice if an applicant seeking asylum who wants a speedy interview is placed on a remote interview list; if so, the length of the list; the length of the waiting time for this list; and the way in which applications are made. — Thomas Gould. [18136/21]

To ask the Minister for Justice the way in which the €1.7 million additional funding allocated to improving the processing waiting times is being spent in relation to persons seeking asylum. — Thomas Gould. [18137/21]

To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected position in respect of residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18159/21]

To ask the Minister for Justice the additional resources that will be allocated to the visa application offices nationally to ensure any backlog of applications will be processed as quickly as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [18164/21]

To ask the Minister for Justice when the Transfer of Sentenced Persons Acts will be updated to permit the repatriation of Irish prisoners serving sentences in the UK under sentences not recognised in Irish law; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [18209/21]

Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt an mbéidh moill ar iarratais eadóirseachta daoine (sonráí tugtha) mar thoradh ar earráid riaracháin ag a Roínn, nó an ndéanfaiú dí d’iarracht a n-íarratas a bhrostú ionas nach caitear níos measa leo ná iarratasóirí a roghnaíonn iarratas a sheoltar i mBéarla. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18220/21]

Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cé mhéad iarratas éadóirseachta atá déanta trí Ghaeilge chuig a Roínn. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18221/21]

To ask the Minister for Justice if she will intervene and ensure that the barrier to accessing free legal aid will be removed for all Stardust families involved in the upcoming inquiry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [18228/21]

To ask the Minister for Justice the way in which a person with limited or no decision making capacity can be represented by a person with power of attorney and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [18249/21]
*1380. To ask the Minister for Justice the waiting times for first decisions and appeal decisions for applicants for international protection; the number of letters regarding decisions issued each month; the current backlog of numbers as a result of Covid-19 restrictions; the projected time it will take to clear the backlog; the number of interviews taking place each month; the number of first interviews conducted in 2020; the number that were conducted outside of Dublin; the specific measures taken to speed up the process; the number of staff working on this process; her plans to hire additional staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [18255/21]

*1381. To ask the Minister for Justice the changes she has made to the internal process in her Department for the appointment of judges since she came to office. — Alan Kelly. [18279/21]

*1382. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fixed penalty charge notices issued for illegal parking of vehicles in each of the years 2015 to 2020. — Ciarán Cannon. [18306/21]

*1383. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18307/21]

*1384. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the work towards establishing a gambling regulator; if there is a timeline for the introduction of such; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18334/21]

*1385. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered limiting the advertisements for gambling on both television and radio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18336/21]

*1386. To ask the Minister for Justice the date on which alleged procurement irregularities involving the Irish Prison Service and a company (details supplied) was first drawn to the attention of the Secretary General of her Department; the action which was taken on foot of same; the dates of the action; if contracts and work outside of a tender or procurement process continued to be awarded to the company following the matter being brought to her Department’s attention; if any irregularities have been confirmed on foot of same; if so, the nature and extent of same; if an external report is completed or pending on the matter, if drafts of the report have been completed; the cost of the report; and when it will be published. — Catherine Murphy. [18367/21]

*1387. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 150 and 151 of 25 March 2021, the number of potential protected disclosures made to the Irish Prison Service by staff in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, which have been assessed as not a protected disclosure; the number closed following investigation; and the number which are ongoing investigations. — Catherine Murphy. [18371/21]

*1388. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department plans to regulate advertisements for gambling whether online or otherwise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18413/21]

*1389. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking to meet the backlog of registration for first time Garda national immigration bureau applicants; if she will consider increasing capacity to deal with the backlog in Dublin by giving functions to larger Garda stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [18460/21]
*1390. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount seized by Criminal Assets Bureau linked to organised drug crimes in Tallaght, Dublin 24 since 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [18500/21]

*1391. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of naturalisation applications made by UK citizens in each of the years 2014 to 2020, in tabular form; the average length of time the process has taken over the same time period in tabular form; her plans to provide an expedited service for UK citizens who have lived in Ireland for a prolonged period of time, that is, for over ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus Ó'Dowd. [18512/21]

*1392. To ask the Minister for Justice when the suspension on accepting new visa and preclearance applications will be lifted; the reason for this suspension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18513/21]

*1393. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1278 of 24 March 2020, when the current 880 active cases were received by the INIS; the initiatives which are in place to tackle the backlog by month in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [18582/21]

*1394. To ask the Minister for Justice the way that cross-Border policing and cooperation between the Police Service of Northern Ireland and An Garda Síochána has been operating since the end of the Brexit transition period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18603/21]

*1395. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of free legal aid annually in relation to cases of possession of illegal drugs for personal use and in cases of petty crimes associated with drug use. — Kathleen Funchion. [18607/21]

*1396. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the strategic review of the Garda reserve due in 2019; the schedule for the recommencement of recruitment to the Garda reserve which was suspended pending the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [18608/21]

*1397. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of judges attached to each court in the judicial system; the number of vacancies in each court waiting to be filled; the process by which it is decided to increase the number of judges at any given time; the number of cases in each court waiting to be processed; the reforms of the judicial system that she is considering; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [18635/21]

*1398. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the reopening of visa application centres and mandatory biometric enrolment for applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18709/21]

*1399. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for the citizenship application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18755/21]

*1400. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of outstanding cases and the likely timeframe to address the backlog of cases in the Dublin District and Circuit Civil Court Office. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18758/21]
*1401. To ask the Minister for Justice when face-to-face interviews for visas will recommence; and the procedure in place for those applying for visas during level 5 restrictions. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18770/21]

*1402. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt an bhfuil sí sásta go bhfuil mí sa bhreis curtha leis an moil 6 mhi ar phrioiseas eadóirseachta beirte is feidir duine cuí a fháil chun an t-aistríúcháin Gaeilge ar an bhfoirm iarratais a leagadh amach ar na leathanaigh i gceart go dtí an tseachtain roimh an 26 Aibreán 2021; an t-áirítear an bhfuil a Roinn freagrach as éagóir a dhéanamh ar phobal na Gaeilge i gcomparáid le pobail an Bhéarla; agus cén gníomh atá sí chun a dhéanamh chun an cáis seo a chur ina cheart agus na hiarratais a dheifriú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18786/21]

*1403. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cén fáth nach féidir le haon duine sa Roinn téacs aistríúcháin eadóirseachta a leagan amach i bhfoirm iarratais go dtí an tseachtain roimh an 26 Aibreán 2021; agus cén fáth ar gá fanacht ar sin chun an t-eolas atá á lorg sa bhfoirm a chur faoi bhráid na Roinne. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [18788/21]

*1404. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of candidates that were on the An Garda Síochána recruitment panel at 31 January 2021 subject to Covid-19 public health regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18790/21]

*1405. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of audio-visual appeal hearings which have been conducted by the International Protection Appeals Tribunal in 2020 and in January and February 2021; the number of those hearings which were conducted in a language other than English; the reason her Department has not been in a position to facilitate interpretation services for the Tribunal to conduct appeals in languages other than English; if she is satisfied with the progress of the Tribunal conducting appeals audio-visually; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18791/21]

*1406. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of appeals currently extant before the International Protections Tribunal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18792/21]

*1407. To ask the Minister for Justice if administrative staff, part-time members and full-time members of the International Protection Appeals Tribunal are treated as employees of her Department for any contractual, payroll, pension or administrative purposes; if the administrative staff of the Tribunal are eligible for promotion or transfer opportunities within her Department on the same basis as other civil servants in her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18793/21]

*1408. To ask the Minister for Justice when Ireland was required under EU law to enact legislation giving effect to the EU directive on the repatriation of sentenced persons; when the EU commenced taking enforcement proceedings against Ireland for not enacting such legislation; when she plans to publish a bill to comply with EU obligations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18878/21]

*1409. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of checks An Garda Síochána undertook in 2021 before mandatory hotel quarantine was in place to check if persons that travelled here from designated countries were quarantining in their home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18898/21]
*1410. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and value of fines issued to date in 2021 for failing to abide by the mandatory home quarantine requirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18899/21]

*1411. To ask the Minister for Justice if a date for a return to house viewings has been given; and if so, when it will take place. — Thomas Gould. [18918/21]

*1412. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an Irish resident permit application by a person (details supplied); the steps the person can take next in relation to the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18934/21]

*1413. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1294 of 9 July 2020, the details of the location of records of a person (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [18986/21]

*1414. To ask the Minister for Justice the action she plans to take in Q2 2021 to meet the objectives set out in the Action Plan 2021 to identify areas in which gaps in supports exist for victims of crime and to ameliorate those gaps; if she will examine the availability of counsellors in rape crisis centres as part of the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [19016/21]

*1415. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address a matter in relation to a person raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [19023/21]

*1416. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to regulate the advertising of online gambling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [19043/21]

*1417. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of applications for citizenship (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19066/21]

*1418. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she has taken to ensure the full functioning of the court system compliant with public health advice to address the growing backlog of cases including divorce and separation cases. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19088/21]

*1419. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of calls that were received by the Garda Traffic Watch Service in 2020; the number of those calls that are allocated a number in the Garda PULSE system; the number of investigations under the road traffic acts that resulted from those calls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [19112/21]

*1420. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is official policy that Garda traffic watch do not inform persons calling the service of PULSE numbers for their complaints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [19113/21]

*1421. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has reviewed the pension entitlement of a person (details supplied); if she will arrange to have a fresh medical examination in this case; if consideration has been made as to whether this person could serve again as a Garda under the Pensions Order of 1925; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [19135/21]

*1422. To ask the Minister for Justice when she will expect a sheriff to be appointed to County Cavan; the resources that will be available to clear the backlog of cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19151/21]
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*1423. To ask the Minister for Justice when tourist visa applications from South America will be considered by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19167/21]

*1424. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will take steps to implement the recommendation of the Catherine Day Advisory Group to use her discretionary power to grant permission to remain to persons that have been in the asylum process for some time; if she will acknowledge that in granting permission she would significantly reduce the current backlog in the process and ensure that any new system will not inherit this backlog; if she will also review all deportation orders with a view to granting permission as a humane expression of compassion and solidarity to all migrants that have had to contend with the anxiety and precariousness of their situation during an unprecedented public health emergency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19182/21]

*1425. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to bring forward legislation to regulate gambling advertising. — Thomas Gould. [19316/21]

*1426. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Probate Office will reopen in order that probate personal applicant appointments can resume; and if personal applicants can receive a grant of representation. — Louise O’Reilly. [19328/21]

*1427. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide certainty for the English language education sector by providing a commitment to a timely return to pre-pandemic visa rules for English language students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19396/21]

*1428. To ask the Minister for Justice if a citizenship route for non-resident spouses of Irish citizens will be put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19397/21]

*1429. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions her Department has taken to establish a one-off simplified case processing approach applying to all applicants who will have been two years or more in the system by the end of 2020 as outlined in the recommendations of the Report of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19398/21]

*1430. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions her Department has taken to establish temporary, dedicated multi-agency taskforce to process all backlog cases as outlined in the recommendations of the Report of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19399/21]

*1431. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will reverse the new visa requirements on passport holders from a number of countries which came into effect at midnight on 27 January 2021 due to the commencement of the mandatory hotel quarantining system in the meantime which addresses the public health argument; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19400/21]
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*1432. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons recorded as entering the State travelling under a passport issued by countries and jurisdictions (details supplied) annually between 2010 and 2020, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [19401/21]

*1433. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding Brazilian nationals married to Irish citizens wishing to return to Ireland during the current restrictions on international travel due to Covid-19; when it is planned to resume short-term and long-term visa applications in respect of these cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [19407/21]

*1434. To ask the Minister for Justice if the letter mentioned in an internal Department email dated 30 October 2019 relating to a Topical Issue submitted by the Deputy regarding the investigation into the death of a person (details supplied) was issued; if the information will now be given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [19422/21]

*1435. To ask the Minister for Justice the decision making process that led to the appointment of person (details supplied) as lead of the mental health taskforce on the way in which persons with mental health and addiction are treated within the criminal justice system; the number of other persons considered for the role; the qualifications of the person for the role; and the make-up of the rest of the taskforce. — Martin Browne. [19482/21]

*1436. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 741 of 24 February 2021, the number of incidents reported to An Garda Síochána; the number of arrests made in relation to knife crime during the same ten year period in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [19493/21]

*1437. To ask the Minister for Justice when the new youth justice strategy will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [19494/21]

*1438. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of psychologists and psychiatrists employed in each prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19504/21]

*1439. To ask the Minister for Justice when she will receive the final report from a person (details supplied) in respect of the circumstances surrounding the death of a person; if she plans to publish the report in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19600/21]

*1440. To ask the Minister for Justice if special consideration will be given to applications for citizenship of UK citizens in the wake of Brexit; and if applicants that have been resident here for a substantial amount of time have their applications fast-tracked and pay a reduced fee in view of the special and distinct relationship between both countries. — Robert Troy. [19610/21]

*1441. To ask the Minister for Justice the process in place for changing an employer on an atypical employment visa (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19624/21]

*1442. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of migrant status registrations that have been completed in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by GNIB office and online in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [19681/21]

*1443. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 670 of 3 March 2021, the date on which she expects to receive the independent study into familicide and domestic homicide reviews commissioned in May 2019. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19702/21]
*1444. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of the guidance provided to local Garda National Immigration Bureau stations with regard to the renewal and registration of permissions in respect of clients that are in possession of a letter from immigration service delivery stating that they may register without the requirement of a passport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19704/21]

*1445. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of ongoing training provided to local Garda National Immigration Bureau officers in relation to changes in immigration law and immigration policy; the details of the body or organisation providing the training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19705/21]

*1446. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a case pursuant to section 3 of the Immigration Act 1999 (as amended) in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19733/21]

*1447. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19737/21]

*1448. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cé mhéad breitheamh i ngach cineál cúirte sa tír atá inniúil ar chásanna a éisteacht as Gaeilge, sa Chúirt Uachtarach, sa Chúirt Achomhairc, san Ard-Chúirt, sa Chúirt Chuarda agus sa Chúirt Dúciche; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [19762/21]

*1449. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cad iad na céimeanna a ghlacfaidh sí chun a chinntiú go mbeidh 20% de na breithiúna i ngach cineál cúirte sa tír inniúil ar chásanna a éisteacht as Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [19763/21]

*1450. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt maidir le folúntas i nDúiche Uimh. 1 (Dún na nGall) atá ann faoi látair agus breitheamh dúciche le sannadh di, cad iad na céimeanna a ghlacfaidh sí chun a chinntiú go mbeidh an breitheamh dúiche a shannfar do Dhúiche Uimh. 1 inniúil ar chásanna a éisteacht as Gaeilge de réir mar a cheanglaítear leis an Acht Cúirteanna Breithiúnais, 1924, alt 71; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [19764/21]

*1451. To ask the Minister for Justice the process for the selection of the chairperson of the new Mental Health Taskforce; the names of the other members; the breakdown in costs for the running of the taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19774/21]

*1452. To ask the Minister for Justice if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19819/21]

*1453. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will ensure further investigations are carried out into the Belturbet, Clones and Pettigo bombings of December 1972 following the unearthing of new information from Ministry of Defence documents regarding these bombings by a person (details supplied) that the RUC failed to provide intelligence to An Garda Síochána of a car stolen from Enniskillen, County Fermanagh and the identity of the loyalist paramilitary who was in possession of the car; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [19829/21]

*1454. To ask the Minister for Justice if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19874/21]
*1455. To ask the Minister for Justice if the scoping exercise into the circumstances in relation to the death of a person (details supplied) has been completed; when she plans to publish the report in full; if she will now establish a full independent inquiry into the circumstances of the death of the and the actions of State agencies prior to and subsequent to their death in line with the agreed position of Dáil Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19950/21]

*1456. To ask the Minister for Justice if case progression hearings in relation to case progression cases in which summons for case progression issued after 22 March 2020 have taken place in the Dublin Circuit Court. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20028/21]

*1457. To ask the Minister for Justice the current backlog of family law cases awaiting their first case progression hearing in the Dublin Circuit Court; and the way this compares with the other circuits in Ireland. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20029/21]

*1458. To ask the Minister for Justice if dates are being given out by the Dublin Circuit Court currently for notices of motion in default of defence or appearance or for other motions; and the way this compares to other circuits in Ireland. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20030/21]

*1459. To ask the Minister for Justice the contingencies being put in place by the Courts Service to deal with the backlog of cases in the Family Circuit Courts which have not been dealt with (details supplied). — Jim O’Callaghan. [20031/21]

*1460. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of case progression hearings none of which should require any witnesses and are usually attended only by solicitors and or counsel that have taken place remotely in the Dublin Circuit Family Court since 1 January 2020; the number that have taken place in other circuits; and the number of case progression hearings that have taken place in Dublin and outside Dublin, respectively since 22 March 2020. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20032/21]

*1461. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date statistics on domestic violence cases issued in the Dublin District Court from 1 April 2020 to 1 April 2021 compared to the same period 2019 and 2020. — Jim O’Callaghan. [20033/21]

*1462. To ask the Minister for Justice if the audit of the way in which services for victims of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence are segmented across State agencies due in March 2021 has been completed; if the report has been published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20045/21]

*1463. To ask the Minister for Justice the mechanism in place for international protection order applicants to track the progress of their applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20070/21]

*1464. To ask the Minister for Justice if a mechanism can be put in place for international protection order applicants to track the progress of their applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20071/21]

*1465. To ask the Minister for Justice the recommended timeline for international protection order applicants to receive their personal and second interview; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20072/21]
*1466. To ask the Minister for Justice the actual timeline for international protection order applicants to receive their personal and second interview; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20073/21]

*1467. To ask the Minister for Justice the recommended timeline for international protection order applicants to receive their first instance decision following their personal and second interview; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20074/21]

*1468. To ask the Minister for Justice the actual timeline for international protection order applicants to receive their first instance decision following their personal and second interview; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20075/21]

*1469. To ask the Minister for Justice the recommended timeline for successful international protection order applicants to receive their confirmation letter from the Ministerial decisions unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20076/21]

*1470. To ask the Minister for Justice the actual timeline for successful international protection order applicants to receive their confirmation letter from the Ministerial decisions unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20077/21]

*1471. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration has been given to conduct interviews with international protection order applicants online by means of secure online video call technology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20078/21]

*1472. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of international protection order applicants that have received their personal and second interview from 1 March 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20079/21]

*1473. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda divisions currently without a crime prevention officer. — Paul Donnelly. [20095/21]

*1474. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda districts within the Dublin region that have currently stopped in-person neighbourhood watch meetings. — Paul Donnelly. [20096/21]

*1475. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents of theft of MPVs reported to An Garda Síochána in the Blanchardstown district in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [20097/21]

*1476. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new cars and vans that were added to the Garda dog unit in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and the number of vehicles withdrawn from the unit during same period. — Paul Donnelly. [20098/21]

*1477. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will intervene in the case of a family (details supplied) looking to relocate to County Carlow in order for a family member to undertake study at Carlow IT. — Kathleen Funchion. [20139/21]

*1478. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to amend the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 to alter the requirement for a person to register on the foreign births register before the next generation’s birth in order to avail of Irish citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [20189/21]
*1479. To ask the Minister for Justice the average waiting time for citizenship applications in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [20190/21]

*1480. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for Irish citizenship that were received in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [20191/21]

*1481. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Irish citizenship applicants who are currently waiting longer than 12 months for a decision on their application. — Sean Sherlock. [20192/21]

*1482. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of migrants in Dublin who have been enabled to register their immigration status in each month since January 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [20193/21]

*1483. To ask the Minister for Justice if private security staff carrying out an eviction of a tenant from their property should be registered with the Private Security Authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20227/21]

*1484. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding recognition of foreign divorce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20268/21]

*1485. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [20324/21]

*1486. To ask the Minister for Justice if a citizenship application by persons (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20372/21]

*1487. To ask the Minister for Justice if some or all aspects of an initial proposal (details supplied) sent to her Department in 2018 are being considered for implementation to aid the modernisation of practices regarding the way unidentified remains are being dealt with in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20423/21]

*1488. To ask the Minister for Justice if a role and unit (details supplied) will be established for the centralising of information relating to unidentified remains; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20424/21]

*1489. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeframe for implementing a new development (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20425/21]

*1490. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20426/21]

*1491. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of on-the-spot fines issued by An Garda Síochána to persons that committed an offence under section 10 of the Control of Horses Act 1996 in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [20448/21]
*1492. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of the first instance international protection interviews that were postponed from March 2020 to date; the number of interviews scheduled for April 2021; the number of additional interviews scheduled each month to clear the backlog; the number of cases assigned to each interviewer; the timeframe given to complete each case; the number of applicants that have had their first interview in 2020; the number of interviews that have been held with applicants outside Dublin; the accelerated procedures that have been put in place; the definition of non-cooperation measures; if an applicant who wants a speedy interview will be included on a remote interview list; the length of time waiting for persons on the remote interview list; the way the additional €1.7 million allocated to improving the processing waiting times is spent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20498/21]

*1493. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason Ireland has failed to provide information regarding Procedural Time Limits on Civil and Commercial Matters to the European Judicial Network; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [20501/21]

*1494. To ask the Minister for Justice the current residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20572/21]

*1495. To ask the Minister for Justice when a visa application will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20581/21]

*1496. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made to date in respect of the youth justice strategy (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [20672/21]

*1497. To ask the Minister for Justice the current age of each boat in the Garda water unit; when each boat within the unit will be next scheduled to be replaced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [20712/21]

*1498. To ask the Minister for Justice the efforts her Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of her Department; if she will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20730/21]

*1499. To ask the Minister for Justice the current number of cases under section 115A of the Personal Insolvency Act 2012 which have yet to reach a conclusion in the Circuit Court; the average length of time it takes for a case under section 115A to reach a conclusion in the Circuit Court; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20747/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*1500. To ask the Minister for Health his views on childcare workers receiving the Covid-19 vaccine as a cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18202/21]

*1501. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to ensure that data privacy of citizens is being protected in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic response, following recent reports in the media regarding data sharing proposals. — Alan Farrell. [19424/21]
1502. To ask the Minister for Health the personal data currently being used or shared between Departments as part of the State’s Covid-19 response. — Alan Farrell. [19425/21]

1503. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to amend the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [19513/21]

1504. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to implement mass Covid-19 antigen testing across the early years sector, focusing on areas with the highest infection rates. — Sean Sherlock. [20201/21]

1505. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received engagements from the Taoiseach in relation to CervicalCheck raised with the Taoiseach in Dáil Éireann by this Deputy on 8 December 2020; and the forms of engagement that were undertaken with his Department in relation to the issues raised during that contribution in Dáil Éireann. — Peadar Tóibín. [20751/21]

1506. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary medical certificate applications at hand to date; the number of applications waiting to be assessed; 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. — Mairéad Farrell. [20775/21]

1507. To ask the Minister for Health when computerised medical examinations for membership of medical governing bodies will resume given that frontline workers are vaccinated against the effects of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [18100/21]

1508. To ask the Minister for Health if it is Government policy or if he supports the policy of refusing medical students and nursing students work placement in cases in which they have opted not to take the Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [18102/21]

1509. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting treatment for scoliosis in each county. — Peadar Tóibín. [18103/21]

1510. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for cataract appointments in each county. — Peadar Tóibín. [18104/21]

1511. To ask the Minister for Health the position of persons with Addison’s disease on the vaccine roll-out; his views on the frustration and lack of clarity experienced by those with Addison’s and other rare diseases at a failure to communicate their cohort in the vaccine roll-out; and if a commitment will be given to provide clarity in relation to same. — Thomas Gould. [18108/21]

1512. To ask the Minister for Health if staff at a facility (details supplied) have received vaccinations outside of NIAC protocols; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [18114/21]

1513. To ask the Minister for Health when a diagnostic assessment will be carried out on a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [18115/21]

1514. To ask the Minister for Health when he will provide for the reimbursement of medicinal cannabis oil products PCBD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18116/21]
*1515. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which high risk persons such as those with a BMI over 40 who are under general practitioner care and do not have a hospital team will be contacted for their Covid-19 vaccination. — Emer Higgins. [18118/21]

*1516. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the x-ray unit at Killybegs Community Hospital is currently not operating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18129/21]

*1517. To ask the Minister for Health when the x-ray unit at Killybegs Community Hospital will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18130/21]

*1518. To ask the Minister for Health the grant schemes available to those with medically certified mobility issues to assist in the purchase of mobility scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [18139/21]

*1519. To ask the Minister for Health if NPHET officials draw a salary for their work as part of NPHET. — Peadar Tóibín. [18140/21]

*1520. To ask the Minister for Health the number of NPHET officials who draw a salary for their work as part of NPHET. — Peadar Tóibín. [18141/21]

*1521. To ask the Minister for Health if NPHET officials receive a separate salary for other employment either in the public or private sector; if so, the breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [18142/21]

*1522. To ask the Minister for Health if any NPHET officials receive a separate civil service salary independent of their NPHET work or salary. — Peadar Tóibín. [18143/21]

*1523. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute mental health beds available from 2010 to 2020, by county in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [18144/21]

*1524. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the number of acute mental health beds; and if so, the number. — Peadar Tóibín. [18145/21]

*1525. To ask the Minister for Health if all citizens in the over 85s category been vaccinated against Covid-19; and if so, the date the vaccinations for the over 85s category were completed. — Peadar Tóibín. [18146/21]

*1526. To ask the Minister for Health the public health advice and opinion underpinning the continued ban on religious services, the restrictions on funeral services to only ten persons and indefinite closure of retail and hospitality businesses. — Peadar Tóibín. [18147/21]

*1527. To ask the Minister for Health if the practice of amassing dossiers on children with autism involved in legal proceedings has been repeated or replicated across the health service. — Peadar Tóibín. [18148/21]

*1528. To ask the Minister for Health if the families and children will be able to access copies of the dossiers built up by his Department on children with autism involved in legal proceedings. — Peadar Tóibín. [18149/21]
*1529. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek to destroy the files amassed on children with autism by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [18150/21]

*1530. To ask the Minister for Health if the children and their families upon whom dossiers have been compiled by his Department will be able to request that the files amassed by his Department on children with autism involved in legal proceedings be deleted or destroyed. — Peadar Tóibín. [18151/21]

*1531. To ask the Minister for Health if the prosecution of a person (details supplied) for information disclosed under a protected disclosure is being considered and prepared by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [18152/21]

*1532. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department compiles or keeps details on women or families who take or have taken legal cases against CervicalCheck and the HSE in relation to the CervicalCheck scandal. — Peadar Tóibín. [18153/21]

*1533. To ask the Minister for Health if it is normal practice for the States Claims Agency to disclose to his Department the names of women who have issued letters of claim against CervicalCheck or the HSE; and if an exchange of the name or names of persons and letters of claim has taken place in the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [18154/21]

*1534. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the reduction of doctors (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [18158/21]

*1535. To ask the Minister for Health when persons with multiple sclerosis will receive their Covid-19 vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18166/21]

*1536. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 219 of 25 March 2021, the number of fines issued following the 590 checks on persons quarantining at home that were conducted between 24 February and 14 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [18168/21]

*1537. To ask the Minister for Health the legal basis under which student nurses who have refused a Covid-19 vaccine have been informed they will not qualify as a general nurse without taking the vaccine; if the Covid-19 vaccine is mandatory; the legal basis for making this vaccine mandatory for students; his views on whether this decision breaches a student’s right to refuse certain medical treatment or their right not to be put under undue pressure to receive a vaccination against their will; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [18170/21]

*1538. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to prioritise the reintroduction of maternity support services in the reopening of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18173/21]

*1539. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that the recent events involving a hospital (details supplied) and the Covid-19 vaccine does not reoccur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18184/21]

*1540. To ask the Minister for Health the way he and the Chief Clinical Officer of the HSE plan to facilitate the commencement and completion of clinical placements by unpaid first, second and third-year student nurses who are unvaccinated or decline to be vaccinated and who are due to commence HSE clinical placements from 1 April 2021; the way the HSE will facilitate a person
(details supplied) who has a documented medical contraindication to vaccination to commence and complete their clinical placement in a context in which Waterford Institute of Technology has recently informed them that they cannot commence their HSE clinical placement as planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18186/21]

*1541. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are included in the quarantine system for a family returning from the UAE who have a child with special needs; the way in which this child will be facilitated; if the family will be required to quarantine in a hotel facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18187/21]

*1542. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to events at a residential care facility (details supplied) as reported in the media; the steps he has taken to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18189/21]

*1543. To ask the Minister for Health the main initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020 to engage with healthcare assistants on the way their roles can be developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18191/21]

*1544. To ask the Minister for Health his views on delays in childcare staff being contacted by public health regarding close contact notifications and the risk of the delays resulting in an increased spread in Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18199/21]

*1545. To ask the Minister for Health if childcare workers will receive the Covid-19 vaccine as a group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18200/21]

*1546. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that attended a symptomatic breast disease clinic for a diagnostic test in each month from January 2020 to January 2021; and the percentage of these appointments that were seen within the recommended timeframe in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [18203/21]

*1547. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that received a diagnostic test at a rapid access lung clinic in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and the percentage of these patients that received a diagnosis of cancer in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [18204/21]

*1548. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that received a diagnostic test at a rapid access prostate clinic in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and the percentage of these patients that received a diagnosis of cancer in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [18205/21]

*1549. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) who is over 70 years of age and has an underlying health condition will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18210/21]

*1550. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have received the Covid-19 vaccination that have died within 28 days of receiving this vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [18213/21]

*1551. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have received vaccination ahead of the cohort they are sequenced in; the circumstances in which this occurred; if there is a notification process for vaccines used out of sequence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [18226/21]
*1552. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to vaccinate those with heart failure against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18237/21]

*1553. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that no dossiers are held on families impacted by epilim - sodium valproate historically or otherwise. — Patrick Costello. [18246/21]

*1554. To ask the Minister for Health if the State Claims Agency attended any of the Sodium Valproate Project Group meetings; and, if so, the reason the agency would be in attendance of the meetings. — Patrick Costello. [18247/21]

*1555. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the actions of the CEO of a hospital (details supplied) in the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccine was a misuse of State property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18251/21]

*1556. To ask the Minister for Health if patients with lupus were in category 4 and have subsequently been removed from the category (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [18252/21]

*1557. To ask the Minister for Health when the gay men’s health service will reopen; the measures he is taking to ensure that staff and funding will be made available for the programmes and survival of the clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18254/21]

*1558. To ask the Minister for Health if measures have been put in place to ensure new referrals for assessment of need are seen in a timely fashion during the transition from current services to the progressing disability service model. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18256/21]

*1559. To ask the Minister for Health the reason some children have not been contacted by psychologists directly (details supplied) under the children’s complex pain service at Children’s Health Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18257/21]

*1560. To ask the Minister for Health if steps have been put in place to ensure new referrals for assessments of needs are seen in a timely fashion during the transition from current services to the progressing disability service model. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18258/21]

*1561. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints made to HSE local health offices regarding charges for phlebotomy services; the number of complaints upheld; the number of complaints otherwise dismissed; the number of complaints pending investigation; the number of refunds issued; the value of same; the total value of refunds issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18261/21]

*1562. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has records of the number of homecare workers who have tested positive for Covid-19 during the past three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [18266/21]

*1563. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in place or that are about to be put in place for pregnant women in the context of the current and changing Covid-19 restrictions in order that can they have the full range of maternity services provided to them before, during and after childbirth and in order that they will be able to have the presence and support of a friend, a partner or birth-partner at these times given the ad-hoc and sometimes traumatic situations that happened in the maternity services in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [18270/21]
*1564. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to any Minister or Minister of State or adviser to a Minister or Minister of State who requested or suggested to the HSE or any Department that a hospital (details supplied) in Dublin be used as a vaccination site for Covid-19.
— Alan Kelly. [18271/21]

*1565. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department can respond to a query (details supplied) regarding resourcing of maxillofacial surgery procedure presently suspended at University Hospital Waterford; when a surgery date for this person will be confirmed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [18276/21]

*1566. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting lists for appointments for therapies (details supplied) in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [18281/21]

*1567. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18285/21]

*1568. To ask the Minister for Health the current funding available for the technical aids scheme by CHO in tabular form; the funding drawn down between 2016 to 2020; the eligibility criteria to access the funding; if the HSE will publish information on the application process on its website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18286/21]

*1569. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the position of persons suffering with rheumatoid arthritis on the Covid-19 vaccination roll-out programme. — Thomas Gould. [18287/21]

*1570. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned primary healthcare centre being developed at Station Road, Ennis. — Cathal Crowe. [18291/21]

*1571. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned primary healthcare centre being developed at Tulla Road, Ennis. — Cathal Crowe. [18292/21]

*1572. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned primary healthcare centre being developed at Sixmilebridge. — Cathal Crowe. [18293/21]

*1573. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned primary healthcare centre being developed in Kilrush. — Cathal Crowe. [18294/21]

*1574. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned primary healthcare centre being developed in Ennistymon. — Cathal Crowe. [18295/21]

*1575. To ask the Minister for Health the strategy for exiting lockdown restrictions; the level of patients in hospital and in intensive care units that is required to allow further easing of restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [18300/21]

*1576. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that had an appointment for vaccination at the Aviva Stadium, Citywest Convention Centre, Helix Theatre, and TU Dublin campus, respectively on 24 March 2021; the number of persons who did not attend the appointment at each of these centres on that date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18309/21]
*1577. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered sharing more information on the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out with the general public such as the progress being made through the various priority groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18322/21]

*1578. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered updating the Covid-19 tracker application vaccine information to contain both the cumulative number of vaccines administered and the daily total, the daily total per cohort and the daily total per vaccine type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18323/21]

*1579. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered sharing an approximate timeline of when each cohort can expect to receive the Covid-19 vaccine given that Covid-19 vaccine supply is set to ramp up considerably in the coming weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18324/21]

*1580. To ask the Minister for Health if he considered sharing when the reopening of the country can proceed dependent on the number Covid-19 vaccines that have been administered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18325/21]

*1581. To ask the Minister for Health if those entering Ireland who are fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with a European Medical Agency approved vaccine will be exempted from mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18333/21]

*1582. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18341/21]

*1583. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made further to talks between a union (details supplied) and the HSE regarding general practitioner provision of Covid-19 vaccines to persons in group 4 of the vaccine schedule; if general practitioners have been approved to provide these vaccines; and when persons in this group can expect to be scheduled to receive a vaccine. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18344/21]

*1584. To ask the Minister for Health the way Covid-19 vaccines will be provided to persons in group 4 of the vaccine schedule who have a disability and are not in a residential setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18345/21]

*1585. To ask the Minister for Health the way Covid-19 vaccines will be provided to persons in group 4 of the vaccine schedule who are housebound; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18346/21]

*1586. To ask the Minister for Health the status of talks between a union (details supplied) and the HSE regarding general practitioner provision of Covid-19 vaccines to persons in group 7 of the vaccine schedule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [18347/21]

*1587. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure priority is applied for the return of full maternity services across all hospitals (details supplied) in the coming period as restrictions are eased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [18350/21]
*1588. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No.1579 of 24 March 2021, if he will consider extending standardised travel and accommodation allowances, the pandemic placement grant and the final year internship payment to student radiographers on par with their counterparts in nursing and midwifery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18362/21]

*1589. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young persons from 0 to 18 years of age by age group that have a blind or vision impairment diagnosis in Ireland in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [18368/21]

*1590. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young persons from 0 to 18 years of age that have a blind or vision impairment diagnosis in Ireland by CHO in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [18369/21]

*1591. To ask the Minister for Health if he will prioritise all pharmacy staff for vaccination in which pharmacies will become central to vaccine roll-out not just pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18376/21]

*1592. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve access to sexual health testing for members of the LGBTQ+ community in areas of the country outside Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18378/21]

*1593. To ask the Minister for Health the person he has appointed as the designated appeals officer under the Health (Amendment) Act 2021 for Covid-19 detention facilities; the criteria in terms of experience and qualifications he considered in making this appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18383/21]

*1594. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appeals that have been made to the designated appeals officer for Covid-19 detention facilities to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18384/21]

*1595. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vaccinators that have been recruited for the Covid-19 vaccination programme; the number of those recruited that are still awaiting deployment; when those recruited will be commencing employment; the number that have undergone induction training; the number that have received their own vaccinations ahead of service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18385/21]

*1596. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to address waiting lists for cataract operations; if the Sligo scheme is being considered as a strategy to tackle waiting times for eye procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [18386/21]

*1597. To ask the Minister for Health if patients in category 4 will be identified by their attending hospital; if not, if they will need to identify themselves to their hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [18391/21]

*1598. To ask the Minister for Health if general practitioners and other healthcare professionals will be given any discretion during the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine to prioritise clinically vulnerable patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [18392/21]
1599. To ask the Minister for Health the resources being provided to hospitals to roll-out the Covid-19 vaccine for category 4 patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [18393/21]

1600. To ask the Minister for Health if a school (details supplied) is to lose all onsite therapists, including speech and language therapists and occupational therapists as part of the progressing disabilities service roll-out; if so, the rationale for the school losing interventional therapies onsite for the 160 children attending the school given the optimal use of the time of the students, their families and the school and the minimum disruption in the students’ school day by having onsite therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18394/21]

1601. To ask the Minister for Health if a school (details supplied) is to lose all onsite therapists, including speech and language therapists and occupational therapists as part of the progressing disabilities service roll-out; if so, the rationale for the school losing interventional therapies onsite for the 160 children attending the school given the optimal use of the time of the students, their families and the school and the minimum disruption in the students’ school day by having onsite therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18395/21]

1602. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the document in which it has been established that a blood test should not have been charged by the local general practitioner (details supplied); the number of refunds that have been issued to persons that have made a complaint in relation to the matter; the value of these repayments; the number of deductions from regular payments that have been made to general practitioners; the value of same in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [18402/21]

1603. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he proposes to take in relation to the dossiers maintained by his Department in respect of families and children as highlighted on a programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [18403/21]

1604. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding approval for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [18404/21]

1605. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is participating in an EU Commission initiative on the monitoring of Covid-19 and its variants in wastewater and availing of funding from the Commission for this initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [18409/21]

1606. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of orthognathic surgery provision in the south-east; and if a person (details supplied) will be given a date for a procedure. — Malcolm Noonan. [18420/21]

1607. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the NIAC guidelines (details supplied) which advise the allocation of MRA vaccines to the immunocompromised; and if it will be ensured that this is made clear during daily Covid-19 briefings which to date have indicated that there is no preferential vaccine for the immunocompromised. — Patrick Costello. [18423/21]

1608. To ask the Minister for Health if he will assist a person (details supplied) in being recategorised in order that they can access transitional care funding while a fair deal application is pending. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [18424/21]
To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for a gallbladder removal operation given the nature of their medical condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18425/21]

To ask the Minister for Health if there are staffing shortages at Cork University Hospital; if so, if he can account for these shortages; and if he can account for significant delays in inpatient procedures for persons due to same. — Thomas Gould. [18429/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses, consultants, doctors, administrators and HCAs, respectively employed and in work in Cork University Hospital from January 2020 to date by month in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18430/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses, consultants, doctors, administrators and HCAs, respectively employed but absent from work in Cork University Hospital from January 2020 to date by month in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [18431/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the current position regarding a fair deal scheme application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [18450/21]

To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the dramatic decrease of dentists with dental treatment service scheme contracts in County Wexford between 2020 and date in 2021; his plans to address this decrease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18452/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults on the dental appointment waiting list in County Wexford; the average waiting time for appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18453/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the dental appointment waiting list in each county; the average waiting time for appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18454/21]

To ask the Minister for Health if a residential care worker is deemed not fit to go back to work but cleared to return to work by their cardiologist will be permitted to return to work once fully vaccinated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [18456/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary medical certificate applications received in counties Galway and Roscommon, respectively, for each month in 2019, 2020 and 2021; the number of medical assessments performed each month; the corresponding number of applications approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [18459/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the reason restrictions allow persons to meet outside but not in a private garden. — Sean Sherlock. [18462/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the supports available to families that are forced to seek private assistance for children with diagnosis of dyslexia or dyspraxia due to the extensive waiting times through the public system; and if families can seek recompense through the HSE or his Department for the substantial financial outlay for services. — Robert Troy. [18469/21]
*1621. To ask the Minister for Health if the issue of minimum alcohol pricing in Ireland and in Northern Ireland will be discussed at future North South Ministerial Council meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [18478/21]

*1622. To ask the Minister for Health the reason transfer of services between counties was delayed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18481/21]

*1623. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for HSE owned land at Coille Dios estate, Athboy, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18482/21]

*1624. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate reports that a medical practice (details supplied) will only receive a vaccination delivery every two weeks which is causing considerable delays to the vaccination roll-out programme in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18490/21]

*1625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bariatric surgeries that have taken place each year since 2010 by region in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18491/21]

*1626. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting time for all those waiting for bariatric surgery for three years or more, less than three years and less than 12 months by region in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18492/21]

*1627. To ask the Minister for Health if there are financial supports for the service providers directly or for the adults with disabilities that attend day services or that live in residential homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18495/21]

*1628. To ask the Minister for Health if physiotherapy services will be reinstated in Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [18496/21]

*1629. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 956 of 10 March 2021, if the number of residents that have received their first and second vaccination against Covid-19, respectively will be provided by geographic unit, such as CHO or otherwise in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18497/21]

*1630. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 956 of 10 March 2021, if he will provide the geographic information on the number of persons that have received their first and second vaccinations against Covid-19 are aggregated to, such as but not limited to, individual sites or vaccination centres, CHO and State-wide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [18498/21]

*1631. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the annual budget allocation inclusive of mainstream and interim funding allocated by his Department and drugs programmes to local drug and alcohol recovery taskforces here from 2006 to date by year. — Francis Noel Duffy. [18501/21]

*1632. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with regional and local drug and alcohol taskforces to hear their funding needs ahead of Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [18502/21]
*1633. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long to get their registered number to work here with the HSE during a pandemic; if the application will be dealt with as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [18505/21]

*1634. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [18507/21]

*1635. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time of ophthalmology services in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [18508/21]

*1636. To ask the Minister for Health the number of syringes that have been procured to date; the timescales by which they have been delivered to date; the planned delivery of syringes over the next few months; and the dates on which they will arrive here. — Peadar Tóibín. [18514/21]

*1637. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which it can be found possible to provide appropriate treatment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18516/21]

*1638. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which provisions have been put in place to meet the requirements of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18517/21]

*1639. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in meeting requirements of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [18518/21]

*1640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have been hired as Covid-19 vaccinators up until 31 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [18530/21]

*1641. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical students who have been hired as Covid-19 vaccinators up until 31 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [18531/21]

*1642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of retired persons who have been hired as Covid-19 vaccinators up until 31 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [18532/21]

*1643. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he will prevent further instances of double booking for vaccine appointments in which patients have received appointments for vaccination centres and their local general practitioner or hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [18533/21]

*1644. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2015 report by two UK specialists into the HSE orthodontic service will be published; the reason the HSE has delayed the publication of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [18534/21]

*1645. To ask the Minister for Health when the full results from a recent audit of 7,500 patient files in public orthodontic services will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [18535/21]
*1646. To ask the Minister for Health when staff in the Irish Prison Service can expect to be vaccinated. — Robert Troy. [18536/21]

*1647. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure to be followed in relation to the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [18549/21]

*1648. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 692 of 7 July 2020, if the home support waiting list review in County Wexford that was due to commence in Quarter 3 and Quarter 4 in 2020 was conducted; if so, the outcomes of the review; if the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18554/21]

*1649. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for home support hours in County Wexford; the breakdown of length of wait time in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18555/21]

*1650. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recruitment of a psychologist for Wexford South CAMHS; the various recruitment steps which have been completed to date; the timeline by which the post is expected to be filled; when associated services will be operational; the position regarding the recruitment of a dietician for Wexford South CAMHS; the various recruitment steps which have been completed to date; the timeline by which the post is expected to be filled; when associated services will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [18559/21]

*1651. To ask the Minister for Health when a motorised wheelchair will be made available to a person (details supplied); if a risk assessment has been carried out as part of the process to provide same given the multiple, severe, comorbid medical conditions of the applicant; if not, when a risk assessment will be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [18561/21]

*1652. To ask the Minister for Health the way a person (details supplied) who is in the vulnerable category and aged in the 18 to 64 years of age cohort can secure their Covid-19 vaccination appointment. — Mark Ward. [18562/21]

*1653. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the allocation to a group (details supplied) in order that it can meet the demand for essential orthotics and footwear; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [18568/21]

*1654. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered increasing public information regarding the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18576/21]

*1655. To ask the Minister for Health when clarity will be provided to couples planning weddings in May 2021 as to their guest numbers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18577/21]

*1656. To ask the Minister for Health if he will offer the HPV vaccine to all second-level students in 2022 who have not availed of it previously to ensure maximum take-up of the vaccine and that issues caused by Covid-19 do not result in long-term drop off in vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18578/21]
*1657. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines that have been provided to community pharmacies allowing them to prepare for their part in the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18579/21]

*1658. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place to prepare community pharmacies for their role in the delivery of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18584/21]

*1659. To ask the Minister for Health if provisions will be made to ensure that Irish students in receipt of SUSI grant supports who are studying abroad and will be returning home for the summer break will not have to pay re-entry costs for mandatory quarantines. — Cathal Crowe. [18585/21]

*1660. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used to define the groups of persons in group 9 that are living or working in crowded settings; and the proposed arrangements to verify the eligibility of such persons when booking and receiving the Covid-19 vaccine. — Pa Daly. [18586/21]

*1661. To ask the Minister for Health the status of birthing partners and their access to prenatal appointments as well as the birth of the child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18588/21]

*1662. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered extending exemptions for mandatory hotel quarantine to those who are receiving medical care abroad due to terminal illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [18591/21]

*1663. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend up to 25 the number of persons who can attend weddings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [18592/21]

*1664. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been in contact with a group (details supplied); and if he has given consideration to the request by the group that the HSE and hospital HR departments offer non-trainee doctors on a critical skills employment permit two years in multisite roles. — Louise O’Reilly. [18594/21]

*1665. To ask the Minister for Health the amounts paid by the HSE or other public bodies to a hospital (details supplied) in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021 for any services under the National Treatment Purchase Fund or other scheme to provide medical services for public patients. — Bríd Smith. [18597/21]

*1666. To ask the Minister for Health if preparations for a successor to the National Sexual Health Strategy are underway; if a successor strategy will be published; if the strategy will have a focus on HIV addressing the 90:90:90 ambition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18599/21]

*1667. To ask the Minister for Health the latest estimate of the number of patients living with hepatitis C in the State for each of the past five years; the progress made towards making hepatitis C a rare disease; the targets that must be met to reach the 2030 elimination target; his plans to reverse the trend in decreasing numbers availing for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18600/21]

*1668. To ask the Minister for Health if he is developing a hepatitis C treatment programme strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18601/21]
1669. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a successor to the Healthy Ireland Breastfeeding Action Plan 2016 to 2021; when an evaluation of the action plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18602/21]

1670. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in respect of implementing the recommendations of the National Policy and Strategy for the Provision of Neuro-Rehabilitation Services in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18604/21]

1671. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to put in place the necessary neuro-rehabilitation community teams within regional centres throughout the State; his plans to address a shortage of inpatient beds within neuro-rehabilitation services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18605/21]

1672. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a schedule for the approval and implementation of a vaccination program for vulnerable children with underlying conditions under 16 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [18609/21]

1673. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many trans persons are being forced abroad for surgery due to the lack of public healthcare surgery options in Ireland; his plans to replace the surgeon who provided public surgery for trans persons but who retired in 2020 leaving many with no option but to travel abroad; his plans to improve the poor level of health surgery aftercare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [18610/21]

1674. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce a new model of care for trans persons by investing in surgery options here and providing training for general practitioners in order that they can provide an excellent and informed level of aftercare for trans persons; his views on the need to abide by international best practice standards of care as established by the WHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [18611/21]

1675. To ask the Minister for Health if there are grants or supports available to subsidise the cost of purchasing a mobility scooter for those who need it; if there are no supports of this nature currently available, if his Department will consider instituting such a support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18617/21]

1676. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 739 of 27 January 2021, the status of the suspension of water birth services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18620/21]

1677. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter regarding changes to National Vaccination Programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18622/21]

1678. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide temporary registration for those waiting for PRES 3 exams allowing those who qualified to work in hospitals until the exams are resumed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18626/21]

1679. To ask the Minister for Health when the new registration date for PRES 3 exams will be provided; if additional registration dates are being considered to allow more doctors who have been waiting for a long time to register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18627/21]
*1680. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to recruit a speech therapist for St. Joseph’s Hospital, Ennis, County Clare; when this post is expected to be filled; the arrangements that have been put in place to offer speech therapy for patients while this post remains unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [18630/21]

*1681. To ask the Minister for Health when CAR T-cell therapy will be available in Ireland in view of the €8.18 million spend on same abroad by the HSE between 2019 and 2020; if he is considering expediting approval for the therapy in order that immunocompromised patients will not be required to go abroad in order to receive lifesaving treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [18631/21]

*1682. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement of CAR T-cell therapy by the HSE; the reason for the delay regarding a decision on the reimbursement of same; if he is considering plans for the development of facilities to allow for the availability of CAR T-cell therapy in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [18632/21]

*1683. To ask the Minister for Health when pres level 3 medical exams will recommence; and the reason qualified medical doctors that have moved to Ireland but have not completed the pres exams due to the suspension of same are unable to obtain jobs as vaccinators or contact tracers. — Peadar Tóibín. [18658/21]

*1684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have signed up to the Be on Call for Ireland database in each county; and the number that signed up that have been recruited to work in the health service in each county. — Peadar Tóibín. [18659/21]

*1685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged 16 to 69 years of age at very high risk of severe Covid-19 identified as part of group four of the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out to date; and the number of first and second vaccines given to this cohort by medical condition in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [18667/21]

*1686. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons invited to take part in BowelScreen in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of persons screened through BowelScreen in each of the same years in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [18668/21]

*1687. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons invited to take part in CervicalCheck in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of persons screened through CervicalCheck in each of the same years in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [18666/21]

*1688. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting to receive a Covid-19 vaccine; the reason they have not been prioritised for the Covid-19 vaccine given their underlying health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [18673/21]

*1689. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce non-routine dental benefit for medical card holders that are also on a disability payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18674/21]

*1690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of deaths in nursing homes in December, January and February of each year from 2017 to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18679/21]
*1691. To ask the Minister for Health if a query (details supplied) in relation to named medications being provided through the drugs payment scheme will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [18680/21]

*1692. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made since 27 June 2020 to develop a Traveller and Roma mental health action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18685/21]

*1693. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made since 27 June 2020 to implement a national Traveller health action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18686/21]

*1694. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made since 27 June 2020 to implementing Sharing the Vision – A Mental Health Policy for Everyone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18687/21]

*1695. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made since 27 June 2020 to expanding jigsaw services and their network of early intervention and prevention services and supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18688/21]

*1696. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made since 27 June 2020 to expanding the national roll-out of the model care for specialist perinatal mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [18689/21]

*1697. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine has reverted back to 18+ year olds for the vulnerable at risk category (details supplied). — Mark Ward. [18696/21]

*1698. To ask the Minister for Health if it is mandatory for student nurses and medical students on placements and all HSE healthcare staff including fully qualified nurses, doctors and consultants to receive a Covid-19 vaccine; the basis on which such a condition can be enforced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [18700/21]

*1699. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that there are no dossiers held by his Department and or any other State bodies on a family (details supplied) in County Meath, whose children have been adversely impacted by epilum sodium valproate given reports in the media in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18706/21]

*1700. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; if a care plan will be expedited; if they can remain in a facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18707/21]

*1701. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) who cannot social distance should be treated the same as a person without a disability in relation to the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [18708/21]

*1702. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons invited to take part in BreastCheck in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of persons screened through BreastCheck in each of the same years in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [18711/21]
*1703. To ask the Minister for Health the reason some physical examinations for a scheme (details supplied) cannot take place. — Michael Ring. [18720/21]

*1704. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the impact of the loss of the physical examination for a scheme (details supplied), the hardship that is being caused to the applicants and the backlog that will arise from same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [18721/21]

*1705. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18723/21]

*1706. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the various annual vaccination programmes; the level of uptake in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18737/21]

*1707. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to catch up on missed standard vaccinations due to staff deployed to Covid-19 efforts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18738/21]

*1708. To ask the Minister for Health if persons with spina bifida hydrocephalus are included in cohort 4 of the vaccine allocation strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [18743/21]

*1709. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being put in place for the healthcare of transgender young persons in Ireland given the exit of the UK based clinic (details supplied) from Crumlin Children’s hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18746/21]

*1710. To ask the Minister for Health when the multidisciplinary team will be in place as per the HSE Final Report of the Steering Committee on the Development of HSE Transgender Identity Services, February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18747/21]

*1711. To ask the Minister for Health the resources that have been made available to ensure that the HSE service development model of care is implemented and accessible to support transgender young persons to include the provision of appropriate mental health services at primary and specialist services in line with objective 13 of the LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy to improve the physical and mental health of transgender young persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18748/21]

*1712. To ask the Minister for Health if a policy has been developed to ensure all health programmes take account of young persons who have transitioned, for example, immunisation programmes such as HPV in line with WPATH or other appropriate professional transgender health guidelines and with objective 13 of the LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy to improve the physical and mental health of transgender young persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18749/21]

*1713. To ask the Minister for Health if clear guidelines have been furnished to health practitioners on referral pathways for transgender young persons and their families to specialised service in line with objective 13 of the LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy improve the physical and mental health...
of transgender young persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18750/21]

*1714. To ask the Minister for Health the work that has been undertaken with parents and young person’s seeking to access healthcare outside the State under the provisions of the cross-border directive and treatment abroad scheme to ensure the available options for access to care are communicated effectively in line with objective 13 of the LGBTI+ National Youth Strategy improve the physical and mental health of transgender young people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18751/21]

*1715. To ask the Minister for Health the additional specialised staff that have been recruited in the area of transgender healthcare including endocrinologists, social workers, speech and language therapists, senior psychologists, clinical nurse specialists and administrative support officers in line with action 19.1 of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18752/21]

*1716. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that have been taken to develop transgender health services for children and adults in Ireland with a clear transition pathway from child to adult services in line with action 19.2 of the National LGBTI+ Inclusion Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18753/21]

*1717. To ask the Minister for Health the mean, median and maximum waiting time for surgeries across each discipline, speciality and hospital; the change for each in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18764/21]

*1718. To ask the Minister for Health the HbA1c threshold for a diabetic to be included in the vulnerable at risk priority for the Covid-19 vaccine. — Mark Ward. [18765/21]

*1719. To ask the Minister for Health the number and type of Covid-19 vaccines received in January, February and March 2021; the number and type of Covid-19 vaccines due to arrive in April, May, June and July 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18768/21]

*1720. To ask the Minister for Health the value to each hospital in the State of the car parking charges system in each of the years 2018 and 2019, in tabular form; and if the system is under the control of the hospitals or run by a private operator. — Neasa Hourigan. [18771/21]

*1721. To ask the Minister for Health when adult day centres will be permitted to safely reopen given the vital role they play in supporting older persons to access social and health services in their own communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [18776/21]

*1722. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered to staff working in Tusla residential care and special care units; the number of Covid-19 vaccinations administered to staff working in Oberstown Children Detention Campus; the reason for any difference in approach; the timeline for the vaccination of Oberstown staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18780/21]

*1723. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address an issue with private health insurance policies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18785/21]
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*1724. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request his officials to investigate if a racecourse (details supplied) would be suitable for use as local Covid-19 mass vaccination centre for the south County Dublin, north County Wicklow regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [18789/21]

*1725. To ask the Minister for Health if a needs assessment and mapping exercise to identify the status of existing sexual health services and current gaps has been carried out as recommended in the National Sexual Health Strategy; his plans to carry out a similar exercise to specifically identify the needs of the LGBTQ+ community in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18804/21]

*1726. To ask the Minister for Health if there are vacancies in the community (details applied) within the HSE. — Claire Kerrane. [18805/21]

*1727. To ask the Minister for Health if fully vaccinated persons with clear tests will be exempt from mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18814/21]

*1728. To ask the Minister for Health if his recent decision to prioritise vaccinations based on age took full account of the cascade effect in schools in which Covid-related teacher absences and the saturation of the substitute panel with requests is seeing special needs pupils frequently deprived of teachers forced to redeploy to cover such class teacher absences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [18816/21]

*1729. To ask the Minister for Health if HIQA has or plans on re-examining the emerging evidence regarding the efficacy of ivermectin as a prophylactic and treatment for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [18818/21]

*1730. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to move from a psychiatric model of transgender healthcare to a model more in line with international best practice as outlined by the World Health Organisation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [18827/21]

*1731. To ask the Minister for Health the up to date position on waiting lists in the CHO7 area for assessment of need; the breakdown if available by county; the number of staff employed in the assessments; if there are staff vacancies; the type of vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18828/21]

*1732. To ask the Minister for Health the reason families are waiting on therapists in the CHO7 area of the HSE due to their children transferring to the school age groups; his plans to address these vacancies; the timelines involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18829/21]

*1733. To ask the Minister for Health the up to date position with the primary care centre in Newbridge, County Kildare; the services located there; the services operating at the moment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18830/21]

*1734. To ask the Minister for Health the up to date position with the primary care centre in Kildare town; the services located there; the services operating at the moment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [18831/21]
*1735. To ask the Minister for Health the nature and cost of the contract of the head of Covid-19 test and trace system of the HSE; if such a position is a secondment from a private company on a pro bono basis; the name of the company from which the secondment is from; if the company is contracted to provide services to his Department or the HSE; if so, the basis on which and cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [18842/21]

*1736. To ask the Minister for Health if a local implementation board has been established in 2011 for Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda under the HSE obstetrics and gynaecology programme; the steps that have been taken to ensure implementation of recommendations of a report (details supplied); if these recommendations are currently being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18845/21]

*1737. To ask the Minister for Health the process established under the HSE to ensure that recommendations of a report (details supplied) published in 2011 are implemented; the level of oversight that exists in the event that a clinician and or hospital fails to implement recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18846/21]

*1738. To ask the Minister for Health if he or NIAC have considered evidence relating to risk from exposure in the alteration of the priority list. — Catherine Murphy. [18848/21]

*1739. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with teacher and An Garda Síochána representative bodies in respect of the revised vaccine roll-out plan; and if not, if he plans on engaging with same. — Catherine Murphy. [18849/21]

*1740. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to roll-out vaccines to home carers outside of the revised vaccine roll-out plan; and if this cohort can avail of spare vaccines at short notice. — Catherine Murphy. [18850/21]

*1741. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be assessed by a clinical psychologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18851/21]

*1742. To ask the Minister for Health the costs incurred to date by the CervicalCheck Tribunal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18859/21]

*1743. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue more detailed guidance on the definition of essential travel; if he considers family reunification as essential travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18862/21]

*1744. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has awarded contracts for home help work to a service (details supplied); the costs of such contracts from 2010 to date; and the number of hours involved. — Bríd Smith. [18864/21]

*1745. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to plans by a service (details supplied) to cease operations and the transfer of workers to another service; the impact this will have on home help services in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [18865/21]

*1746. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE or his Department have been notified of the plan by a service (details supplied) to cease operations; and his views on plans by the HSE to continue with existing levels of home help hours for residents affected. — Bríd Smith. [18866/21]
*1747. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte cén lón daoine sa stát a chuir láthair ina mbúas féin, briste síos de réir contae agus de réir aoise, gach bliain ó 2010 i leith; na beartais atá i bhfeidhm leis an lón seo a laghdú do na blianta atá romhainn; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18882/21]

*1748. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte cad iad na beartais atá beartaithe agus atá á gcur i bhfeidhm le seirbhísí feabhsaithe meabhairghalair agus síciatracha a chur ar fáil in Ospidéal Ollscoile na Gaillimhe; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18883/21]

*1749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on surgery for breast cancer by three month intervals of time on the waiting list in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18886/21]

*1750. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on surgery for cancer by three month intervals of time on the waiting list in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18887/21]

*1751. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer operations of the breast, prostate, colon, rectal, lung, ovarian and oesophageal that took place in each year since 2016, in tabular form; the percentage of these that took place within NCCP target surgery timeframes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18888/21]

*1752. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer operations that took place in each year since 2016; the percentage of the procedures that took place in approved centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18889/21]

*1753. To ask the Minister for Health if death rates in the elderly have coincided with vaccination; if his Department is reviewing corollary data between vaccination and deaths occurring; the way data on deaths is compiled and any lag times pertaining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [18894/21]

*1754. To ask the Minister for Health the names of the security firms carrying out the security related work in respect of the Covid-19 mandatory hotel quarantine regulation; if security staff contracted to support the mandatory hotel quarantine system are in full compliance with the terms of the current security employment regulation order including the minimum hourly rate of pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18895/21]

*1755. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [18900/21]

*1756. To ask the Minister for Health if he will immediately reconsider easing restrictions on outdoor gatherings, outdoor activities and outdoor hospitality services in view of the recent data from the HSPC on the low incidence rates from outdoor gathering; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [18902/21]

*1757. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set up a real time suicide data programme on a national basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18905/21]

*1758. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to increase the uptake of the HPV vaccine; the steps he will take to make the vaccine available to persons that did not take it up in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18906/21]
*1759. To ask the Minister for Health the provision he plans to make for persons in mandatory hotel quarantine that have a need to provide care for children or others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18907/21]

*1760. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated for the provision of mandatory Covid-19 detention facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18908/21]

*1761. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have entered mandatory Covid-19 detention facilities since its commencement; the number that have been due to the failure to provide a PCR test result; the number that have had positive results upon testing in the detention facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18909/21]

*1762. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce regulations to ensure that all persons working in the mandatory Covid-19 detention facilities will be regularly tested for the virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18910/21]

*1763. To ask the Minister for Health the consultations he has had with communities from migrant backgrounds here when drawing up lists of countries subject to mandatory quarantine in detention centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18911/21]

*1764. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the inclusion of San Marino, Andorra and Monaco on the list of countries requiring mandatory Covid-19 detention while not including Italy, France, Spain or neighbouring regions in those countries which face similar epidemiological situations as the countries on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18912/21]

*1765. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to alter the mandatory Covid-19 detention system in order to comply with any EU regulation that facilitates travel within the EU on the basis of testing or vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18913/21]

*1766. To ask the Minister for Health if all persons employed as vaccinators will be fully vaccinated in advance of being deployed to administer vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [18914/21]

*1767. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is a discrepancy between grades of staff within the National Ambulance Service and the grades of paramedic and advanced paramedic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [18915/21]

*1768. To ask the Minister for Health if he has sought advice from the Chief Medical Officer or NPHET regarding the position of fully vaccinated persons and mandatory hotel quarantine; if so, if he will publish this advice immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [18920/21]

*1769. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set up a full independent investigation into revelations of secret dossiers on autistic children in his Department; if all affected persons will be informed as to whether their data was misused and shared without their consent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18922/21]

*1770. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 630 of 16 June 2020 and 766 of 8 December 2020, the position regarding appointments for a child (details supplied) in
Dublin 11; the reason for the ongoing long delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [18923/21]

*1771. To ask the Minister for Health the number of procedures carried out at a new purpose built maternity theatre (details supplied) in each of the years 2004 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18932/21]

*1772. To ask the Minister for Health when the gay men’s health service will be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [18936/21]

*1773. To ask the Minister for Health the additional costs incurred by the HSE in being forced to reschedule vaccination appointments as a result of the error that saw messages informing patients of their vaccination appointment delivered the day after the appointment date, that is, messages delivered on 2 April 2021 for appointments scheduled for 1 April 2021 at the a vaccination centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [18941/21]

*1774. To ask the Minister for Health if the proposed new development of 96 bed units at University Hospital Limerick will result in a net overall increase of 96 beds for the hospital; the number of additional staff that will be provided to operate the new unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [18944/21]

*1775. To ask the Minister for Health when the new paediatric rheumatologist will commence in Children’s Health Ireland at Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [18945/21]

*1776. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to improve the IT system for the vaccination roll-out; if he will improve logistical communication and prevent scam messages for appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18948/21]

*1777. To ask the Minister for Health if spina bifida and hydrocephalus are classified as high risk with respect to the Covid-19 vaccination programme.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [18949/21]

*1778. To ask the Minister for Health if persons that own holiday homes and mobile homes within their county will be permitted to stay in same once the five kilometre travel limit is extended to county boundaries. — Cathal Crowe. [18951/21]

*1779. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18954/21]

*1780. To ask the Minister for Health the grounds upon which Israel was included in the list of countries from which mandatory quarantine is required on arrival here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [18957/21]

*1781. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the level of excess mortality within nursing homes between January and February 2020; if an independent inquiry will be carried out to investigate the huge surge in deaths in nursing homes during this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [18959/21]

*1782. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which a minimum of 25 persons will be allowed to attend weddings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [18960/21]
*1783. To ask the Minister for Health if essential workers such as a petroleum engineer based in Bashara, Iraq will have to quarantine every time on arrival here. — Robert Troy. [18965/21]

*1784. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE or his Department have concluded their review into the mortuary services at University Hospital Waterford; the current status of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18970/21]

*1785. To ask the Minister for Health the costs to date of the setting up and operation of the CervicalCheck Tribunal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18971/21]

*1786. To ask the Minister for Health the number of confirmed Covid-19 cases for the months of February and March 2021, respectively; the number of these cases in which contact tracing was carried out; the number of cases in which the lookback and tracing was greater than 48 hours, five days and seven days in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18972/21]

*1787. To ask the Minister for Health the latest date in which he communicated with a group (details supplied) in relation to the setting up and operation of the CervicalCheck Tribunal; the nature and type of communication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18973/21]

*1788. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has received complaints relating to breaches of data protection in relation to the setting up or operation of the CervicalCheck Tribunal; if so, the number of complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18974/21]

*1789. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an age breakdown of Covid-19 vaccines administered to the population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18976/21]

*1790. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place to provide free IVF treatment through the public health system as promised and for which €3 million has been announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18978/21]

*1791. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure maternity and maternity support services such as ante-natal classes are returned to normal as soon as possible following the end of the level 5 lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18983/21]

*1792. To ask the Minister for Health if a person with a positive Covid-19 test as of 26 March 2021 which will remain positive for three months can enter the country from Canada without the need to self-isolate. — Robert Troy. [18985/21]

*1793. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [18989/21]

*1794. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to the difficulties faced by couples who are currently separated and living in different countries due to Covid-19; the plans that exist to allow such couples to visit each other in coming months as lockdown restrictions are eased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18991/21]
*1795. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to the need to promote increased movement and physical exercise as Covid-19 restrictions ease; the plans that exist to reverse patterns in which students and workers are spending long hours in front of computer screens; the plans that exist for the reopening of dance and sport activities which have now been restricted for over a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [18992/21]

*1796. To ask the Minister for Health if there are financial supports available for IVF treatments; the timeline for the possible introduction of a publicly funded IVF programme in view of the fact that Ireland is the only country in Europe without such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [18994/21]

*1797. To ask the Minister for Health when frontline healthcare staff under sequence group 2 at a centre (details supplied) will be vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18997/21]

*1798. To ask the Minister for Health the number of frontline healthcare staff in direct patient contact that have still to receive the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine; when same will be called for vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [18998/21]

*1799. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation can be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18999/21]

*1800. To ask the Minister for Health if the onus will be on pharmacies to book persons in for vaccinations through their own booking systems and websites and so on; and if there will be a central resource by which persons are assigned to a particular pharmacy based on their address. — Robert Troy. [19012/21]

*1801. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who received a diagnostic test at a symptomatic breast disease clinic in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020; and the percentage of these patients who received a diagnosis of cancer in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [19024/21]

*1802. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who were on active cancer treatment in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020; and the percentage of these patients that were admitted to hospital for cancer treatment through emergency departments in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [19025/21]

*1803. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered any evidence in relation to those with a family history of severe clotting disorders and the risk of clotting disorders associated with the administration of a vaccine (details supplied); if a person with a family history of severe clotting disorders will be offered the choice of an alternative vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [19027/21]

*1804. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who has been fully vaccinated and is travelling into Ireland from abroad is subject to quarantine requirements; if an amendment of this requirement is being considered in the context of emerging evidence on the effect of vaccines on transmissibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [19028/21]

*1805. To ask the Minister for Health the number of flights arriving here between March 2020 and to date that had a passenger on board who tested positive for Covid-19; the number of close contacts identified in each case; the number of passengers on board who were not considered close contacts in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [19030/21]
*1806. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE collect and monitor any data relating to adult waiting lists for dental treatment provided under the dental treatment service scheme; the way in which potential access and capacity issues for those with medical cards are monitored with regard to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19031/21]

*1807. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a needs assessment in CHO5; the number waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19032/21]

*1808. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting more than 3, 6 and 12 months respectively in tabular form for autism spectrum disorder assessment in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19033/21]

*1809. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for children awaiting orthodontal treatment in County Wexford; the breakdown of the length of waiting time in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19034/21]

*1810. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been brought to the dramatic decrease of dentists with dental treatment service scheme contracts in County Wexford between 2020-2021; his plans to address this decrease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19035/21]

*1811. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be updated guidance issued for residential care settings on two Covid-19 vaccinated persons being allowed meet indoors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19036/21]

*1812. To ask the Minister for Health the latest guidance issued for residential care settings with regard to outdoor visitations; the rationale for such guidance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19037/21]

*1813. To ask the Minister for Health if the psychiatrist position in Kilrush day hospital has been filled in relation to the Kilrush health centre; if a review is taking place of the services being provided; the services currently being provided; if there plans for an upgrade of the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [19041/21]

*1814. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts that are currently in the mental health services in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [19042/21]

*1815. To ask the Minister for Health when, in view of easing of Covid restrictions, it is planned to hold pres three exams to allow foreign doctors currently living here to get permanent registration which will allow them to take up work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [19047/21]

*1816. To ask the Minister for Health when pharmacy staff will be offered the vaccine as these persons are also frontline workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [19049/21]

*1817. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding spent on creating an ehealth personal profile card for every citizen in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [19051/21]
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*1818. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the HSE has spent on IT in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [19052/21]

*1819. To ask the Minister for Health if he needs to produce legislation in order to provide an eHealth system that will provide health information on every resident in Ireland; and if so, when he plans same. — Alan Kelly. [19053/21]

*1820. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vaccine doses that will be delivered here by companies (details supplied) by month and vaccine provider in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [19054/21]

*1821. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to mandatory hotel quarantine (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [19057/21]

*1822. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to a person (details supplied). — Mark Ward. [19061/21]

*1823. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of tobacco plain packaging on levels of smoking and the health benefits resulting from that policy; and the estimated number of lives that are saved per year as a result of the policy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19063/21]

*1824. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised regarding quarantine regulations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cuffinane. [19071/21]

*1825. To ask the Minister for Health if the bed capacity of a hospital (details supplied) is being reduced in order to increase storage for wheelchairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19072/21]

*1826. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be seen for a hip replacement. — Sean Sherlock. [19079/21]

*1827. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made under the national eating disorder treatment plan launched in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19080/21]

*1828. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that was allocated to the national eating disorder treatment plan since its launch in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19081/21]

*1829. To ask the Minister for Health when he hopes to have all 16 treatment hubs established for eating disorder treatment as per the national eating disorder treatment plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19082/21]

*1830. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public beds here earmarked for the treatment of eating disorders and by individual hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19083/21]

*1831. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation and the progress being made to amend the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 and the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill as recommended by the Special Rapporteur for Children to ensure that children born through
assisted human reproduction have their rights and best interests legally protected in Irish law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19086/21]

*1832. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the issue of orthodontic services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19087/21]

*1833. To ask the Minister for Health when full-time residential care will be made available to a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19091/21]

*1834. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding for full-time residential care has been denied to a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19092/21]

*1835. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to consider a report (details supplied) and amend the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill and the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 in accordance with the proposed amendments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19095/21]

*1836. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied); his plans to implement the recommendations contained in the report; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19096/21]

*1837. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have presented to the accident and emergency department in Tallaght Hospital with suicidal ideation; the number of the patients that voluntarily left the hospital after triage without being seen by a psychiatrist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19099/21]

*1838. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinicians in each CHO that have been redeployed from early intervention and school age disability teams into assessment of needs posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19100/21]

*1839. To ask the Minister for Health the number and name of all homecare providers for older persons used by the HSE; the cost of same in 2018, 2019 and 2020; the number of home help hours provided by private contracted companies; and the number provided directly by HSE staff in the same period. — Bríd Smith. [19101/21]

*1840. To ask the Minister for Health the number and name of all private providers of disability residential care for the HSE; and the number of disability residents currently in privately run residential homecare excluding residential nursing homecare for the elderly. — Bríd Smith. [19102/21]

*1841. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full cost of funding to all private providers of disability residential care contracted by the HSE in 2018, 2019 and 2020 excluding nursing homecare for the elderly; and the number and cost of funding and providing services to disability residents in residential care provided directly by the HSE. — Bríd Smith. [19103/21]

*1842. To ask the Minister for Health if there is any priority based on age in the vulnerable at risk category of persons aged 16 to 64 years in the roll-out of the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19105/21]

*1843. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE sent out co-correspondence to or direction to general practitioners to prioritise persons aged 18 plus within the vulnerable at risk category of the
category of persons aged 16 to 64 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19106/21]

*1844. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19116/21]

*1845. To ask the Minister for Health the Covid-19 vaccine drug product manufacturing and supply strategy to combat variants of the Covid-19 virus; the way in which vaccine booster supplies will be procured; if it is planned to use third party or generic manufacturers based here to ensure guaranteed vaccine supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19120/21]

*1846. To ask the Minister for Health when patients that suffer from asthma can expect to receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [19122/21]

*1847. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to an ophthalmologist (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [19123/21]

*1848. To ask the Minister for Health when he will amend the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 and redraft the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill as recommended by the Special Rapporteur for Children to ensure that children born through assisted human reproduction have rights such as family life, identity and non-discrimination and best interests legally protected in Irish law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19125/21]

*1849. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1356 of 24 March 2021 (details supplied), if he will guarantee that student radiographers will be treated the same as student nurses and midwives in receiving standardised travel and accommodation allowances, a pandemic payment grant and an internship payment in their fourth year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19133/21]

*1850. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19134/21]

*1851. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that in September 2020 the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics refused reimbursement for the life-changing gene therapy luxturna unless cost effectiveness can be improved relative to existing treatments; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that there are no existing treatments for inherited retinal disease (details supplied); if he will request that the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics review its decision and include the drug in the list of drug treatments approved for reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19135/21]

*1852. To ask the Minister for Health when patients will have access to Fremanezumab; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [19140/21]

*1853. To ask the Minister for Health if inbound Travellers who have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and have proof will have to take part in quarantine measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [19141/21]

*1854. To ask the Minister for Health the status for birthing partners in maternity wards with the easing of restriction. — Sean Sherlock. [19144/21]
*1855. To ask the Minister for Health if essential workers that are working abroad specifically petroleum engineers that work for periods of the year on oil rigs in listed countries are required to hotel quarantine on their return. — Robert Troy. [19157/21]

*1856. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to dental care for children attending primary school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19158/21]

*1857. To ask the Minister for Health if persons aged 16 with underlying conditions such as cystic fibrosis that are hesitant to return to the classroom due to the infection risk but do not qualify for category 4 of the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out will be considered eligible for vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19166/21]

*1858. To ask the Minister for Health if tourist visits with the purpose of family reunification will be considered as essential travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19169/21]

*1859. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for a diagnostic scan less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months by hospital group in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19170/21]

*1860. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care less than four, four to 12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19171/21]

*1861. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19172/21]

*1862. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19173/21]

*1863. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for a dietetic appointment in primary care less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19174/21]

*1864. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19175/21]

*1865. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for a first assessment for speech and language therapy less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19176/21]

*1866. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting for a first assessment for occupational therapy less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months by LHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19177/21]
*1867. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age waiting on the inpatient day case active waiting list less than 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months by hospital group in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19178/21]

*1868. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had with the heads of maternity hospitals on lifting restrictions for birthing partners. — Sean Sherlock. [19180/21]

*1869. To ask the Minister for Health if there are training schemes available to general practitioners regarding the care of transgender patients especially following gender confirmation surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [19183/21]

*1870. To ask the Minister for Health if plans for public treatment facilities for eating disorders have been stalled; the reason for the delay; and if he has plans to get them back on track. — Richard Bruton. [19185/21]

*1871. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of each mass vaccination centre to the Exchequer to date in tabular form; and if each vaccination centre is operating. — Sean Sherlock. [19186/21]

*1872. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait times for children on the waiting list for initial speech and language therapy assessments by CHO; the number of children on the waiting list for occupational therapy appointments by CHO; and the average current wait times for same by CHO. — Martin Browne. [19189/21]

*1873. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for weddings under the phased easing of restrictions that have recently been announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [19195/21]

*1874. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the delay in delivery of the National Eating Disorder Treatment Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [19199/21]

*1875. To ask the Minister for Health the number of available beds for inpatient treatment for eating disorders that are available in the public health system; his plans to increase this capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19207/21]

*1876. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE and the public health system will fund inpatient treatment for a patient with severe eating disorders in a private hospital which is geared specifically for dealing with such disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19208/21]

*1877. To ask the Minister for Health if the funding allocated to treatment of persons with eating disorders that has been unspent since 2017 can be used to access inpatient treatments in private facilities giving the failure to date to implement a national plan for dealing with this illness; his plans to increase services aimed at such patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19209/21]

*1878. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) who has a life threatening condition will be waiting for the necessary treatment given that they have been placed on a waiting list for outpatient treatment since October 2020 and remain untreated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19210/21]
*1879. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults on the waiting list for counselling services in County Wexford; the breakdown of waiting times for this list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [19212/21]

*1880. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commence a review of healthcare for transgender and non-binary persons with a view to changing the system in order that it corresponds to the recommendations of an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19220/21]

*1881. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will give consideration to permitting gyms to open for rehabilitation patients for those under the care of a general practitioner or a physiotherapist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19223/21]

*1882. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary medical certificate applications waiting to be assessed in 2021; the number of applications that were on the waiting list from 2016 until 2020; the length of time to process these applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [19226/21]

*1883. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) who has underlying health conditions will receive the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19242/21]

*1884. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which those with an underlying health condition will be contacted in order to receive their vaccination appointment. — Robert Troy. [19245/21]

*1885. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on home help hours for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [19246/21]

*1886. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to mandatory hotel quarantine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [19249/21]

*1887. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinicians in CHO4 that have been redeployed from early intervention and school age disability teams into assessment of needs posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [19250/21]

*1888. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinicians in CHO4 that have been redeployed to track and trace, Covid-19 testing or vaccination; the original job title of each; the expected length of their redeployment in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [19251/21]

*1889. To ask the Minister for Health if developmental checks for babies have fully resumed; if a plan has been put in place to ensure any backlog is cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [19252/21]

*1890. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies given developmental checks by age in months in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Thomas Gould. [19253/21]

*1891. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies born by month in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Thomas Gould. [19254/21]
*1892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women treated clinically for postnatal depression in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [19255/21]

*1893. To ask the Minister for Health if he has met with maternity hospitals recently regarding restrictions on partners; when his next expected engagement with the hospitals will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [19256/21]

*1894. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progress of the ambulatory elective hospital in Cork; and the expected timeline of completion. — Thomas Gould. [19257/21]

*1895. To ask the Minister for Health if an expected timeline of completion has been given for the children’s hospital, Cork. — Thomas Gould. [19258/21]

*1896. To ask the Minister for Health if SouthDoc has outlined criteria by which it will judge the deterioration of the Covid-19 situation and withdraw the planned reopening of SouthDoc in Blackpool, Cork. — Thomas Gould. [19259/21]

*1897. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE have queried the timeline given by Southdoc for the reopening of their Blackpool facility given they met on 30 March 2021 and only intend to open the facility at the end of April 2021. — Thomas Gould. [19260/21]

*1898. To ask the Minister for Health if Southdoc have given a commitment for a full return to service upon the reopening of Southdoc, Blackpool. — Thomas Gould. [19261/21]

*1899. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons served by each out of hours doctor service; and the number of facilities each service has in Dublin, Limerick, Galway and Cork. — Thomas Gould. [19262/21]

*1900. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of persons served by Southdoc in the Southdoc, Blackpool catchment area; and the estimated number of persons served by same in the Kinsale road catchment area. — Thomas Gould. [19263/21]

*1901. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for an assessment of needs in Cork North Lee services in March 2020 and in April 2021. — Thomas Gould. [19264/21]

*1902. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for speech and language therapy in Cork North Lee services in March 2020 and in April 2021. — Thomas Gould. [19265/21]

*1903. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for early intervention in Cork North Lee services in March 2020 and in April 2021. — Thomas Gould. [19266/21]

*1904. To ask the Minister for Health the mitigation strategy that was put in place for the closure of residential drug and alcohol rehabilitation beds due to Covid-19; the increase in waiting list times; and his views on the success of this plan. — Thomas Gould. [19267/21]

*1905. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with the Minister for State with responsibility for Public Health, Wellbeing and the National Drugs Strategy on the increased residential treatment waiting times. — Thomas Gould. [19268/21]

*1906. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has engaged with the Department of Justice on the gambling control bill. — Thomas Gould. [19269/21]
*1907. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled outpatient and inpatient orthopaedic surgeries in the CUH in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by month in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [19270/21]

*1908. To ask the Minister for Health the work his Department has engaged in in preparing for the proposed citizens’ assembly on drugs; if a working group has been established; if the terms of reference for the assembly have been drawn up; and if so, if he will publish same. — Thomas Gould. [19271/21]

*1909. To ask the Minister for Health if, after consideration of the data by the relevant Departmental group, he will publish the mid-term review of the National Drugs Strategy; and if so, the date for publication. — Thomas Gould. [19272/21]

*1910. To ask the Minister for Health the funding to be provided to drug and alcohol taskforces in 2021, by taskforce. — Thomas Gould. [19273/21]

*1911. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to a Covid-19 vaccine certificate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [19274/21]

*1912. To ask the Minister for Health when restrictions will be lifted for weddings; and the numbers that will be allowed. — Seán Canney. [19280/21]

*1913. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to add cariban, xonvea and navalem to the approved drugs list under the drugs payment scheme; and the treatments available under the drugs payment scheme to treat hyperemesis gravidarum. — Catherine Murphy. [19283/21]

*1914. To ask the Minister for Health if drugs for the treatment of hyperemesis gravidarum are being considered for the drugs payment scheme or medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [19284/21]

*1915. To ask the Minister for Health if he will prioritise the return of all maternity services including the return of cancelled antenatal classes and access to support during all stages of pregnancy and birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [19290/21]

*1916. To ask the Minister for Health if CHO7 vaccinated the staff in schools (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19293/21]

*1917. To ask the Minister for Health if CHO6 vaccinated the staff in schools (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19294/21]

*1918. To ask the Minister for Health if community health organisations have facilitated the vaccination of school staff; and if special school staff were officially registered through the HSE portal for essential frontline workers. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19295/21]

*1919. To ask the Minister for Health if any criteria has been used to differentiate between different schools to facilitate vaccinations for staff in special schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19296/21]

*1920. To ask the Minister for Health if the Ireland East Hospital Group has rejected a locally approved business case for a clinical psychologist, an integral part of the multidisciplinary team for
the paediatric diabetes service in the Regional Hospital, Mullingar which earlier in 2021 closed due to unsafe staffing levels; and his views on this urgent matter in addition to referring to the HSE for a reply. — Sorca Clarke. [19297/21]

*1921. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to correspondence and proposals by a person (details supplied) in relation to weddings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [19298/21]

*1922. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the primary care centre at Boot Road, Clondalkin, Dublin 22. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19299/21]

*1923. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to essential travel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19300/21]

*1924. To ask the Minister for Health if he will re-draft the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill and if his Department will support the amendment of the Children and Family Relationships Act as recommended by the Special Rapporteur for Children (details supplied) in order that children born through AHR have rights and best interests legally protected in Irish law. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [19301/21]

*1925. To ask the Minister for Health when normal services of an organisation (details supplied) such as day centres will resume. — Cathal Crowe. [19305/21]

*1926. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [19309/21]

*1927. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for persons to access gambling addiction counselling by quarter in each of the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of persons who accessed the service in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [19312/21]

*1928. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for persons to access gambling addiction residential treatment by quarter in each of the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 including the number of persons who accessed the service in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [19313/21]

*1929. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who presented to the HSE with a gambling addiction in each of the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by month. — Thomas Gould. [19314/21]

*1930. To ask the Minister for Health if additional supports are put in place for established high-risk gambling times, for example, the Cheltenham festival. — Thomas Gould. [19315/21]

*1931. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives being taken to improve dental and orthodontic services in the south-east especially in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [19321/21]

*1932. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation plan for the National Neurehabilitation Strategy, including clear timelines for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [19332/21]
*1933. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine a case of patients unable to get the Covid-19 vaccination (details supplied) in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [19334/21]

*1934. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the way in which alternative therapies used to treat speech and language difficulties such as music and equine therapies are certified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [19341/21]

*1935. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 749 of 17 November 2020, if the feasibility study on St. Stephen’s Hospital, Glanmire has recommenced; if not, the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19344/21]

*1936. To ask the Minister for Health the number of actions of the 87 to 96 in the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017 to 2021 that have been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19347/21]

*1937. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish eye clinic liaison officer positions in ophthalmology clinics outside of Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19348/21]

*1938. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to establish an eye clinic liaison officer position at Waterford University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19349/21]

*1939. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to whether an Irish citizen returning here in difficult circumstances, humanitarian grounds for example if a family member is dying or has died has to undergo 14 days mandatory hotel quarantine if a negative PCR test can be supplied; if, and the way in which an Irish citizen can apply for an exemption; the procedure in place for citizens to get an exemption to the MHQ; if he will confirm whether or not someone who has been vaccinated has to undergo MHQ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19350/21]

*1940. To ask the Minister for Health the options a person has with a history or a family history of thrombosis in choice of Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [19351/21]

*1941. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a proposal for funding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [19359/21]

*1942. To ask the Minister for Health the amount expended by the HSE on advertising related to Covid-19 awareness campaigns from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [19360/21]

*1943. To ask the Minister for Health if merchant navy, seafarers and professionally trained maritime crew traveling abroad for work-related purposes fall within the grouping of essential international travel under the proposed Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19370/21]

*1944. To ask the Minister for Health if he will revise the listing of professions involved in international travel that are exempted from mandatory hotel quarantining during the Covid-19 pandemic; if he will consider merchant navy, seafarers and professionally trained maritime crew as
an essential travel category that falls under exemption form mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19371/21]

*1945. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given for merchant navy, seafarers and professionally trained maritime crew to quarantine at home instead of hotel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19372/21]

*1946. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental staff currently employed by the HSE in County Longford in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [19373/21]

*1947. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental staff currently employed by the HSE in County Westmeath in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [19374/21]

*1948. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on orthodontic treatment in counties Longford and Westmeath by age in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [19375/21]

*1949. To ask the Minister for Health the number of psychologists employed by the HSE on a full-time basis in County Longford. — Sorca Clarke. [19376/21]

*1950. To ask the Minister for Health the intended timeframe for the opening of the remaining 11 beds in Monaghan General Hospital, per the winter plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19384/21]

*1951. To ask the Minister for Health the primary legislation, statutory instrument or other legal mechanism or requirement underpins the need for those applying to deliver vaccines against Covid-19 requires that leaving certificate results be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19385/21]

*1952. To ask the Minister for Health if the P1 variant of Covid-19 has been detected in any meat plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19386/21]

*1953. To ask the Minister for Health if all student nurses and midwives that are on placement are receiving the €100 allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19392/21]

*1954. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of the P1 variant of Covid-19; the attributed source for these cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19393/21]

*1955. To ask the Minister for Health if he will improve the treatments available for person’s with an eating disorder; if he is committed to implementing in full the eating disorder treatment plan announced in 2018 including the provision of treatment hubs; the reason the funding provided for this condition in 2018 and 2019 was not fully utilised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [19408/21]

*1956. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the availability of general practitioner services in the area of Midleton, County Cork is sufficient to cater for current local demand; if not, his plans to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [19411/21]
*1957. To ask the Minister for Health if residents in mandatory hotel quarantine with specific dietary requirements allergies, kosher and so on will receive meals in line with their requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19421/21]

*1958. To ask the Minister for Health the considerations his Department is giving to easing restrictions on inter-household gatherings outdoors following recently published figures from the Health Protection Surveillance Centre showing significantly less transmission of Covid-19 in outdoor settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19429/21]

*1959. To ask the Minister for Health the considerations his Department is giving to easing restrictions relating to businesses with outdoor facilities following recently published figures from the Health Protection Surveillance Centre showing significantly less transmission of Covid-19 in outdoor settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19430/21]

*1960. To ask the Minister for Health if revised guidelines can be expected for businesses with regard to the need for social distancing once the Covid-19 vaccination programme is completed in the third quarter of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19431/21]

*1961. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being developed by his Department to address an increased demand on mental health services in the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19432/21]

*1962. To ask the Minister for Health the considerations that are being given to improve data collection regarding suspected cases of suicide which will help develop proactive suicide prevention policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19433/21]

*1963. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reconsider the need for mandatory quarantining passengers who transit from countries on the mandatory hotel quarantine list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [19435/21]

*1964. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paid providers of safe talk suicide awareness courses in counties Longford and Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [19437/21]

*1965. To ask the Minister for Health the number of safe talk programmes that were delivered in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in counties Longford and Westmeath in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [19438/21]

*1966. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assist programmes that were delivered in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in counties Longford and Westmeath in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [19439/21]

*1967. To ask the Minister for Health the funds that have been allocated for safetalk programmes in counties Longford and Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [19440/21]

*1968. To ask the Minister for Health when frontline staff at a facility (details supplied) in County Mayo will be vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19456/21]

*1969. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is being requested to provide documentation previously forwarded to the client registration unit in order to process a
medical card application; the reason for the delay in processing the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19457/21]

*1970. To ask the Minister for Health if IVF patients that have to travel abroad for treatment are exempt from mandatory hotel quarantine given that IVF treatment is extremely time sensitive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [19460/21]

*1971. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the proposed closure of the medical assessment unit in Mallow General Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [19464/21]

*1972. To ask the Minister for Health if the programme highlighted in the recent document prepared by a person (details supplied) and published in December 2020 will be expanded once the Covid-19 restrictions have been fully removed in the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19470/21]

*1973. To ask the Minister for Health if additional resourcing will be provided and research carried out for the ARCS initiative in order to explore the changing roles of artist and care setting staff in the design and delivery of art in care initiatives, to identify additional training and support needs and the way in which these can be met in view of the changed circumstances brought about by Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19471/21]

*1974. To ask the Minister for Health if additional research will be carried out to further understand the experience of the ARCS initiative from the perspective of older persons in residential and daycare settings; if he will ensure that they play a more active and central role in the design and delivery of art in care initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19472/21]

*1975. To ask the Minister for Health if further research stemming from a recent report (details supplied) will be considered in order to examine ways in which the artist in residence in a care setting initiative can further develop meaningful links with the community in which the care setting is located; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19473/21]

*1976. To ask the Minister for Health if further funding (details supplied) will be considered for the artist in residence in a care setting initiative in order to further expand and mainstream this beneficial initiative to the wider residential and day care sector for older persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19474/21]

*1977. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarity on medical or humanitarian grounds for exemption from quarantine (details supplied); the decision making process behind making judgements on such cases; if travellers can apply for same pre-travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [19476/21]

*1978. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes for an ambulance to arrive at a scene after a call was received; and the number on a response area basis. — Martin Browne. [19484/21]

*1979. To ask the Minister for Health the current average ambulance response time in each area of County Tipperary.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [19485/21]
*1980. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently on hospital outpatient waiting lists; the number of persons waiting on a six month incremental basis; and the number on a hospital basis. — Martin Browne. [19486/21]

*1981. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement process for zolgensma; the progress made on this issue to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [19490/21]

*1982. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to a mental health organisation (details supplied) in order for it to continue operating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [19492/21]

*1983. To ask the Minister for Health if patients have a right to be informed of the risks of vaginal birth after caesarean; if a fully independent hospital wide review of vaginal birth after caesarean counselling will be carried out at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19495/21]

*1984. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to improve vaginal birth after caesarean counselling in hospitals here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19496/21]

*1985. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the path for resumption of maternity care and services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [19498/21]

*1986. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to a person (details supplied) to return here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [19503/21]

*1987. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to offer another vaccine to those under 30 years of age in view of the links between a vaccine (details supplied) and blood clots, particularly in young women and the UK advice that persons under 30 years of age should receive an alternative vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19511/21]

*1988. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to re-draft the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [19514/21]

*1989. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to allowing for an exemption from mandatory hotel based quarantine for persons who have been vaccinated against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [19517/21]

*1990. To ask the Minister for Health the position of persons in cases in which they have urgent family reasons to visit Ireland, for example, an extremely ill parent, are coming from a designated state, have been fully vaccinated and who have a negative PCR test prior to their departure; if such persons are required to undertake mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19521/21]

*1991. To ask the Minister for Health if clarification will be provided on the new criteria for vaccine roll-out; the likely dates on which those in the 65 to 69 years of age cohort are likely to be treated; if they or any other cohort with concerns can be facilitated in the choice of the vaccine available; if a refusal of a particular vaccine will result in an extended delay; if such concerns will be facilitated going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [19524/21]
*1992. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the campaign by an organisation (details supplied) to make first line treatments available under the medical card and drug payment scheme; his plans to include cariban on the medical card or on the drug payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19526/21]

*1993. To ask the Minister for Health if advice will be provided on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the continuation of below cost selling of alcohol as a loss leader by supermarkets and other symbol groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19527/21]

*1994. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the practice of low cost selling of alcohol (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19528/21]

*1995. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the points raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19530/21]

*1996. To ask the Minister for Health the reason persons that have been identified as a Covid-19 close contact do not have to restrict their movements and can continue to travel to work and school. — Robert Troy. [19536/21]

*1997. To ask the Minister for Health the expected cost of the contract for pharmacists to roll-out the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19537/21]

*1998. To ask the Minister for Health the details of his engagement with an organisation (details supplied) in terms of the vaccine roll-out both within pharmacies and mass vaccination centres and agreements to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [19538/21]

*1999. To ask the Minister for Health if general practitioners from other EU countries who have come to Ireland for work and who have received both Covid-19 vaccinations and have a negative PCR test are exempt from the two-week mandatory quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19539/21]

*2000. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to vaccine prioritisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19545/21]

*2001. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinicians in CHO9 that have been redeployed from early intervention and school age disability teams into assessment of needs posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19546/21]

*2002. To ask the Minister for Health when the children’s disability network teams will be set up in CHO9; the location of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19547/21]

*2003. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and psychologists working with children directly employed by the HSE and by section 38 organisations in CHO9 in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [19548/21]
*2004. To ask the Minister for Health the number of school age disability teams in CH09; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [19549/21]

*2005. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for children to commence accessing services in speech and language therapy, primary care occupational therapy, school age disability teams and psychological therapy in CH09; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [19550/21]

*2006. To ask the Minister for Health the average age of children on the waiting lists to commence accessing services in each of speech and language therapy, primary care occupational therapy, school age disability teams and psychological therapy in CH09; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [19551/21]

*2007. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for jigsaw; the average waiting time in CHO9 in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [19552/21]

*2008. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for CAMHS; the average waiting time in CHO9 in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [19553/21]

*2009. To ask the Minister for Health if he has paused the roll-out of the Progressing Disability Service programme in its current format and that no special school including a school (details supplied) will lose any onsite provision including speech and language therapy. — Mary Lou McDonald. [19554/21]

*2010. To ask the Minister for Health if general practitioners from other EU countries that have come to Ireland for work, have received both the Covid-19 vaccinations and have a negative PCR test are exempt from the two-week mandatory quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19555/21]

*2011. To ask the Minister for Health when FreeStyle Libre will be available for patients with type 1 diabetes aged over 21 years of age through the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [19562/21]

*2012. To ask the Minister for Health the maternity hospitals that are allowing partners to attend scans in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [19563/21]

*2013. To ask the Minister for Health if changes will be made to the policy of disallowing partners at scans in maternity hospitals following the vaccination of healthcare staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [19564/21]

*2014. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doses of the flu vaccine that were administered in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [19565/21]

*2015. To ask the Minister for Health his views on protests of a distressing nature outside the Maternity Hospital, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [19581/21]
2016. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recommendations made by a person (details supplied) to update the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill and amendments to the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [19582/21]

2017. To ask the Minister for Health his views on changing to the Dentists Act 1985 to allow change to the scope of practice for dental hygienists to work independently from dentists; his views on the way this could enable them to treat children in schools given the delay in dental assessments in primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [19586/21]

2018. To ask the Minister for Health when the status of expectant mothers’ partners will be changed to allow them attend maternity screenings, classes and births; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [19588/21]

2019. To ask the Minister for Health the number of housebound persons over 70 years of age who have not yet received the Covid-19 vaccination; the reason for the slow roll-out of vaccinations to this highly vulnerable group; the steps he plans taking to expedite this roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19589/21]

2020. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the Covid-19 vaccination; the reason for the delay in administering same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19590/21]

2021. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons over 70 years of age who have not yet received their first Covid-19 vaccination; when this cohort will be totally vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19591/21]

2022. To ask the Minister for Health the details of a hub (details supplied) for CHO2; the location of the hub; the number and type of specialist multi-disciplinary teams of clinicians to be recruited; when in 2021 persons will have access to the hub and its services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19601/21]

2023. To ask the Minister for Health the status of primary care centres (details supplied); the additional services that will be provided at each centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19603/21]

2024. To ask the Minister for Health the status of primary care centres (details supplied); the services that will be provided at each centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19604/21]

2025. To ask the Minister for Health the status of hubs (details supplied) for CHO2; the location of the hubs; the number and type of specialist multidisciplinary teams of clinicians to be recruited; when in 2021 persons will have access to the hubs and services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19605/21]

2026. To ask the Minister for Health the annual budget for his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2019; and the proportion of that budget that was allocated to the HSE or other non-Departmental bodies or organisations in the health area. — John Lahart. [19620/21]

2027. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of his Department’s budget that was expended annually on Departmental salaries and pensions from 2016 to 2019. — John Lahart. [19621/21]
*2028. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are being made for the allocation of unused Covid-19 vaccinations. — Cathal Crowe. [19623/21]

*2029. To ask the Minister for Health if it is possible to conduct the mandatory hotel quarantine in an alternative hotel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19628/21]

*2030. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a person (details supplied) categorised as cohort 4 without a consultant can get their Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19629/21]

*2031. To ask the Minister for Health the matters included in the National Pandemic Management Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19632/21]

*2032. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated from March 2020 to date for the National Pandemic Management Strategy; if a breakdown of the areas to which the funding was allocated will be provided in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19633/21]

*2033. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims made and proceedings initiated against the HSE or hospital groups by persons or groups of persons whose loved ones died after contracting Covid-19 in a hospital setting. — Peadar Tóibín. [19636/21]

*2034. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims made and proceedings initiated against the HSE by persons or groups of persons whose loved ones died after contracting Covid-19 in HSE run nursing homes or community hospital settings. — Peadar Tóibín. [19637/21]

*2035. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that contracted Covid-19 in hospitals since the start of the pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [19638/21]

*2036. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have died after contracting Covid-19 in hospitals since the start of the pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [19639/21]

*2037. To ask the Minister for Health if under the new regulations regarding construction of healthcare facilities will be allowed undergo renovations. — Louise O’Reilly. [19644/21]

*2038. To ask the Minister for Health if postnatal mothers will be considered for priority vaccination given their vulnerability and necessity to protect themselves and their newborn babies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19649/21]

*2039. To ask the Minister for Health the safeguards in place to support women with postpartum depression; if additional supports will be provided considering escalation of stress and anxiety that these women are going through during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19650/21]

*2040. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims lodged with the CervicalCheck Tribunal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19660/21]

*2041. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an orthodontic appointment for a child (details supplied); if an appointment will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19664/21]
2042. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a care pathway for those suffering from long Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19667/21]

2043. To ask the Minister for Health the reason patients with MS that are being told by their consultants that they have a low immune system are not on the list of patients being called for the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19668/21]

2044. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) and their companion who are travelling abroad for vital medical reasons do not have to undergo mandatory hotel quarantining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [19678/21]

2045. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure on the track and trace programme for 2020 and to date in 2021, including costs paid to third parties and spent within the HSE. — Pa Daly. [19682/21]

2046. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure on the Covid-19 app for 2020 and to date in 2021, including costs paid to third parties and spent within the HSE. — Pa Daly. [19683/21]

2047. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that retains the legal rights to transcripts, standard operating procedures and other intellectual property developed in the course of the track and trace programme. — Pa Daly. [19684/21]

2048. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that retains the legal rights to transcripts, standard operating procedures and any other intellectual property developed in the course of the Covid-19 tracker app programme. — Pa Daly. [19685/21]

2049. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the approval of the FreeStyle Libre device for diabetic patients that are medical card holders. — Martin Browne. [19686/21]

2050. To ask the Minister for Health when the FreeStyle Libre device will be available to all type 1 diabetics here. — Martin Browne. [19690/21]

2051. To ask the Minister for Health the mean, median and maximum wait time for surgeries by specialty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19691/21]

2052. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on surgery by specialty and length on waiting list by monthly periods in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19692/21]

2053. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of capital project funding applied for each year since 2015 inclusive by hospital groups; the details of the nature and a general summary of the project; the stage which each project is at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19693/21]

2054. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of capital project funding applied for each year since 2015 inclusive by hospital and hospital groups to the HSE estate; the details of the nature and a general summary of the projects; the stage which each project is at; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19694/21]
*2055. To ask the Minister for Health when guidance will be issued from his Department in conjunction with NPHET on the reopening date for mobile home parks. — Cathal Crowe. [19695/21]

*2056. To ask the Minister for Health the locations at which there are paediatric anaesthetists employed in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19696/21]

*2057. To ask the Minister for Health the locations at which a MRI is available in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19697/21]

*2058. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dietitian posts approved, filled and vacant for mental health services in the south east; the length of each vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19698/21]

*2059. To ask the Minister for Health if mental health service patients will have access to a dietitian at the primary care unit in Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19699/21]

*2060. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used to determine a designated state for mandatory hotel quarantines; the process for choosing a designated state; if consultation takes place with those states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19706/21]

*2061. To ask the Minister for Health when designated states for mandatory hotel quarantines will be reviewed; the criteria that will be used to remove states from the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19707/21]

*2062. To ask the Minister for Health when the legal mechanism allowing for mandatory hotel quarantines are due to expire; the issues that will be considered when it expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19708/21]

*2063. To ask the Minister for Health if support teams will be able to travel with their elite athletes from the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [19713/21]

*2064. To ask the Minister for Health the whole-time equivalent approved posts for consultant anaesthetists at each location; the number filled and vacant; the basis on which they are filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19719/21]

*2065. To ask the Minister for Health the number vaccinated in a mass vaccine centre (details supplied); the number of cancellations; the number of no shows within each group in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19720/21]

*2066. To ask the Minister for Health the measures in place in CHO2 to ensure operational management and customer experience are improved (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19721/21]

*2067. To ask the Minister for Health the alternative options available to parents who are attempting to secure an autism assessment for their child but who cannot afford to wait the time via the public system or the fees via the private system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19731/21]
*2068. To ask the Minister for Health the basis upon which Italy was added to the mandatory quarantine list of countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [19732/21]

*2069. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department in conjunction with the HSE can make provisions for early intervention appointments for children in order that they are seen outside of school hours (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [19738/21]

*2070. To ask the Minister for Health if restrictions on non-essential travel will remain in place for travel beyond the new limits in the context of persons now being allowed to travel within their county of residence or up to 20km if traveling across a county boundary. — Paul Murphy. [19740/21]

*2071. To ask the Minister for Health when the report on Prader-Willi syndrome will be published; the extent to which matters arising are in hand with a view to meeting the concerns of families affected by this particular condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19741/21]

*2072. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date on the provision of a respite centre for persons affected by Prader-Willi syndrome; if budgetary provision is adequate to meet this request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19742/21]

*2073. To ask the Minister for Health when a specifically dedicated area in psychiatry will be apportioned to studies relating to Prader-Willi syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19743/21]

*2074. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered testing the use of rapid antigen testing to allow the return of large spectator events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19744/21]

*2075. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the current closure of St. Michael’s unit, a ten-bed facility in Beaumont Hospital; and if his attention has been drawn to the impact this is having on rehabilitation services and waiting lists for those seeking supports. — Seán Crowe. [19745/21]

*2076. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the current closure of Keltoi rehabilitation and residential unit in the Phoenix Park and the closure of St. Michael’s unit in Beaumont Hospital in 2020; if his attention has been drawn to the effect this is causing on other services and providers throughout the city and those in the CHO7 area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [19746/21]

*2077. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who fall into the very high risk and high risk category as per the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [19753/21]

*2078. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vaccines that have been administered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19755/21]

*2079. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the staffing shortages in the Ballyfermot mental health services (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [19761/21]
*2080. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue a directive requesting the HSE to ensure that patients from a general optician practice (details supplied) receive their overdue vaccines as soon as possible. — Emer Higgins. [19767/21]

*2081. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No 195 of 17 September 2020, the status of the Farrelly Commission in relation to the Grace case; when the report of the commission will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19771/21]

*2082. To ask the Minister for Health the manner in which variants of concern are detected as an issue in the context of differing levels of sequencing across the EU; if all EU states have equal or comparable capacity for sequencing and detecting variants of concern; if not, the way the strategy for identifying designated states accounts for variation in this capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [19772/21]

*2083. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a contingency for Irish citizens (details supplied) who are returning to Ireland from the USA and have to go through the two week hotel quarantine but do not have the means to pay the €2,000 fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19780/21]

*2084. To ask the Minister for Health if an assessment for home help will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19781/21]

*2085. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve Ireland's performance on access to new medicines relative to other western European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [19792/21]

*2086. To ask the Minister for Health his position in relation to the National Cancer Strategy and placing Ireland in the top quartile in Europe for cancer survival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [19793/21]

*2087. To ask the Minister for Health the recommendations made in a report by a company (details supplied) in respect of the HSEs systems, structures, processes and governance for reimbursing medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [19794/21]

*2088. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to place tailored processes for the reimbursement in Ireland of licensed cell and gene therapies given the transformational impact of these treatments on patients and given that the State is already paying for them under the treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [19795/21]

*2089. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to publish a national biosimilars policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [19796/21]

*2090. To ask the Minister for Health the medicines and indications added to the reimbursement list in 2020 and to date in 2021; when they were added during the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [19797/21]

*2091. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken in order to improve treatment options for women experiencing miscarriages; if additional funding will be available for research in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19801/21]

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*2092. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce more treatment options for women’s health during pregnancy or after pregnancy including immune investigations and evaluations by a reproductive immunologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19802/21]

*2093. To ask the Minister for Health if medications (details supplied) can be used for the treatment of miscarriages caused by immune issues under the drug payment scheme; if not, the available alternatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19803/21]

*2094. To ask the Minister for Health the specific schemes or supports that will be put in place for those who suffer complications or side effects, such as vaccine induced prothrombotic immune thrombocytopenia after receiving a Covid-19 vaccine; and his views on whether it is important that persons who suffer such complications are not left to bear the consequences without Government support given the State indemnified the companies that manufacture the vaccines. — Seán Crowe. [19804/21]

*2095. To ask the Minister for Health if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19817/21]

*2096. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a proposal (details supplied) to resource seven additional eye clinic liaison officer posts around the country; his plans in this regard; the details of any analysis carried out by his Department into the creation of these additional posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19826/21]

*2097. To ask the Minister for Health the Covid-19 vaccination centres currently in use; the date from which each of these centres is in use; the number of persons who have been vaccinated in each of these centres, respectively since they first came into use for this purpose; the weekly cost of renting each of these premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [19830/21]

*2098. To ask the Minister for Health if an arrangement has been put in place in which cross-Border workers can be vaccinated in the jurisdiction in which they work and pay tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [19831/21]

*2099. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend the Health (Amendment) Act 2021 in order to facilitate the return to Ireland of fully vaccinated hospital consultants and general practitioners currently training in Canada to take up medical positions here without having to undertake mandatory hotel quarantine; if he will consult the Expert Advisory Group on Travel on such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [19832/21]

*2100. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prisoners that have been transferred to the Central Mental Hospital in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19835/21]

*2101. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prisoners currently awaiting transfer to the Central Mental Hospital; the length of time in days each of the prisoners has been awaiting transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19836/21]

*2102. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria and process for adding and removing countries from the mandatory quarantine list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [19838/21]
*2103. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to permit indoor social settings (details supplied) to reopen and or resume activities for the cohorts of persons fully vaccinated in view of the mental health benefits that they provide. — Catherine Murphy. [19854/21]

*2104. To ask the Minister for Health when access to required health services including urgently required investigative procedures can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19858/21]

*2105. To ask the Minister for Health if persons who have to travel abroad for medical treatment under the treatment abroad scheme every six to eight weeks to a country with which Ireland has mandatory hotel quarantine in place on return, will have to go into mandatory quarantine each time they return to Ireland; if so, if their ongoing medical treatment can be provided in the hotel in Ireland for them by the HSE on their return; if the treatment abroad scheme covers the cost of the quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19861/21]

*2106. To ask the Minister for Health if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19872/21]

*2107. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19881/21]

*2108. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to provide additional funding through the HSE to an organisation (details supplied) in 2021 in view of the demand for its services and the extra cost associated with providing them due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19882/21]

*2109. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the preparation of legislation on assisted human reproduction; when it is expected to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19884/21]

*2110. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1097 of 31 March 2021, the status of the roll-out of phase one of the model of care for infertility at secondary level; the number of regional fertility hubs that are fully operational to date; the locations of same; when the final two regional fertility hubs in counties Galway and Limerick will be fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19885/21]

*2111. To ask the Minister for Health the analysis his Department has carried out into the financial cost of IVF treatment for persons and couples undergoing the treatment given that this treatment is not currently provided through the public health system; the analysis his Department has carried out into the cost to the State providing IVF treatment under the public health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19886/21]

*2112. To ask the Minister for Health when he will amend the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 and redraft the Assisted Human Reproduction Bill 2017 as recommended by the Special Rapporteur for Children to ensure that children born through assisted human reproduction have their rights, family life, identity and non-discrimination and best interests legally protected in Irish law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [19887/21]

*2113. To ask the Minister for Health the in-hospital and community supports available to women who miscarry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [19890/21]
*2114. To ask the Minister for Health the examination he has undertaken on the possibility of exemptions from the mandatory hotel quarantine system for Irish students studying abroad as a result of the fact that they were unaware of this situation prior to their departure and the enormous financial hardship that it would impose on them given that many would not be in a position to sustain same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19895/21]

*2115. To ask the Minister for Health if an operation will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19896/21]

*2116. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be exempt from mandatory hotel quarantine on their return under the exemption travelling to the State for unavoidable, imperative and time-sensitive medical reasons and these reasons are certified by a registered medical practitioner or person with equivalent qualifications outside the State in circumstances in which the country they are travelling to for a certified medical treatment is added to the list. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19897/21]

*2117. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the appeals process operates in relation to mandatory hotel quarantine; the appeals officer in this regard; if a further appeal is possible in the event a person is not satisfied with an appeal outcome; the grounds on which an appeal will be allowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19898/21]

*2118. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding access to dentistry in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19900/21]

*2119. To ask the Minister for Health the process by which the policy of mandatory hotel quarantine will end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [19903/21]

*2120. To ask the Minister for Health when the 1,700 NDI approved driving instructors will receive a Covid-19 vaccination (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19905/21]

*2121. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to correspondence from an institute (details supplied) regarding adding radiographers and radiation therapists to the list of authorised persons for delivering the Covid-19 vaccine. — Louise O’Reilly. [19910/21]

*2122. To ask the Minister for Health when the revised terms of reference of the National Implementation and Monitoring Committee as signed off at the meeting of the NIMC steering committee on 12 February 2021 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [19912/21]

*2123. To ask the Minister for Health if he will institute a review in relation to the practice of not permitting a birthing partner to be present with persons giving birth due to Covid-19 restrictions; his views on whether this is proportionate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [19916/21]

*2124. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on methadone maintenance therapy in each county; the length of time patients spend on such therapy on average by county; and the supports available to help persons become fully drug free by county. — Martin Browne. [19917/21]
*2125. To ask the Minister for Health when the appropriate mental health service will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [19918/21]

*2126. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with an institute (details supplied) regarding the addition of professionals in radiography and radiation therapy to those who can be trained to and administer Covid-19 vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19920/21]

*2127. To ask the Minister for Health if private ambulance services have been contracted by CHOs to support the National Ambulance Service roll-out of group 3 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19923/21]

*2128. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the key performance indicators or associated metrics that will be used to monitor the vaccination centres over the coming weeks and months that do not feed an us-versus-them approach to the roll-out of the vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [19924/21]

*2129. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding public services which remain restricted while at level 5 in view of the new roadmap for reopening the country which refers to the loosening of restrictions on specific dates rather than the move to new levels; his views on whether it can be reasonably argued that the country remains at level 5 when a number of restrictions have been lifted; if the previous roadmap to living with Covid-19 is still in use; if so, when he expects a move to the lower levels; when all essential public services which are currently closed as a result of being at level 5 will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19925/21]

*2130. To ask the Minister for Health when maternity hospital visitor restrictions will be lifted; the continued justification of restricting a partner’s access; if he will review the matter urgently especially considering the lower levels of patients with Covid-19 in hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19926/21]

*2131. To ask the Minister for Health the vaccine that has been provided to student nurses; if it is still the position of his Department and the HSE to force student nurses to take a Covid-19 vaccine if they want to continue their studies given the change in guidelines in relation to a vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [19927/21]

*2132. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a link to or advise of the location in which to access the regulations in relation to mandatory hotel quarantine. — Eoin Ó Broin. [19928/21]

*2133. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be provided to resource additional eye clinic liaison officer posts in ophthalmology clinics that provide service outside Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19930/21]

*2134. To ask the Minister for Health the progress in relation to plans to implement an acute electronic health record system in the new national children’s hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19944/21]

*2135. To ask the Minister for Health the progress on developing clinical ICT systems to provide the required infrastructure to support effective clinical decision making; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19945/21]
*2136. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to implement financial corporate systems to improve accountability and ensure funds can follow patient activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19946/21]

*2137. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of plans to provide cloud infrastructure to the whole health service to support a more secure and safe data environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19947/21]

*2138. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of plans to implement a digital maternity system to support the National Maternity Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19948/21]

*2139. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish an ehealth forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [19949/21]

*2140. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eye clinic liaison officer posts in ophthalmology clinics by county; if he will fund seven posts resourced through the HSE to provide the service outside Dublin as per the request by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19953/21]

*2141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of neglect in nursing homes reported by the HSE and HIQA in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19956/21]

*2142. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints in relation to visiting restrictions in nursing homes received by HIQA and the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19957/21]

*2143. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment for orthodontic treatment. — Barry Cowen. [19959/21]

*2144. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in signing an agreement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19964/21]

*2145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in Covid-19 vaccine group 1 who are housebound that are still waiting to receive their vaccination from the National Ambulance Service as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [19965/21]

*2146. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to extend the use of autoimmune drugs such as humira, neupogen and IVIG approved on the drugs payment scheme for the treatment of miscarriages caused by autoimmune issues in view of the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [19971/21]

*2147. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received or sought legal advice from the Attorney General or otherwise on the legality of denying vaccinated residents of long-term residential care facilities the rights to family life, such as regular visits from family and general freedom of movement, for example, meeting family in a garden and making a trip with family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19973/21]
*2148. To ask the Minister for Health when the application for approval of the drug patisiran will be considered again under the Health Act 2013 for the treatment of hereditary transthyretin-mediated amyloidosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [19982/21]

*2149. To ask the Minister for Health the latest advice received from NIAC regarding a Covid-19 vaccine (details supplied); the implications of this for those under 60 years of age who have received one dose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19983/21]

*2150. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) regarding access to a medication under the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [19984/21]

*2151. To ask the Minister for Health if the home vaccination scheme is operational for those who are seriously incapacitated and cannot leave their home; and if not, when this scheme will commence. — Brian Stanley. [19985/21]

*2152. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that medical cannabis accessed regularly and legitimately by patients and their family on their behalf from sources outside the State is paid for at source rather than imposing a burdensome cost on the patient or family which is reimbursed such as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19987/21]

*2153. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who has had a procedure (details supplied) and now requires medication for life can be reimbursed medical costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [19988/21]

*2154. To ask the Minister for Health the operational status of each of the mass vaccination centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19990/21]

*2155. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing composition for each of the mass vaccination centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19991/21]

*2156. To ask the Minister for Health the cost incurred for each mass vaccination centre to date by spend type; the spend on private contractors by service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19992/21]

*2157. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects each of the mass vaccination centres to be fully operational, staffed and operating at capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19993/21]

*2158. To ask the Minister for Health the target of vaccine delivery in estimated numbers of doses per week for each of the mass vaccination centres for each month in April, May and June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19994/21]

*2159. To ask the Minister for Health when the vaccination appointment portal will be available to the wider population for age cohorts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19995/21]

*2160. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects mass vaccination centres to begin vaccinating age cohorts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19996/21]
*2161. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the medical conditions cohorts phase of
the vaccine roll-out to be largely complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David
Cullinane. [19997/21]

*2162. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated population size of each of the vaccine cohorts;
and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [19998/21]

*2163. To ask the Minister for Health the cohorts which will be vaccinated in mass vaccination
centres, general practitioner clinics or other pathways; and if he will make a statement on the
matter. — David Cullinane. [19999/21]

*2164. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HPV vaccine is not covered under the drug
payment scheme; if this will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan
Dillon. [20001/21]

*2165. To ask the Minister for Health if Ireland has indemnified all Covid-19 vaccines; and if
the HSE and his Department have received claims from persons as result of side effects from the
vaccine. — Peadar Tóibín. [20002/21]

*2166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in acute mental health wards that are
occupied by persons with neurological disorders waiting to access long-term care. — Donnchadh
Ó Laoghaire. [20005/21]

*2167. To ask the Minister for Health the discharge options available to persons who have
dementia in a hospital setting if they need to avail of long-term care for the first time. — Donnchadh
Ó Laoghaire. [20006/21]

*2168. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of operating a bed in an acute mental health ward.
— Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20007/21]

*2169. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of keeping a person in an acute bed in a
mental health ward who suffers from a neurological issue as compared with releasing transitional
funding to a more appropriate care home while a fair deal application is pending such as in the case
of a person (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20008/21]

*2170. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria needed for a patient in a hospital setting under
the care of the mental health department to access transitional funding while trying to access long-
term care. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [20009/21]

*2171. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for patients transferring from mental health
care to long-term care facilities such as a person (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire.
[20010/21]

*2172. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or the HSE have a centralised reporting
system for flagging the side effects of Covid-19 vaccines; and if so, the details of the way the
system works. — Peadar Tóibín. [20024/21]

*2173. To ask the Minister for Health the services in place to treat young persons in County
Wexford with an eating disorder; the plans in place to expand any eating disorder services for
County Wexford; the number of young persons who are waiting for treatment for eating disorders
in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20026/21]
*2174. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for disability psychology services for children in County Wexford; the length of waiting time for same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20027/21]

*2175. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to level 5 restrictions will receive a response. — Sean Sherlock. [20034/21]

*2176. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) is a section 29 organisation. — Sean Sherlock. [20035/21]

*2177. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting in excess of three years for an appointment with a pain relief specialist at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [20036/21]

*2178. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were subject to mandatory hotel quarantine in Dublin who have paid for their quarantine costs to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [20040/21]

*2179. To ask the Minister for Health if he will carry out an urgent review of the Cross-Border Directive that is being administered by the HSE following recurrent problems with the compatibility of DRG codes that have cost applicants thousands of euro. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20041/21]

*2180. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding pay restoration for staff. — Paul McAuliffe. [20046/21]

*2181. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have been vaccinated at a location (details supplied) from the date the centre opened to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [20047/21]

*2182. To ask the Minister for Health the private nursing homes in Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary that have agreed to provide palliative care beds to the HSE if required following the closure of a nursing home (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [20048/21]

*2183. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a situation in which communities in County Clare are finding one hit kit packages with needles; if he will instruct his Department to contact the relevant pharmacies to discuss the issue; and if funding is available for equipment and training for local community groups such as tidy towns to clean the needles up. — Thomas Gould. [20051/21]

*2184. To ask the Minister for Health if he will prioritise SNAs in the vaccine roll-out programme alongside all healthcare workers. — Robert Troy. [20053/21]

*2185. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the payments issued to date to each of the 352 general practitioners providing termination of pregnancy services within the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [20058/21]

*2186. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend Statutory Instrument No. 168 of 2021 in order that those who have had Covid-19 can meet with others who have had Covid-19 from one other household indoors without wearing a mask or staying two metres apart in the same way as those who have been fully vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20060/21]

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2187. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of the P1 variant of Covid-19 identified in Ireland by week in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20066/21]

2188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of the P1 variant of Covid-19 identified as part of the ongoing serial testing in meat processing plants by week in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20067/21]

2189. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Immunisation Advisory Committee advisory group on cardiovascular patients has considered the HSE national heart programme submission which recommends that patients under 70 years of age waiting for cardiovascular surgery be placed in the vaccine allocation group four; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [20083/21]

2190. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider revising the regulations in relation to mandatory Covid-19 detention for persons that can demonstrate that they are fully vaccinated for Covid-19 and have a negative PCR test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20084/21]

2191. To ask the Minister for Health the position of a person (details supplied) on a waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20087/21]

2192. To ask the Minister for Health the expedited vaccine pathway that can be provided for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [20090/21]

2193. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant paediatric transplant and hepatobiliary surgeons with a special interest in kidney transplantation at CHI Temple Street, Dublin 1; and if this number will be increased. — Paul Donnelly. [20100/21]

2194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff by job title working in the radiology intervention suite at Connolly Hospital, Dublin 15. — Paul Donnelly. [20101/21]

2195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff by job title working in Corduff and Blanchardstown primary care centres, Dublin 15. — Paul Donnelly. [20102/21]

2196. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is involved in the closing and sale of a nursing home (details supplied) in Dublin 7; and the future plans for the site. — Paul Donnelly. [20103/21]

2197. To ask the Minister for Health the costs incurred to date by the CervicalCheck Tribunal by cost type, for example, salaries, public relations, legal fees, rent and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20109/21]

2198. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a primary care speech and language therapy appointment by CHO, LHO, age and time waiting. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20110/21]

2199. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for a primary care occupational therapy appointment by CHO, LHO, age and time waiting. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20111/21]
*2200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for community psychology services by CHO, LHO, age, category and time waiting. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20112/21]

*2201. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for homecare package applications by CHO and LHO. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20113/21]

*2202. To ask the Minister for Health if he will undertake an urgent review of the allocation of mental health services to young persons; the areas in which gaps in provision of services exist by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20114/21]

*2203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccine doses delivered to and administered by general practitioners to date by county, local authority area and each clinic or general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20116/21]

*2204. To ask the Minister for Health if fully vaccinated persons will be allowed to visit mobile home parks within the allowable travel distance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20117/21]

*2205. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding visitors at a hospital (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [20123/21]

*2206. To ask the Minister for Health the status of rapid antigen testing for international travel and mass gatherings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [20130/21]

*2207. To ask the Minister for Health if quarantine measures will apply to essential workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20131/21]

*2208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age currently on a waiting list for inpatient day case at the end of March 2021 or the latest date available by hospital groups; and the number waiting six months or less, six to 12 months and more than 12 months in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [20133/21]

*2209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age currently on a waiting list for inpatient day case GI endoscopy at the end of March 2021 or the latest date available by hospital groups; and the number waiting six months or less, six to 12 months and more than 12 months in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [20134/21]

*2210. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age on the outpatient day case waiting list at the end of March 2021 or the latest date available by hospital group; and the number waiting six months or less, six to 12 months and more than 12 months in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [20135/21]

*2211. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age currently on the outpatient day case waiting list for GI endoscopy at the end of March 2021 or the latest date available by hospital groups; and the number waiting six months or less, six to 12 months and more than 12 months in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [20136/21]
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*2212. To ask the Minister for Health if no dossiers are held on families who have been adversely impacted by epilim sodium valproate historically or otherwise by his Department and or other State bodies. — Kathleen Funchion. [20138/21]

*2213. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for the national gender clinic. — Kathleen Funchion. [20140/21]

*2214. To ask the Minister for Health if an Irish chief engineer helicopter operator working in Lagos, Nigeria is considered an essential worker and exempt from the hotel quarantine system. — Kathleen Funchion. [20142/21]

*2215. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a situation that developed recently in Borris, County Kilkenny (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [20143/21]

*2216. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive orthodontic treatment in the dental hospital. — John Lahart. [20153/21]

*2217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that arrived here in each week from 22 March 2021 to date that had been in a designated state in the previous 14 days; the number from each designated state in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20158/21]

*2218. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that travelled into Ireland in each week from 22 March 2021 to date who declared an essential reason for travel; the percentage of these of the overall number of persons who travelled here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20159/21]

*2219. To ask the Minister for Health if a vaccine (details supplied) is being administered to cohort 3 given the revised policy that it is safe and effective for those over 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20160/21]

*2220. To ask the Minister for Health if he has met with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to its request for an additional seven eye clinic liaison officer posts; if these posts will be resourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20161/21]

*2221. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20163/21]

*2222. To ask the Minister for Health if the necessary IT database exists to roll-out the EU digital green cert system in Ireland in a timely manner to allow freedom of movement for vaccinated persons to arrive and depart Ireland from July 2021 onwards to give a much needed boost to the tourism and hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20173/21]

*2223. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received representations from the European Commission in relation to the mandatory quarantine system here; if so, the nature of such representations; if reservations have been expressed regarding the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [20174/21]

*2224. To ask the Minister for Health when walk-in Covid-19 testing will be available in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [20175/21]
*2225. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which locations are selected for walk-in Covid-19 testing. — Thomas Gould. [20176/21]

*2226. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20183/21]

*2227. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting lists for treatment of paediatric rheumatology in terms of numbers on the lists and the delay in getting a service; the number of consultants available to provide this service; the steps he plans to take to ensure early intervention in such cases which is vital to good long-term outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20185/21]

*2228. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints that have been received by his Department in relation to the violation of the rights or poor treatment of persons staying in mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20188/21]

*2229. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the commencement of section 11 of the Public Health Act 2018. — Sean Sherlock. [20194/21]

*2230. To ask the Minister for Health if medications including humira, neupogen and IVIG, which are currently available for certain autoimmune conditions, will be approved on the drug payment scheme for the treatment of miscarriage arising from immune issues. — Sean Sherlock. [20202/21]

*2231. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the publicly funded model of care for fertility treatment as promised in the Programme for Government; the timeline for the completion of phases one and two of the roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [20203/21]

*2232. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons over 80 years of age who are confined to the home who have received their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine and have yet to receive their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine, respectively by county in tabular form; the date on which all of this cohort will have their first dose received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [20224/21]

*2233. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which a person (details supplied) will receive the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [20225/21]

*2234. To ask the Minister for Health if dossiers are held on persons (details supplied) historically or otherwise by his Department; if so, if these are related to the recent allegations in relation to dossiers held by his Department on children with autism who were involved in legal actions against the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [20228/21]

*2235. To ask the Minister for Health if a period of isolation or quarantine will be required for fully vaccinated healthcare workers who return from visiting close family in other countries; if so, if the HSE and other healthcare employers will be asked to facilitate such workers in working from home for this quarantine period as is the practice for those required to restrict their movements and work from home due to being a close contact of an infected person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [20230/21]
*2236. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the ending of partner restrictions in maternity settings; and the criteria for the removal or easing of the restrictions. — Paul Donnelly. [20231/21]

*2237. To ask the Minister for Health the attempts made to reflect the wide diversity of opinion in society on the definition of best practice and an evidence-based approach to pregnancy counselling and unplanned pregnancy when establishing the Clinical Advisory Forum; and the steps he will take to ensure that individuals offering all perspectives are invited to join the Clinical Advisory Forum and other bodies operated by the HSE in the area of unplanned pregnancy. — Carol Nolan. [20234/21]

*2238. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to accept fully vaccinated passengers from the US or other countries into Ireland without the need to quarantine provided that they can show proof of vaccination and a negative Covid-19 test upon arrival. — Cathal Crowe. [20241/21]

*2239. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to improve waiting times for speech and language assessments in north Dublin CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20250/21]

*2240. To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost to the State of treatments and monitoring for persons with type 1 diabetes; the current cost of finger prick meters, lancets and glucose strips; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20254/21]

*2241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20255/21]

*2242. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently approved for State-funded and reimbursed for FreeStyle Libre and dexcom; the cost of each; the average cost per person for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20256/21]

*2243. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which staff within the National Ambulance Service are supported when diagnosed with PTSD; the policies and procedures in place to support them; the timeframe for same remaining in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20258/21]

*2244. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the National Ambulance Service follow all recommendations set out by occupational health and doctors and consultants in relation to PTSD in employee policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20259/21]

*2245. To ask the Minister for Health if the NAS retrain staff to different roles who can no longer continue in their substantial role due to employment-related PTSD; if the NAS support the retraining of and redeployment of staff within the NAS and HSE who can no longer fulfil original roles due to employment-related PTSD but could otherwise work within the NAS and HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20260/21]

*2246. To ask the Minister for Health if NAS staff are retrained to fill vacant substantial posts which can no longer be filled due to employment-related PTSD; if so, the policy for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20261/21]

*2247. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the art catalogues for each of the seven hospitals within the RCSI hospital group (details supplied); the name of each artwork, the artist
and current location of each artwork; the estimated value of each artwork for insurance purposes in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [20262/21]

*2248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccination appointments have been cancelled per week since 1 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [20263/21]

*2249. To ask the Minister for Health the considerations that have been given to implementing a risk waiver system for a vaccine (details supplied) for those under sixty years of age who are willing to receive that particular vaccine similar to that done in jurisdictions such as Belgium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [20264/21]

*2250. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a scheme in place to ensure that new entrants to nursing homes will be vaccinated upon arrival following the completion of the Covid-19 vaccination programme in nursing homes earlier in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [20265/21]

*2251. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to designate Covid-19 specific hospitals in order that other hospitals would be available to deal with all non-Covid-19 health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [20286/21]

*2252. To ask the Minister for Health the approximate vaccination and non-vaccination rates within each of the priority groups which have received or are currently receiving a Covid-19 vaccine with the rate expressed as a percentage of the estimated population within each group. — David Cullinane. [20288/21]

*2253. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccines administered by the National Ambulance Service to date by county; the number of persons aged 80 years of age and over currently on waiting lists to receive their Covid-19 vaccine from the Service, by county in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [20289/21]

*2254. To ask the Minister for Health the health and social care occupation groups which must now dual register in Ireland and Northern Ireland in which they practice on both sides of the Border; if he has engaged with his counterpart in Northern Ireland to ensure that practitioners on one side of the Border are recognised on the other side; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20294/21]

*2255. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time midwives employed in the Coombe Women’s Hospital in each of the past three years to date in 2021; if this number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [20302/21]

*2256. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied); his views on same; the progress on the implementation of an ePrescribing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20303/21]

*2257. To ask the Minister for Health the progress on the implementation of an electronic health record system for community-based care to connect records across the system and support integrated models of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20304/21]
*2258. To ask the Minister for Health if the policy to permit two fully-vaccinated persons to meet indoors also applies to nursing home residents receiving outside visitors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [20306/21]

*2259. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for speech and language therapy by CHO, age category and length of time they have been waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [20307/21]

*2260. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20308/21]

*2261. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to add drugs for treatment for hyperemesis gravidarum to the drugs payment scheme; the approved drugs list for the condition under the drugs payment scheme; the treatments available under the drugs payment scheme to treat the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [20314/21]

*2262. To ask the Minister for Health the options he is considering for students returning from abroad for the summer or Irish citizens who are otherwise repatriating in relation to mandatory hotel quarantine; if they will be added to the list of essential travel and permitted to self-quarantine; if the cost of hotel quarantine will be covered or subsidised by the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20329/21]

*2263. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the medication epidiolex; when it will be approved for reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20340/21]

*2264. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the medication PCBD-110; if it will be approved for addition to the MCAP or otherwise approved for prescription and reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20341/21]

*2265. To ask the Minister for Health if, in view of Brexit, any products currently listed as to be available via MCAP will be available in June 2021; if he will bring forward amendments to the legislation which underpins the MCAP or has consulted with the Minister for Justice to permit the addition of products which have not been produced and prescribed in another EU state to the MCAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20342/21]

*2266. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering amendments to legislation relating to the MCAP or has consulted with the Minister for Justice on such matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20343/21]

*2267. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering adding any pure CBD product with trace THC content to the MCAP considering that no products on the MCAP currently are suitable for treating epilepsy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20344/21]

*2268. To ask the Minister for Health if there are barriers to adding pure CBD products to the MCAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20345/21]

*2269. To ask the Minister for Health the terms of reference of the sodium valproate inquiry; when this inquiry will be established; the status of the planned inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20346/21]
*2270. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline any additional staff recruitment per discipline and by team that was undertaken in CHO4 in each of the years 2018 to 2020 to address the backlog of assessments of need for children and to meet the needs of children for intervention following assessment; and that general staffing levels by discipline across the relevant CHO4 teams in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [20364/21]

*2271. To ask the Minister for Health the number of social prescribers by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [20365/21]

*2272. To ask the Minister for Health if doctors in south County Kerry will receive vaccines for persons aged 70 to 85 years of age (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20368/21]

*2273. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new Killarney community hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20369/21]

*2274. To ask the Minister for Health when works for the major expansion and refurbishment for the facilities at St. Joseph’s care centre, Longford town are due to be completed (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [20370/21]

*2275. To ask the Minister for Health when an implementation group will be enacted to progress the recommendations of the HSE Report of the National Psychology Project Team: Establishment of a National Psychology Placement Office and Workforce Planning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20373/21]

*2276. To ask the Minister for Health when ongoing funding and sponsorship of psychology training programmes will be expanded to include counselling and educational psychology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20374/21]

*2277. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new whole-time posts in the HSE by discipline since the beginning of the Covid-19 pandemic; the number of these posts that have been filled; the additional vacancies above and beyond these new posts; the length of time the posts have been vacant by discipline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [20375/21]

*2278. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to encourage undocumented immigrants to avail of the Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [20377/21]

*2279. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure for a vaccine being reoffered to a person at a later date in cases in which the person is not in a position to take up their vaccine on the date it is offered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [20415/21]

*2280. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of St. Michael’s Ward in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [20418/21]

*2281. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant gynaecologist posts in CHO9 by hospital. — Denise Mitchell. [20419/21]

*2282. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical intern posts at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin 9 to date and up to July 2021; the number of intern posts which will be in effect at the
hospital from July 2021 to July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [20420/21]

*2283. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a number of persons who were due to receive a vaccine (details supplied) in a location on 15 April 2021 who were over 60 years of age received texts cancelling their vaccination appointments despite having been reassured verbally by the helpline that the vaccination would go ahead; the number of persons over 60 years of age who had their vaccination cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [20427/21]

*2284. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to commence section 11 of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20428/21]

*2285. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with his counterpart in Northern Ireland to implement common public health measures relating to the minimum unit pricing of alcohol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20429/21]

*2286. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that funding for a training programme run by an organisation (details supplied) will cease in June 2021; and if funding pathways are available to the organisation continue this important work in other HSE CHO. — Louise O’Reilly. [20443/21]

*2287. To ask the Minister for Health if persons who have immunity from having had Covid-19 will be able to enjoy the benefits of reductions in restrictions for those who have been vaccinated. — Richard Bruton. [20446/21]

*2288. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for FreeStyle Libre submitted by individual hospitals for persons with diabetes over 21 years of age in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; the number approved and refused, respectively; if there are policy proposals to remove the age restriction on FreeStyle Libre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [20449/21]

*2289. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the chronic care model; if it will be extended to all persons with diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [20450/21]

*2290. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to allow doctors practicing in Ireland who are from non-EU countries to progress through their careers at the same rate as their Irish counterparts including allowing them to access higher specialist training without completing basic specialist training if they have an equivalent recognised qualification from their country of origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [20453/21]

*2291. To ask the Minister for Health the advice which can be provided in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20454/21]

*2292. To ask the Minister for Health if a young person returning home from New York after completing a graduate internship could have the costs of their mandatory hotel quarantine covered by the State (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20455/21]
*2293. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 238 of 5 November 2020 and the response of the HSE (details supplied), the number of applications that were successful for the dental treatment services scheme in primary care sites in CHO8; the number of applications awaiting processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [20458/21]

*2294. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive inpatient physiotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [20461/21]

*2295. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering or has consulted with the Minister for Justice on amendments to the legislation underpinning current access to medical cannabis products to permit UK-prescribed cannabis-based medical products to be brought here in cases in which there are legitimate medical reasons for the use of this product lawfully prescribed in the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20462/21]

*2296. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 651 of 10 March 2021, if correspondence will be made available to this Deputy which was forwarded to his Department in 1996 by the Adoption Board after the Department inquired from adoption authorities if they had been made aware of or involved in cases of illegal birth registration. — Peadar Tóibín. [20464/21]

*2297. To ask the Minister for Health the status of orthodontic treatment for a child (details supplied); when they will receive an appointment for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20471/21]

*2298. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20499/21]

*2299. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a residential facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [20502/21]

*2300. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged 70 years and over in counties Louth and Meath who have been registered by general practitioners to be vaccinated in their own homes under the National Ambulance Service Covid-19 home vaccination programme as of 15 April 2021; the number of persons in this cohort who have been vaccinated to date; the number of persons in this category who are still awaiting vaccination under this programme as of 15 April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [20506/21]

*2301. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being taken to improve waiting times for psychological treatment and support in north Dublin CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [20515/21]

*2302. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to ease the shortage of home help care providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [20522/21]

*2303. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend mandatory hotel quarantine policy to exempt persons who have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [20523/21]

*2304. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that medical card holders are having to pay for a €10 charge for required phlebotomy tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [20524/21]
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*2305. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider plans during the exit of level 5 to prioritise streamlining supports for persons at all stages of pregnancy and birth given that the previous ad hoc approach applied across different hospitals has left persons confused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [20527/21]

*2306. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the waiting times for urology in CUH; the number of persons on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [20528/21]

*2307. To ask the Minister for Health the resources he is providing to assist persons with Prader-Willi syndrome and their carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [20541/21]

*2308. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding Departmental reviews of existing services available for those with Prader-Willi syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [20543/21]

*2309. To ask the Minister for Health if a matter (details supplied) will be clarified in relation to hotel quarantining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [20547/21]

*2310. To ask the Minister for Health if additional stock of hotel quarantine rooms have been made available; the amount of stock available for mandatory hotel quarantining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [20548/21]

*2311. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding to support one to one counselling and psychotherapy services to assist those delivering the services in the private sector to expand their operations to include referrals from the public health sector given the significant demand arising from Covid-19 being experienced by those professionals involved; if he will encourage the HSE to assist in ensuring that any person presenting with a mental health issue is seen immediately by the appropriate professional in either a public or private setting; the number of outpatients on the waiting list presenting with mental health issues that have yet to have their first appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20550/21]

*2312. To ask the Minister for Health if clarification will be provided on a matter (details supplied) in relation to recent reports in the media regarding the refusal of persons to take a vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20551/21]

*2313. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider changes to the mandatory Covid-19 detention system to facilitate returning students from Erasmus programmes, other student exchanges and graduate internship programmes in EU states and non-EU states to quarantine at home upon arrival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20560/21]

*2314. To ask the Minister for Health if a person returning from essential surgery from a category 2 state who is fully vaccinated and can supply negative PCR tests on arrival will be obliged to undergo mandatory Covid-19 detention upon return to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20561/21]

*2315. To ask the Minister for Health when a public MRI facility will be provided on a permanent basis at Wexford General Hospital as was announced in the 2019 Health Capital Plan; if he will publish the terms of agreement between the HSE and an organisation (details supplied) for the
private facility currently in place there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [20566/21]

*2316. To ask the Minister for Health if the mandatory hotel quarantine requirement will be lifted in respect of persons travelling from those designated countries who have had full Covid-19 vaccination and have negative tests both in respect of their departure from the foreign destination and arrival in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [20567/21]

*2317. To ask the Minister for Health when the announced capital works for a 75-bed unit at Wexford General Hospital will commence; the allocated funding for this unit for 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [20568/21]

*2318. To ask the Minister for Health if it is planned to provide acute psychiatric beds at Wexford General Hospital; the arrangements for acute psychiatric treatment currently available for the persons in each area of County Wexford; if these arrangements are in acceptance with the A Vision for Change plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [20570/21]

*2319. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the reopening of holiday caravan parks and camping sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [20577/21]

*2320. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clamping fines paid in each hospital in each month in 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of appeals allowed in each case in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [20583/21]

*2321. To ask the Minister for Health if a person returning to Ireland from one of the designated mandatory hotel quarantine countries who was receiving essential medical treatment abroad and will require immediate follow-up medical treatment in Ireland upon returning will have to undergo mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [20584/21]

*2322. To ask the Minister for Health the number of legal firms corresponded with by his Department arising from a recent television programme (details supplied); the number of files identified in his Department impacted by the activity uncovered in the television programme; the timeline for the investigation into this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [20586/21]

*2323. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the independent liaison officer appointed to investigate and report on matters raised in a recent television programme (details supplied); the timeline for the investigation and report; if the report will be published; if he will give assurances as to the independence of the inquiry; if he will publish the terms of reference for the inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [20587/21]

*2324. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to seek an extension in relation to those provisions of Part 3 of the Health Act 2020 that are due to expire in June 2021; the factors that will be considered in relation to such an extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20588/21]

*2325. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the CervicalCheck Tribunal; if there has been further engagement with a group (details supplied); the actions taken to address the concerns of the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [20589/21]
*2326. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for his recent decision relating to vaccine prioritisation by age as distinct from societal cohort; the reason essential workers in populated settings such as classrooms will be treated the same as persons working from home; his views on whether there is a higher risk of contracting Covid-19 for workers in populated settings; if he will address the concerns of a teacher expressed in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20591/21]

*2327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [20592/21]

*2328. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [20593/21]

*2329. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [20594/21]

*2330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [20595/21]

*2331. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [20596/21]

*2332. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [20597/21]

*2333. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment in primary care as of 1 April 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [20598/21]

*2334. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units to date in 2021. — John Lahart. [20599/21]

*2335. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 April 2021 or the latest date available; the way in which this compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and 12 months plus, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20600/21]

*2336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 1 April 2021 or latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of
persons currently awaiting placement under the scheme in each local health area in tabular form; and the length of time waiting. — John Lahart. [20601/21]

*2337. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients that have been removed from outpatient lists in 2021 as a result of a validation exercise and not as a result of having an appointment with a consultant for each public and voluntary hospital in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20602/21]

*2338. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 1 April 2021; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date. — John Lahart. [20603/21]

*2339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges in each public and voluntary hospital at the end of March 2021; and the number to date in 2021, in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20604/21]

*2340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost in each public and voluntary hospital owing to delayed discharges to date in 2021. — John Lahart. [20605/21]

*2341. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 or over that experienced an emergency department wait time more than 24 hours during March 2021; the number to date in 2021; and the hospitals in which the wait occurred. — John Lahart. [20606/21]

*2342. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in March 2021; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than of 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; and the number that waited longer than 40, 60, 90, 120 and more than 180 minutes for same in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20607/21]

*2343. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients in Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children’s University Hospital at the end of March 2021 or the latest date available currently waiting less than four, four to eight and more than eight months, respectively; and if he will provide the same information for other spinal patients in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20608/21]

*2344. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20609/21]

*2345. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20610/21]

*2346. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20611/21]

*2347. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20612/21]
To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20613/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20614/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20615/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20616/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20617/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20618/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20619/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20620/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20621/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20622/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20623/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than
3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20624/21]

*2360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20625/21]

*2361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20626/21]

*2362. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20627/21]

*2363. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20628/21]

*2364. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20629/21]

*2365. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20630/21]

*2366. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20631/21]

*2367. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20632/21]

*2368. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20633/21]

*2369. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20634/21]

*2370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20635/21]
*2371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20636/21]

*2372. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20637/21]

*2373. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20638/21]

*2374. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20639/21]

*2375. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20640/21]

*2376. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20641/21]

*2377. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20642/21]

*2378. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20643/21]

*2379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a MRI scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20644/21]

*2380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20645/21]

*2381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20646/21]

*2382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20647/21]
*2383. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20648/21]

*2384. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20649/21]

*2385. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 April 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [20650/21]

*2386. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a psychological assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20658/21]

*2387. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment with an orthopaedic consultant for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [20665/21]

*2388. To ask the Minister for Health if the rules on mandatory quarantine will be set aside for Irish citizens entering the country from one of the listed countries that have proof of being vaccinated, have a negative test and can isolate at home. — John McGuinness. [20667/21]

*2389. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure the opening of the 16 proposed specialist treatment hubs for eating disorders; if funding for the national eating disorder programme will be increased; the steps he will take to ensure that all allocated funds for eating disorders are spent fully; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [20676/21]

*2390. To ask the Minister for Health if the Finglas and Cabra drug task force projects receiving funding to employ staff via HSE grant aid agreements, City of Dublin Youth Services Board and the Department of Justice can be included in the same pay restoration as section 39 Service Level Agreement projects following the Workplace Relations Commission ruling in December 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [20491/21]

*2391. To ask the Minister for Health when all housebound persons over 70 years of age will receive their first Covid-19 vaccination from the National Ambulance Service; the reason the administration to housebound persons has been delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [20678/21]

*2392. To ask the Minister for Health the progress on the reform of the fair deal scheme relative to farming families; his plans to carry out a general review of the scheme and the way it has operated since it was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20679/21]

*2393. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the progression of the 50-bed new St. Joseph’s Hospital in Ardee, County Louth; if he will provide other relevant details in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20681/21]
*2394. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed east Meath primary care centre; if a site has been secured; if so, the full list of services that will be provided on-site; the reason for the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20688/21]

*2395. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed Dundalk primary care centre; if a site has been secured; if so, the full list of services that will be provided on-site; the reason for the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [20689/21]

*2396. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied with the capacity of the Covid-19 contact tracing system; the number of positive cases the system can cater for including close contacts of confirmed cases; if all cases are being traced back seven days; the number of persons who are working at contract tracing; if the numbers working in contract tracing need to be increased; if additional public servants need to be drafted in to conduct contact tracing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20694/21]

*2397. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of funding provided to regional sexual healthcare centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [20695/21]

*2398. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount it would cost to provide a sexual healthcare service in all higher education institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [20696/21]

*2399. To ask the Minister for Health the plans for the 6.42 acre site that was purchased in 2003 at a cost of €2,441,500 adjacent to Louth County Hospital, Dundalk. — Neasa Hourigan. [20697/21]

*2400. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE lobbied an elected member of Louth County Council for the residential zoning on the HSE 6.42 acre site adjacent to Louth County Hospital to be transferred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20698/21]

*2401. To ask the Minister for Health the practical procedures which must be followed by a person flying into Ireland but who is exempt from mandatory hotel quarantine as a result of a mandatory legal obligation in order to avail of this exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [20699/21]

*2402. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who is in the 65 to 69 years of age cohort and is uncomfortable receiving a vaccine (details supplied) can opt out of this cohort and wait until an alternative vaccine comes available at a later date; if a person who chooses not to receive the vaccine will be prohibited from receiving another vaccine at any other stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [20701/21]

*2403. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting lists for PrEP treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [20705/21]

*2404. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the lifetime community rating for health insurance can be examined on a case by case basis given that in some cases the amount the customer is paying more to the State between the rating and the Government levy than the cost of the premium for the cover; if he will review the manner in which the lifetime community rating is calculated by reducing the number of years over 34 years of age that a loading is applied; his views on whether there is justification for such a large levy being placed on such policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [20710/21]
*2405. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time radiographers working in University Hospital Limerick in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [20713/21]

*2406. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time medical virologists based in each hospital in each the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [20714/21]

*2407. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20728/21]

*2408. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who has been fully vaccinated must quarantine; the reason a person who has been fully vaccinated would be expected to quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [20739/21]

*2409. To ask the Minister for Health if general practitioners in rural practices will be provided with vaccines to vaccinate persons aged 60 to 70 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20744/21]

*2410. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women and or families of women currently involved in court cases, litigation and negotiation with the HSE regarding the alleged misreading of their smear tests. — Peadar Tóibín. [20748/21]

*2411. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women and or families of women who took legal proceedings against the HSE regarding the alleged misreading of their smear tests since 2018. — Peadar Tóibín. [20749/21]

*2412. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims received by the CervicalCheck Tribunal to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [20750/21]

*2413. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1445 of 24 March 2021, if he will request the HSE to respond to a question (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [20752/21]

*2414. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No 730 of 17 February 2021, the way he received confirmation on a matter (details supplied) in relation to CervicalCheck; if this was written confirmation; the person from whom the confirmation was received; and the date he received such confirmation. — Peadar Tóibín. [20753/21]

*2415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HPV vaccinations administered in the State in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [20754/21]

*2416. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage uptake for the HPV vaccination for eligible students in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [20755/21]

*2417. To ask the Minister for Health if services at a school (details supplied) will be retained. — Sean Sherlock. [20762/21]
2418. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20767/21]

2419. To ask the Minister for Health if exceptions can be made in the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [20768/21]

2420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurse visits that have been missed in 2020 and to date in 2021 with new mothers by CHO area broken into specific areas under CHO area in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [20769/21]

2421. To ask the Minister for Health if he will proactively co-ordinate stakeholders’ engagement in relation to the future of a service (details supplied) in view of the serious concerns and worry currently being experienced by residents, their parents and their relatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20784/21]

2422. To ask the Minister for Health if St. Joseph’s Community Hospital, Stranorlar, County Donegal will continue to be used to provide dental treatment to patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20790/21]

2423. To ask the Minister for Health if residential care will be provided for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20791/21]

2424. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to add imports for children to the long-term illness scheme or otherwise reimburse costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20792/21]

2425. To ask the Minister for Health the plans and timelines for the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out in County Donegal for housebound persons by the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. [20793/21]

2426. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long on a vaccine; the reason they are not made a priority for the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [20815/21]

2427. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify a matter regarding mandatory hotel quarantine in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [20822/21]

2428. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he can remain cautiously optimistic in the context of the vaccination programme here as a facilitator for the reopening of business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [20852/21]

2429. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to regional variation that exists in the payment of blind welfare payment with many HSE offices refusing to make the payment electronically and forcing persons who are blind or vision impaired to travel, unnecessarily, to collect the payment by cheque; if he will mandate payment to be offered electronically for service users nationally, similar to other statutory payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [20858/21]
Chun an Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara: To the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine.

*2430. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider the resumption of under 18s and pony equestrian competition; the timeline for the resumption of this activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [20460/21]

*2431. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to enforce the issuing of equine identifications given the critical situation in relation to horse neglect and cruelty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [18111/21]

*2432. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider adapting change of ownership laws in relation to equine purchasing in order that the onus is on the seller to change ownership and not the purchaser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [18112/21]

*2433. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total CAP payments to Irish farmers in each of the years 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [18121/21]

*2434. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total pillar II funding received by Irish farmers in each of the years 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [18122/21]

*2435. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of profit from the agricultural sector repatriated abroad. — Peadar Tóibín. [18124/21]

*2436. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount the Irish beef sector contributed to the Irish economy as a percentage of GDP and in euro from 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [18125/21]

*2437. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of Irish beef exports in each of the years 2010 to 2020, by country. — Peadar Tóibín. [18126/21]

*2438. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of Irish beef exports to date in 2021, by country. — Peadar Tóibín. [18127/21]

*2439. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a monthly catalogue of beef prices from 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [18128/21]

*2440. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount that has been allocated annually to farmers in each of the years 2017 to 2020; the annual payment received from the EU; the annual contribution by Ireland; the annual administration costs associated with operating the payments in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18172/21]

*2441. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of the base payment for the upcoming pilot of the new agri-environmental scheme; and if participating farmers will receive the maximum base payment through this trial period. — Jackie Cahill. [18195/21]

*2442. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the packages that have been put in place to compensate landowners that had lands damaged or destroyed by the Shass Mountain Landslide in Drumkeeran, County Leitrim in June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18211/21]
*2443. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount that has been allocated annually to Irish farmers from 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; the annual payment of same received from the European Union in addition to the annual contribution of his Department; if he will include the annual administration costs associated with operating the payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [18250/21]

*2444. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding point-to-point racing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18321/21]

*2445. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is the case that when his Department appeals a decision by the Agricultural Appeals Office there is no legal obligation to inform the farmer impacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18332/21]

*2446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions his Department made in relation to reports of the importation of bees here from Italy (details supplied) to ensure that such importation does not result in the parallel importation of the small hive beetle which is prevalent in Italy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [18338/21]

*2447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action that has been taken by his Department to ensure that imported European strains will not interbreed with native bees affecting the unique biodiversity of Irish bees as was witnessed previously with the varroa mite given that Ireland purest remaining population of black bees in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [18339/21]

*2448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department is taking to protect the native Irish honey bee that is under significant health threats as a result of the high levels of bees being imported into the country; the efforts he is taking to prevent the native bee from being destroyed and to have it protected as a native and rare species to be preserved; the protections his Department is putting in place as a result of the large increase in bee imports in 2020 which is up 327% on 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [18349/21]

*2449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares of peat soil per county in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [18352/21]

*2450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a list will be provided of the areas of peat soils which will be included in GAEC 2 of the new CAP in County Tipperary; and the number of farms effected. — Martin Browne. [18353/21]

*2451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the GAEC 2 proposal in the new CAP; and if he will guarantee that this land continues to be viewed as eligible agricultural land and ensure there will be no reduction in farmers CAP payments as a result. — Martin Browne. [18354/21]

*2452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will quantify the extent of the avian flu impact on the Irish poultry sector for each year for the past five years; the financial supports available from his Department on this matter; his views on the desirability of a poultry health fund for the sector and the possibility of insurance cover against such disease incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [18455/21]
*2453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers will still be able to claim their single farm payment for planted forestry land after their forestry premium runs out after 15 years and their agroforestry premium runs out after five years (details supplied); his plans to change the current situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18479/21]

*2454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 25 March 2021, if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; his views on whether the timeline given by his Department in relation to the matter of two to three months is a misleading timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [18539/21]

*2455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider fast tracking afforestation projects through the licensing system which are screened out by forestry companies and their ecologists. — Niall Collins. [18570/21]

*2456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry projects and respective area of land in hectares which are screened out by the appropriate assessment process that have received approval in 2021. — Niall Collins. [18571/21]

*2457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average time it took to approve screened out projects. — Niall Collins. [18572/21]

*2458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of screened out projects that were referred to the ecology section by the district forestry inspectors. — Niall Collins. [18573/21]

*2459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a mechanism for highlighting screened out projects to ecology in order that they can be fast tracked and be with files that need more ecological attention and or a site visit. — Niall Collins. [18574/21]

*2460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actual processing time for files with Natura Impact Statements submitted over the past six to nine months. — Niall Collins. [18575/21]

*2461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that his Department is challenging a decision made by the Agriculture Appeals Office in relation to a person (details supplied); his views on whether the challenging of decisions made by the Office by his Department undermines the independent mandate of Agriculture Appeals Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [18583/21]

*2462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be an increase in TAMS grants in view of increased costs on both timber and steel with further increases forecasted (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [18613/21]

*2463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications that have been received by the Forest Service for approval under the reconstitution and underplanting scheme that was introduced in June 2020; the number of these applications that have been approved to enable landowners to remove their diseased ash trees and replant their land; if his Department have a target in terms of issuing approvals under this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18618/21]
*2464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will act on the recommendation of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and the Marine and introduce a 15 year premium from the date of replanting diseased ash and remove the age discrimination in the current scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [18619/21]

*2465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has assessed the impact on agri-food exports and live exports and the transportation thereof, of placing Italy, France and Germany on the quarantine category list; and if he will publish that assessment. — Michael McNamara. [18623/21]

*2466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a report published in 2020 by a company (details supplied) into the organisational capability of the Sea Fisheries Protection Agency; his further views regarding the conclusions drawn in the executive summary regarding the governance and unsatisfactory internal procedures of the agency; if he has confidence in the company in view of the conclusion drawn by the independent review of the agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [18642/21]

*2467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce either a non-transferable transitional licence or a landing permit to Irish domiciled fishermen that have Northern Ireland or UK licences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [18643/21]

*2468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the green certificate courses for young farmers; the number of college places available in 2021 and 2022; the enrolment details; the length of time applicants will wait when applying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [18657/21]

*2469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he has taken since the publication of a report (details supplied) into organisational capability of the Sea Fisheries Protection Agency in late 2020; the actions he plans to take regarding the recommendations and conclusions of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18675/21]

*2470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of meetings either he or his officials had with the Minister for Foreign Affairs in advance of that Minister’s meeting with the French President and German Chancellor in December 2020 in the critical period running up to the Brexit Agreement of 24 December 2020; the dates of these briefings and copies of any documents shared at the meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18676/21]

*2471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to secure a tuna quota for Ireland in view of the fact that some EU partners are seeking an expansion to their existing tuna quotas; the tonnage of tuna caught within Ireland’s EEZ waters; the countries fishing for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18677/21]

*2472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of French vessels inspected, detained, prosecuted and fined for fishing infringements within Ireland’s territorial waters EEZ from 2010 to date; the amount of fish quota French vessels caught in the same waters during the period in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [18678/21]
*2473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the 2020 ANC payment in respect of a person (details supplied) will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [18704/21]

*2474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a basic payment penalty review appeal in respect of a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [18757/21]

*2475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person who purchases land that was previously in the hen harrier scheme can now qualify for entry into the hen harrier scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18826/21]

*2476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason an offer for a sea fishing licence (details supplied) was subsequently withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18871/21]

*2477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the discussions that are taking place with the UK authorities to ensure the ending of the Brexit transition period particularly in relation to SPS requirements on the UK side will not impact adversely on Irish agriculture and food production; if any of these discussions are taking place on a bilateral basis or if all of the meetings are being conducted through the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18877/21]

*2478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of relevant goods entering Irish ports from the UK that are subject to physical SPS checks; the percentage required under EU law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18876/21]

*2479. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara cén dul chun cinn atá beartaithe a dhéanamh i mbliana maidir le forbairt na céibhe domhainmhara ag Ros an Mhíl; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18891/21]

*2480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is funding available to goat farmers that wish to establish a society (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [18952/21]

*2481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason representatives for crewmen and women are absent from the recently established Seafood Sector Taskforce; if he will commit to expanding the current taskforce to ensure the views of crewmen and women are represented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [18969/21]

*2482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 358 of 16 December 2020, if he will clarify and address matters in relation to the Court of Auditors Report dated 22 December 2006 referenced (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [18984/21]

*2483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine in relation to a herd owner who lost a significant proportion of their herd due to TB prior to the reference dates for the organic nitrogen reduction for BEAM 2019, if force majeure can be implied as the herd is already significantly reduced prior to the commencement of the reference period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [18995/21]
*2484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will deliver the maximum base payment to farmers in the agri-environmental REPs scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [18996/21]

*2485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department is refusing licences as the employment is of vital importance to a locality and community (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19013/21]

*2486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on recent reports that up to 15 million bees from Italy may be released in Northern Ireland later in April 2021; if he has been in contact with beekeepers across the country who are very concerned at this proposed release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [19045/21]

*2487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department imposed a 15km buffer zone on all forestry projects without having the necessary resources in place to process screened in files, which has resulted in a backlog in the ecology section of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19058/21]

*2488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of engagement his Department has with the nursery sector on species required to meet the climate action targets given the three year lead in time involved to produce saplings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [19059/21]

*2489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to examine the feasibility of creating organic-only canteens and food provision within public services such as hospitals as proposed by the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19108/21]

*2490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding that has been allocated to the school fruit and vegetable scheme in each of the years 2010 to 2020, in tabular form; the funding amounts within each year that have been provided by EU funds; the estimated corresponding figures for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19109/21]

*2491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proportion of foods provided under the school fruit and vegetable scheme in 2020 that are organic and sourced here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19110/21]

*2492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be any follow on scheme from the beef finisher scheme which was introduced in 2020 as a grant aid scheme to help beef finisher farmers struggling under Covid-19 in view that many of these farmers are still under financial pressure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [19149/21]

*2493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter in relation to grant aid (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19160/21]

*2494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking given the social, cultural and political significance of the Irish Land Commission and the files therein to ensure that by 2022, 30 years after the Land Commission ceased to , that there will be full access to
all of the records therein; the initiatives being taken to digitise these significant historical records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [19202/21]

*2495. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when under-18 and pony equestrian competitions will recommence. — Robert Troy. [19304/21]

*2496. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a native woodland application by persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19306/21]

*2497. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that are in place in meat plants to halt the spread of the P1 variant of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19386/21]

*2498. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position he is taking in the triologue negotiations on the new CAP he discussed and that was voted on by the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19387/21]

*2499. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers in each county that secured an extension in the GLAS scheme; the number by county that did not remain within the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19415/21]

*2500. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has commissioned an analysis of the impact of Covid-19 on sheep wool markets; the financial impact this will have on the farmers affected and the domestic economy; his plans to provide financial supports to those affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19416/21]

*2501. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 252 of 11 November 2020, the status of the review of the potential demand in domestic and international markets for wool based products; when the review will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19417/21]

*2502. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to provide additional financial supports to sheep farmers in consideration of the deterioration in wool prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19418/21]

*2503. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will seek to ensure that the next CAP will allow for a front-loaded payment per hectare basic farm payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19419/21]

*2504. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average level of payment that would be paid on all remaining hectares in the event of a €400 per hectare basic farm payment being allocated for the first 30 hectares of each farm and in the event of a €60,000 upper limit for pillar 1 payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [19420/21]

*2505. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the meeting by his Departmental officials with a group (details supplied) on 11 March 2021 in relation to its withdrawal from the 2030 Agri-Food Strategy Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19467/21]
*2506. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if further engagement will take place with the Environmental Pillar following a meeting held by his Departmental officials on 11 March 2021 with a range of representatives from the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19468/21]

*2507. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be further revisions of the draft Agri-Food 2030 Strategy before publication in April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [19469/21]

*2508. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when under-18 pony and equestrian competitions can recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [19478/21]

*2509. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if TAMS payments will be issued to a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [19491/21]

*2510. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when forestry grant payments and an inspection will be carried out to facilitate replanting for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [19507/21]

*2511. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to giving priority entry into environmental schemes to farmers who have land that is designated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19525/21]

*2512. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if two basic payment entitlements in respect of a person in (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19543/21]

*2513. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to recommence the reopening of marts (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [19561/21]

*2514. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of all monies granted to Mayo County Council by his Department over the past ten years from January 2011 to March 2021; the amount outstanding for a project (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [19568/21]

*2515. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the ecology section on the weekly dashboard was removed in April 2021; if it will be reinstated without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [19640/21]

*2516. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a felling licence for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [19645/21]

*2517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the approximate tonnage of CO2 sequestered per hectare of afforestation over its lifetime at 70% conifer and 30% broadleaf; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [19675/21]
*2518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of carbon monoxide his Department has failed to capture due to missing afforestation targets in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [19676/21]

*2519. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of breaches of section 36(4)(b) of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 that were recorded for 2018, 2019 and 2020 in cases in which a buyer of a horse failed to notify the horse passport issuing body of the sale; if breaches occurred, the fines that were imposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19725/21]

*2520. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the owner or operator of a livestock mart is required to maintain a record of the livestock that enter, leave, are kept at, sold or supplied through the livestock mart; the way in which this applies to person to person sales outside of a mart setting under the Animal Health and Welfare (Livestock Marts) Regulations 2018; the way his Department ensures that the details are logged and regulations complied with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19726/21]

*2521. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons who had their horse licence revoked in each of the years 2018 to 2020 under the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19727/21]

*2522. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of convictions, imprisonments or fines that were issued in 2018, 2019 and 2020 under section 11(1) of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19728/21]

*2523. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons who have been disqualified from owning a horse in 2018, 2019 and 2020 under section 58 of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [19729/21]

*2524. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the permission was given in relation to tariffs that apply on the supply of beet molasses and beet pulp pellets coming from the United States into Ireland over recent months; the effects of these tariffs in view of the fact that Ireland must import same; the implications in respect of contracts that were signed before the tariffs were implemented and contracts signed after the tariffs were introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [19779/21]

*2525. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if access can be obtained to files held by his Department in the case of a solicitor (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [19798/21]

*2526. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19808/21]

*2527. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 412 and 413 of 1 April 2021, the parental levies that apply to non-DEIS schools in relation to the school milk scheme; the levies paid in relation to the scheme for each of the past five years; the number of schools that are subject to the parental levy; the rate at which the levy is set; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [19855/21]
*2528. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19863/21]

*2529. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will publish a plan and funding scheme for schools and colleges to provide access to land on which students can grow their own food as detailed in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [19889/21]

*2530. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 2049 of 24 March 2021, if he will respond concisely in relation to the afforestation level he expects his Department will achieve for 2021; if he has a clear position or understanding on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [19901/21]

*2531. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department issued only four afforestation licences for the week ending 15 March 2021 given that 9,600 hectares are stuck in his Department’s system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [19902/21]

*2532. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will support the implementation of a new BEAM scheme (details supplied) given predicted oversupply of beef product in the meat sector here due to international factors relating to Covid-19 restrictions and increased output in the dairy sector here as pursued by Teagasc; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [19966/21]

*2533. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the migration research on Atlantic bluefin tuna being conducted by the Marine Institute over recent years can be utilised by his Department to make the case for a reasonable share of the EU quota and TAC of this species to be allocated to the Irish fleet. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20011/21]

*2534. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the pilot scheme entitled the general employment permit for horticulture workers, meat processing operatives and dairy farm assistants is to be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [20015/21]

*2535. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to recruit seasonal horticulture workers, meat processing operatives and dairy farm assistants to tackle the current labour shortage in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [20016/21]

*2536. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of tree felling licences that have been approved since June 2020; the number of these licences that were for Coillte; the number that were for private growers; the average time between the submission of the licence and approval for both Coillte licences and private licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [20054/21]

*2537. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an updated national strategic plan for sustainable aquaculture development will be published. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20057/21]
*2538. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce an amendment to section 49 of the Sea-Fisheries and Maritime Jurisdiction Act 2006 to ensure that the final report of a complaints officer as part of the complaints procedure of the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority is made available to the complainant and the authority. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [20069/21]

*2539. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the detailed design phase as recommended on page 46 of the final quay wall peer review report has commenced in relation to the Ros a Mhíl deepwater quay project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [20107/21]

*2540. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount in euro and the number of persons who were in arrears for their harbour dues (details supplied) in each of the years 2010 to 2020, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [20154/21]

*2541. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount in euro and the number of persons that received a discount on their harbour bill (details supplied) in each of the years 2010 to 2020, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [20155/21]

*2542. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte receive preferential treatment when applying to the forest service licence system in relation to the provision of site-specific harvesting plans and replanting plans for its individual sites (details supplied); if so, his views on whether this is an anticompetitive practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [20184/21]

*2543. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a forestry plantation application by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [20223/21]

*2544. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action being taken to deal with the lengthy delays for those applying for forestry felling licences (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [20253/21]

*2545. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the current process for felling licences; the number of ecologists employed in the section; his plans to increase the number of staff in that area to deal with the long delays for ecology reports for applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [20269/21]

*2546. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has examined recent reports of suppliers in the dairy industry using price mechanisms to limit the supply of milk; his views on whether this may be in contravention of EU regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20272/21]

*2547. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of controlled finishing units by county in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20273/21]

*2548. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of outbreaks of tuberculosis in controlled finishing units by county in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20274/21]
*2549. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the types of broad spectrum antibiotics sold as veterinary medicinal products sold in Ireland; the volume of doses of each type sold in each of the years 2007 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20275/21]

*2550. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to introduce new supports or enhance existing supports for sheep farmers in response to ongoing depressed wool prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20277/21]

*2551. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the resources, such as the provision of registered foresters or ecologists, made available by his Department to public bodies to encourage their participation in the creation of woodland on public lands scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20278/21]

*2552. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has examined the reasons for the significant beef price differential between the Irish and UK markets recently; his plans to implement measures to address the relatively poor prices secured by Irish farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20279/21]

*2553. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the intended number of participants in the new agri-environment scheme post the CAP transition period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20280/21]

*2554. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of places that will be available for the new agri-environmental pilot scheme in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20281/21]

*2555. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding allocated to the new agri-environmental pilot scheme for 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20282/21]

*2556. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new agri-environmental pilot scheme will open for applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20283/21]

*2557. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the terms and conditions of the new agri-environmental pilot scheme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20284/21]

*2558. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the new agri-environmental pilot scheme will be open to all farmers who are not currently part of an environmental scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [20285/21]

*2559. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider setting the minimum base payment of the REAP pilot scheme to €10,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [20328/21]

*2560. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on progress to formulate a new REPS scheme; if farm organisations will be included as stakeholders in the process to design the new REPS scheme; if this new scheme will have a minimum base payment of €10,000; if the scheme will be open to all farmers not currently in GLAS; the number of farmers
that can participate in this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [20459/21]

*2561. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the advice for farmers participating in the green low-carbon agri-environmental scheme regarding the use of weedkiller before they plant; his plans to phase out the use of weedkiller as part of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [20500/21]

*2562. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Horse Racing Ireland and the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board have oversight or responsibility for ensuring that trainers who operate their licences from stables adhere to local authority planning regulations and obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [20525/21]

*2563. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the system for the manual submission of documentation currently in place for farmers who are receiving pig slurry can be extended beyond the 1 July 2021 deadline given the new online process will be difficult for a large number of farmers in view of the fact they do not have the facilities or training to undertake the online submission process which will be in place after that date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [20582/21]

*2564. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an appeal relating to the GLAS scheme in the name of persons (details supplied) has been concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20690/21]

*2565. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts his Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of his Department; if he will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a balance between the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20719/21]

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

*2566. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has allocated additional funds to local authorities in the context of the major increase in outdoor recreational activity which is likely to continue into the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [19848/21]

*2567. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the research her Department is undertaking to enhance community living, neighbourhoods and social solidarity in communities; the discussions she is having with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [18313/21]

*2568. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she plans to publish detailed timeframes for the targets and policy measures contained within the Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 - Our Rural Future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [18380/21]
*2569. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the qualifying criteria for hubs announced under Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 - Our Rural Future; the person or body administering the scheme; the application process; the budget that has been allocated; and the person who is the line Minister on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [18520/21]

*2570. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail an bhfuil sé i gceist aici coinníoll a chur sa chéad chonradh eile do bháid paisinéirí chuig na hoileáin go gcuirfear áit ar fáil le málaí a fhágáil in oifigí an chomhlachta a bheidh ag cur na seirbhíse ar fáil; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18875/21]

*2571. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the assistance available for the development of remote digital working hubs as announced recently in the Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 - Our Rural Future; if assistance is confined to not-for-profit and community companies; if private sector businesses can apply for assistance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [18879/21]

*2572. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of registered breeding establishments situated in each local authority area in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18929/21]

*2573. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of inspections carried out by each local authority of establishments pursuant to the Dog Breeding Establishments Act 2010 in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18930/21]

*2574. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of prosecutions initiated by each local authority against individuals for offences which fall under the relevant legislation concerning dog breeding in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [18931/21]

*2575. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding allocated through the Leader Programme in each of the years 2015 to 2020, inclusive by county; the way in which measures of rurality influenced the awarding of funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19402/21]

*2576. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the consideration that was given to the impact of attracting remote workers to rural communities on house prices in rural areas in the development of Our Rural Future, Ireland’s Rural Development Policy 2021 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [19403/21]

*2577. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if moneys will be repaid to Pobal (details supplied); the action being taken to recover these moneys; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [19566/21]

*2578. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when an allocation for County Laois under the local improvement scheme will be made for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [19567/21]

*2579. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of the application process for 2021 for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [19569/21]
*2580. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if analysis has been carried out on the estimated costs that would be associated with the provision of an air service to Inishbofin from Aerphort Chonamara (details supplied); if not, her plans to carry out such an analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [19598/21]

*2581. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has a funding stream to assist communities to develop local hubs; if so, if guidance documents will be provided to a community (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [19680/21]

*2582. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if Louth County Council received €200,000 that was approved by her Department for the development of the Mell walkway in Drogheda, County Louth through the outdoor recreational scheme following the announcement in February 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [19710/21]

*2583. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if all vacancies (details supplied) are advertised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19821/21]

*2584. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if any person can apply for a position (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [19876/21]

*2585. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the local improvement scheme; if she will urgently allocate further funding to the scheme to clear the backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [19914/21]

*2586. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of community services programme projects in place throughout the country; the number of participants and managers respectively being funded on these schemes; her plans to expand the scheme to include new projects and extra participants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20167/21]

*2587. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department is accepting applications for new projects to date under the Community Services Programme; the details of the way to apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20168/21]

*2588. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the assistance available to community projects for the development of remote working hubs to date; if application forms for same are available; if such hubs can be developed in leased buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [20169/21]

*2589. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current progress and eventual timeline for the provision of grant support for a library (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [20322/21]

*2590. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the efforts her Department is making to achieve gender balance on all State boards and agencies under the remit of her Department; if she will set out the changes achieved to date on each; if 50% of the membership of all boards, policy groups or agencies that provide advice to Government on matters of policy will be reserved for appropriately qualified individuals from the private sector in order to achieve a
balance between the public and private sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [20732/21]

*2591. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an application process is planned for interested pub owners in the recently announced proposal for a pilot scheme to turn rural pubs into remote working hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [20800/21]