



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest communications with the First Minister and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland. — Neale Richmond. [23062/21]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest communications with the First Minister and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24263/21]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent communication with the First Minister and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland. — Neale Richmond. [23955/21]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest communications with the First Minister and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland. — Mick Barry. [24635/21]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the First Minister of Northern Ireland. — Alan Kelly. [24641/21]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland last met. — Cian O’Callaghan. [23211/21]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland last met and will next meet. — Mick Barry. [24636/21]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21617/21]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [21776/21]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21778/21]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Catherine Murphy. [22858/21]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the cost to date of commissions of investigation under the direction of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [23209/21]
13. 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. — Mick Barry. [24142/21]

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14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21616/21]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Alan Kelly. [23208/21]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24248/21]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Bríd Smith. [24251/21]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Paul Murphy. [24254/21]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Mick Barry. [24637/21]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21618/21]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Alan Kelly. [24642/21]

22. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21779/21]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the Programme for Government. — Alan Kelly. [23207/21]

24. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the vaccine roll-out group chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [21938/21]

25. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the vaccine roll-out group chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24662/21]

26. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the vaccine roll-out group chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [24665/21]

27. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the vaccine roll-out group chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [24668/21]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. — Alan Kelly. [21939/21]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24249/21]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. — Bríd Smith. [24252/21]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. — Paul Murphy. [24255/21]
32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Alan Kelly. [21940/21]
33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24250/21]
34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Bríd Smith. [24253/21]
35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Paul Murphy. [24256/21]
36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent communication with the President of the European Commission. — Neale Richmond. [23956/21]
37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with other European heads of government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23893/21]
38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme office based in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23894/21]
39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing, infrastructure and digital unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23895/21]
40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [24643/21]
41. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Neale Richmond. [23951/21]
42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the research funding initiative related to the shared island initiative of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23897/21]
43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social policy and public service reform division of his Department. — Mick Barry. [24140/21]
44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the justice and police reform division of his Department. — Mick Barry. [24141/21]
45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that addresses matters relating to the arts and culture will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [24195/21]
46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee which addresses matters relating to equality will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [24197/21]

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH  
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

47. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he plans to take on the international stage to put a halt to the support being offered to the Ethiopian Government and Eritrean forces engaged in a systematic campaign of violence in Tigray by the United Arab Emirates and Saudi Arabia, particularly given Ireland's long partnership with Ethiopia and role on the United Nations Security Council. — John Brady. [24129/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the situation in the area Sheikh Jarrah used to resettle expelled Palestinian refugees in 1956, that 28 Palestinian families long promised legal titles to their homes are now the target of eviction proceedings by the Israeli authorities and new settlers there; the action he has taken at EU and UN level to highlight this injustice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [23901/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Government response to the report by an organisation (details supplied) that accuses Israel of the crime of apartheid. — John Brady. [24639/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if private security firms have been appointed to secure Irish embassies and diplomats in unstable regions abroad; if so, the cost of such arrangements; if they provide armed protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [24517/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions Ireland will take as co-chair of the UNSC Informal Expert Group on Women Peace and Security along with Mexico to maximise the ongoing positive impact that increased local female participation in the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in Mali has had to date. — John Brady. [24640/21]

**CEISTEANNA EILE  
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

52. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs Council on 10 May 2021. — John Lahart. [24134/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the return of North American international travel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [24018/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the initiatives that Ireland is pursuing unilaterally at European Union level and through Irelands' membership of the UN Security Council to protect the interests of the Uighur Muslim population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [23991/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the work of his Department to ensure that the remaining international crossing between Turkey and Syria stays open given that over 2.7 million people are reliant on assistance arriving via this crossing with regard to the humanitarian crisis in Syria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24021/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government will formally recognise that genocide was committed against the people of Armenia during World War 1 by the Ottoman Turkish Government. — John Brady. [24131/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in County Tipperary. — Jackie Cahill. [23930/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of discussions he had with members of the Northern Ireland Executive and with members of the UK Government in relation to the need to implement the Stormont House Agreement and the Fresh Start Agreement in full. — Brendan Smith. [1573/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in County Cork. — Michael Moynihan. [23934/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the discussions between the European Union and the United Kingdom with regard to the Northern Ireland protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23941/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress his Department has made towards honouring the Government commitment to recognise the state of Palestine. — Matt Carthy. [23883/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his assessment of the current state of relations between the European Union and Russia. — John Lahart. [24135/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will meet with persons (details supplied) to discuss a case; and if he will respond to correspondence in relation to same from Deputies and Senators and co-signed by a number of cross-party public representatives. — Thomas Pringle. [19933/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the potential for famine in Ethiopia as a consequence of the conflict in Tigray. — Gary Gannon. [24200/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent of engagement with the UK Government on the announcement of the resignation of the First Minister of Northern Ireland; the measures being taken to ensure continuation of the Northern Ireland Assembly and any impact that a change of leadership could have on the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24208/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the work undertaken to date in terms of the engagement he has had with his counterparts in the UK and in Northern Ireland regarding resolving the recent disturbances in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23944/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the implementation of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Union and the United Kingdom. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [24137/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in County Kildare. — James Lawless. [23932/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position of Ireland with regard to the Covid-19 technology access pool platform created to enable the sharing of intellectual property rights, data and other information to aid in the fight against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24020/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in counties Offaly and Laois. — Barry Cowen. [23928/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will support an international arms embargo in Yemen. — John Brady. [24133/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he has taken to protect families in forced evictions in east Jerusalem. — Thomas Gould. [24170/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the implementation of the legacy provisions of the Stormont House Agreement. — Peadar Tóibín. [39931/20]

74. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the communication he has had with both the Northern Ireland Executive and UK Government following recent events in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23954/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when he plans to progress the Thirty-Ninth Amendment of the Constitution (Presidential Elections) Bill 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24210/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when recommencement of hard copy passport applications is expected; the timeline expected to clear the current backlog in this type of application given that the online process may not be a viable form of application for all persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24209/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [23922/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts he and his Department are making with the new United States administration to improve the situation for undocumented Irish emigrants to the United States of America; his views on whether there will be positive developments under the current administration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24033/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he plans to take to introduce a level of humanity to the EU refugee policy in view of the continuing incarceration of refugees on the Greek Island of Lesbos under horrific conditions (details supplied). — John Brady. [24130/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress made to date on resolving the issue of the undocumented Irish in the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1433/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions Ireland has taken regarding the ongoing conflict in Ethiopia; if additional aid will be provided as the situation continues to escalate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23938/21]



82. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the work undertaken to date and the future plans to ensure to mitigate the impact of Brexit on the objectives and commitments contained in the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23943/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the humanitarian policy priorities for Ireland's membership of the Security Council of the United Nations; the way these priorities are being progressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [23992/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with the Chinese embassy following reports that an Irish journalist and their family had to leave China following extensive surveillance and threats from the Chinese authorities. — Gary Gannon. [24202/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the provisions in place to support Irish citizens whose visa has expired but test positive for Covid-19. — Thomas Gould. [24171/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his engagements with the British Government regarding the protection of the Good Friday Agreement and recent comments in relation to the Irish Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24261/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the work being done to mitigate the impact of Brexit on the objectives and commitments contained in the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [24035/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in County Limerick. — Willie O'Dea. [23920/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in counties Longford and Westmeath. — Joe Flaherty. [23915/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in counties Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal. — Marc MacSharry. [23927/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [23924/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the provisions put in place in the context of Brexit continue to effectively cater for the situation arising in the aftermath of the departure of the UK from the EU; if specific or unforeseen issues that have arisen are being or can be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3972/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland and the European Union can provide humanitarian assistance to India given the serious situation with regard to Covid-19 there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [23946/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to raise the findings of a report (details supplied) which stated that the ongoing treatment of Palestinians in Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories amounts to apartheid at the next meeting of the UN Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24212/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the most recent discussions he had with his UK counterpart in relation to the Protocol on Ireland and Northern Ireland. — Brendan Smith. [13243/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications that are outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24203/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the funding Ireland has provided to help developing countries access Covid-19 vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23953/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the events in Colombia in recent days which includes the killing of protestors by police officers and reports of human rights abuses. — John Brady. [24132/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in County Dublin. — Cormac Devlin. [23936/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the correspondence his Department has had with the governments of Ethiopia, Egypt and Sudan in relation to the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam. — Gary Gannon. [24199/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the implementation of the recommendations in the March 2021 Report by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence on the Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccines to Developing Countries; the engagement he has had to date with the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment with regard to the recommendation of the easing of intellectual property rights with regard to the Covid-19 vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24213/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason the processing of passports was not deemed to be an essential service given that the right to leave a state including one's own is enshrined in international law and the possession of a valid passport is an essential prerequisite for the exercise of that right; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24205/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the processing of non-urgent passport applications will recommence; the actions his Department is taking to ensure that the backlog of applications resulting from the suspension of same will be dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24031/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions his Department has taken to address the backlog of passport applications arising from the closure of services due to the pandemic. — Matt Carthy. [23884/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether the events that befell Armenia and the Armenian people in 1915 merit the description of genocide; his views on the statement issued by the President of the United States on 24 April 2021 in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23940/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will renew his efforts to implement the provisions of the Belfast, Good Friday Agreement; if he will enlist the support of the two

Governments and all parties in Northern Ireland to make the Agreement work; if meetings of the North-South Ministerial Council, the British-Irish Council and the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference will take place regularly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [23945/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the communication he has had with the UK Government regarding the North-South Ministerial Council and the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24032/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way the back log of passport applications will be processed; and if he will reassure persons that passports will not be delayed. — Niamh Smyth. [23885/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in County Kilkenny. — John McGuinness. [23919/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his engagements with the Israeli authorities regarding the commitment to recognise the state of Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24262/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passports applications from applicants in County Carlow. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [23917/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised the issue of correction camps for the Uighur minority in China with the Chinese authorities; if it is proposed to take a common EU position on the matter; the use that has been made of Ireland's current position within the UN systems to raise the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24204/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress to date on the UNCCD Great Green Wall project and Ireland's engagement with the UNCCD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23961/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will meet with persons (details supplied) to discuss a case. — Thomas Pringle. [18417/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Ireland might utilise its position on the UN Security Council to encourage a rejuvenation of the structures of the UN in order to restore its influence in dealing with peacekeeping needs, natural disasters, famine and starvation, ethnic cleansing, international conflict and human rights abuses globally in order to have increased and positive impact on all such situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [3971/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the contacts he has had with the Indian authorities in relation to providing support for those suffering from the latest Covid-19 wave in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [24139/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way Irish corporations can continue to justify their engagement with the state and economy of Israel given that Ireland has acknowledged the fact that Israel's occupation of Palestine territories is illegitimate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [23886/21]

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118. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the contribution of Ireland at the United Nations or otherwise to help address the humanitarian and political situation in Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [24036/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the elements of the Good Friday Agreement that have not yet been fully implemented. — Peadar Tóibín. [39932/20]

120. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will use Ireland's position on the UN Security Council to ensure a human rights observation mission is added to MINURSO mandate when it is renewed in October 2021. — Patrick Costello. [24788/21]

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### CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*121. To ask the Taoiseach if he officially invited the President of the United States of America to visit Ireland during his conversation with him on 17 March 2021. — Alan Kelly. [23535/21]

\*122. To ask the Taoiseach the details of property owned by the Chief State Solicitors Office; the current use and date acquired of each in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [23699/21]

\*123. To ask the Taoiseach the number of advisers working in his office; and the name, title, salaries, commencement and exit date if applicable of their employment in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [23793/21]

\*124. To ask the Taoiseach the groups chaired or attended by the Secretary General of his Department in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23891/21]

\*125. To ask the Taoiseach when he will publish his diary for quarter 1 of 2021 on the website of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24072/21]

\*126. To ask the Taoiseach the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and the expected allocations to An Taisce for 2021. — Matt Carthy. [24112/21]

\*127. To ask the Taoiseach the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; and the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020. — Carol Nolan. [24382/21]

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

\*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the issues at WTO governing intellectual property rights in Covid-19 vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [24146/21]

\*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration is being given to having an extra bank holiday in 2021 or 2022. — Alan Kelly. [24505/21]

\*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of plans to replace jobs lost at a company (details supplied); the efforts being made in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23674/21]

\*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided by the State for the Covid-19 loan guarantee scheme operated through the banks; the number of loans approved to date; the amount guaranteed by the State to date; the money drawn under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23764/21]

\*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the ESB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24082/21]

\*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected respective allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24101/21]

\*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the economic and sustainability impact assessment for Ireland of the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement will be published given that he indicated it would be due at the end of quarter 1 2021 and this date has now passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24128/21]

\*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the economic and sustainability impact assessment of the EU-Mercosur trade agreement which is being conducted by his Department; the expected publication date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [24152/21]

\*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24371/21]

\*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24440/21]

\*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the total amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24441/21]

\*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of plans by his Department and or the agencies under his aegis to roll-out pilot programmes with businesses and in workplaces as a consequence of the report and suggestions by the Covid-19 Rapid Testing Group and in respect of the use of rapid antigen testing in workplaces and in other environments; the way in which firms will be selected to participate in any pilot programme under consideration; if firms will be enabled to make expressions of interest in terms of participation in any such programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24556/21]

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

\*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of jobs either directly or indirectly created by the just transition programme which has been introduced to compensate for the closure of peat production and sale in the midlands. — Alan Kelly. [24506/21]

\*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the obligations of takeaway venues in respect of waste management; and if he plans to introduce new measures which would reduce the amount of throwaway containers and create greater obligations to contribute to litter management. — Richard Bruton. [23650/21]

\*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the role he has with regard to the management or otherwise of the ESB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [23694/21]

\*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a property (details supplied) that is not included in the intervention area of the National Broadband Plan will be included in the roll-out of fibre broadband in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23698/21]

\*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the circular economy Bill particularly in relation to local authority use of CCTV to deter illegal dumping and fly-tipping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23736/21]

\*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the criteria that apply for a partner to be considered a local community partner for the purposes of the renewable electricity support scheme; if he plans amending these conditions to ensure that a majority of the household directly affected by the development accept them as a local partner and that their direct area of operation covers the area that will be affected by the wind turbines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23766/21]

\*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the grants and funding opportunities available to offshore islanders to improve the habitability, sustainability and energy efficiency of island dwellings; and the spending allocated by the State to cover these grants in each of the past five years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23806/21]

\*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding and supports that have been provided to develop job opportunities and investment in offshore island communities in the production and generation of offshore renewable wind, wave and tidal energy in each of the past five years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23817/21]

\*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding and supports that have been provided in each of the past ten years to support the work of an organisation (details supplied) to train offshore islanders on the conservation and generation of renewable energy; and his policy to continue this work. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23818/21]

\*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the offshore islands that are currently served by high-speed fibre-optic broadband; when high-speed fibre-optic broadband will be rolled out to the remaining offshore islands; and the estimated cost of same. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23821/21]



\*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the costs for subscriptions to international organisations and treaties; and the breakdown in terms of the cost of subscription per international organisation per year. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23854/21]

\*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the progress made under the National Broadband Plan to date in terms of connections completed; if the programme is on track with its targets; if the programme remains within budget; if not, if costs have escalated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [23999/21]

\*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a property (details supplied) is still not included in the intervention area for the roll-out of fibre optic cables despite being told that the premises had been excluded from the AMBER area due to an anomaly and that this would be remedied on the high-speed broadband map. — Emer Higgins. [24016/21]

\*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if inland fisheries bye-laws are regularly reviewed with regard to setting conditions for non-commercial fishing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24067/21]

\*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24102/21]

\*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Ireland is being fined by the EU for the failure to meet with the N-1 formula (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [24180/21]

\*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider giving the Commission for Communications Regulation additional power to enforce solutions from broadband providers for their customers; his views on whether the current powers are too limited given the increased importance of remote working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24220/21]

\*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of a broadband connection for a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24305/21]

\*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to delays in the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan for Carrigaline, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24306/21]

\*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 68 of 24 February 2021, the status of the matter as of May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24323/21]

\*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24372/21]

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\*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24442/21]

\*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the total amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24443/21]

\*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he sanctioned a cull of pike in Lough Corrib; the extent of the cull that is underway; the end date of the cull; the plans overall to regulate fishing stocks in Lough Corrib; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24609/21]

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

\*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who flew into Ireland in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23618/21]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of flights which landed at Irish airports in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23619/21]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocated in 2020 to each of the local authorities in the greater Dublin area and the regional cities under the sustainable transport measures grants; the amounts actually expended and reclaimed by each; the amounts provided in each local authority for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23624/21]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Transport if a provisional breakdown will be published of minor and serious collisions as opposed to fatalities involving a cyclist by county in 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23626/21]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long on their driver test given that their work is essential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23675/21]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the temporary moratorium for taxi drivers from 10 to 15 years; if the Taxi Advisory Committee will be replaced with a forum that would allow the drivers to bring their issues directly to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23685/21]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the methodology utilised to allocate funding between the regional airports and the Dublin Airport Authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [23709/21]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the appointment of a chairperson to Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [23710/21]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for Ireland's implementation of the digital green certificate for European Union travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [23711/21]



\*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the preparatory work undertaken by his Department to aid the implementation of digital green certificate recently passed by the European Parliament; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [23712/21]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider including an upgrade to the link road from the M1 to Ardee, County Louth in the roadwork plans for the proposed upgrade of the N2 from Ardee to Castleblayney. — James Lawless. [23735/21]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will temporarily suspend the rule whereby non-EU driver licence holders must obtain an Irish licence after 12 months of residency here given the fact that with the ongoing restrictions it is in fact not possible for such person's to book driver tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [23740/21]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driver test will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [23743/21]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the completion of the Coonagh to Knockalisheen road project, Limerick. — Alan Kelly. [23790/21]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver tests that have been carried out in County Cavan in the past year by car and motorbike; if driver tests are being carried out for those deemed essential workers; if not, the reason; the timeframe for driver tests for essential workers to restart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [23842/21]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of plans by the Road Safety Authority which were first proposed in 2015, to name disqualified drivers; the outcome of the latest research commissioned by the RSA in 2019 and due to be completed by the end of March 2021 in relation to whether the publication of driver details can proceed; the timeframe for publication of the findings of this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23853/21]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which the backlog of learner driver theory tests will be dealt with given that many have had their test date rescheduled up to four times in the past year such as a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [23874/21]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which the backlog of driver tests will be managed to ensure the backlog is cleared quickly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [23875/21]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected date for the return of international travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [23970/21]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts that will be made to improve security on public transport including on platforms and stops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23995/21]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans on aligning Ireland with the new European Union travel proposals to open non-essential travel to the fully vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24000/21]

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\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24114/21]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 61 of 12 November 2020, the status of and the way the early stage planning has progressed; the proposals presently in place to provide online learner driver theory testing; the expected timeline for proposals for an online service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [24192/21]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the operation of the learner driver theory test under the easement of public health restrictions from 10 May 2021; his plans to clear the backlog in counties Carlow and Kilkenny of those awaiting a test following several cancellations; if an online theory test is to be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24194/21]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and his Department will make efforts with the new United States administration to streamline driver licensing arrangements between Ireland and the United States of America given the challenges that exist for returning Irish emigrants or American citizens relocating to Ireland in the area of driver licensing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24034/21]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the construction of the N22 Baile Bhuirne to Macroom, County Cork road development; if the project is progressing on schedule and within budget; the earliest anticipated date of completion and opening of each phase of the project; the overall completion timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24264/21]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the N69 Listowel Bypass-Relief Road project; the earliest anticipated date of completion and opening of the project; the overall completion timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24265/21]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the R563 Listry bridge project; the latest interaction his Department has had with Kerry County Council on the project; if the local authority will be in a position to progress to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24266/21]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the N22 Killarney to Farranfore project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24267/21]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the driver test waiting list by county in February, March and April 2021, respectively in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [24269/21]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Road Safety Authority has met its requirements under the EU third directive on periodic training for all driver testers in driving skills, assessment and evaluation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24277/21]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has examined the possibility of granting disabled parking badges for severely autistic persons and persons with an intellectual disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24325/21]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if a testing centre (details supplied) is still operational; if not, the reason for its cessation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24326/21]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address an issue raised in correspondence (details supplied); and his views on whether it is appropriate for a person to be offered appointments so far away for a theory test. — Sean Sherlock. [24330/21]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding that will be invested in the Public Service Obligation bus fleet by route in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [24353/21]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24384/21]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if the period of validity of learner driver permits will be extended in view of the fact that driver tests have been deferred during lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24404/21]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport when learner driver theory tests will resume for driver lessons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24408/21]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24464/21]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24465/21]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport when persons that applied to sit the driver theory test will be given a date to sit the test in view of the fact that level 5 restrictions are being lifted; if there is an option for the persons to sit the test remotely; and the length of time it will take to process the backlog of theory tests given that level 5 restrictions have been lifted. — Chris Andrews. [24480/21]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Covid-19 compliance capacity of learner driver test theory venues is being applied to overcome the current backlog (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [24481/21]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport when Sligo Airport will be reimbursed for mandated safety works carried out in 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [24508/21]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if roads investments are subject to individual tenders; and if a panel of approved contractors can be used to deliver projects as they arise against a standard cost profile. — Richard Bruton. [24509/21]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the progress of Kishogue railway station; the proposed opening date and commencement of services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24570/21]

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\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of plans to electrify the rail line between Hazelhatch and the city centre to provide for increased capacity on this city centre link; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24571/21]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of progress of the updated Dublin Bus drivers' pension scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24580/21]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) can extend their international driving permit in order that they can drive with their non-EU/EEA driver licence while they are at home on ill-health grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24581/21]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of level crossings that are manned by Iarnród Éireann on the Limerick to Ballybrophy line; if there is a programme funded by either his Department or Iarnród Éireann to allow these crossings to be converted to remotely operated and monitored full automatic crossings; if not, if he will consider funding such a programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24599/21]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a scheme (details supplied) in which a person makes an application to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [24611/21]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount invested in the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail line for improvement and safety works including the laying of continuous welded rail in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24653/21]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount planned to be invested in the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail line for improvement and safety works including the laying of continuous welded rail in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24654/21]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the improvement and safety works made on the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail line from 1 January 2020 to 5 May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24655/21]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of miles of continuous welded rail laid on the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail line to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24656/21]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of miles of continuous welded rail planned to be laid on the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail line for the remainder of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24657/21]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of user and farmer worked crossings on the Limerick to Ballybrophy rail line; when the usage of these crossings was last reviewed; the regularity with which they are reviewed; his plans to eliminate crossing either through land swaps or building of over or under bridges to eliminate risk and allow line speeds to be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24658/21]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of user worked level crossings on a public road that are designated as an OP crossing by Iarnród Éireann on the Limerick to Ballybrophy rail line; if the crossings have been provided with the decision support system; if so, the number of cost

per crossing; if he will provide additional funding to allow a programme to provide this system on all OP crossings on the line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24659/21]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport when testing for a full motorcycle licence will resume; and if, in cases in which the Initial Basic Training licence of an applicant expired in April 2021, they will now be eligible to do their test when they resume. — Brian Stanley. [24696/21]

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

\*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Government will re-evaluate its position regarding event caters and expand access parameters to the Covid restrictions support scheme to allow these member companies gain access to the necessary financial supports to ensure their survival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24623/21]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Finance when he will meet with a group (details supplied) to discuss its concerns regarding double taxation for workers in Border regions and the impact this will have on inward investment to some of the most economically disadvantaged parts of the island. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [23623/21]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale for mortgage applicants having to wait six months for approval after coming off the pandemic unemployment payment; if he plans to change the criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [23663/21]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether it is appropriate for purchasers of homes availing of the help to buy scheme to be asked by the seller of the property if they are eligible for the scheme before the price of the property is revealed; his further views on whether such practices could be used to inflate house prices; and if an investigation will be carried out into this practice and action taken to address any issues that arise from such an investigation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23769/21]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions that have taken place between him or his officials with a bank (details supplied) in relation to its planned exit from operations here; the timescale for same; if the bank has outlined its plans in relation to human resource issues or the disposal of the loan book to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23770/21]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has raised the issue with either a bank (details supplied) or the Central Bank regarding the position of mortgage holders that have a special discount on their mortgages due to the fact they also have their current account with the bank in the event of the loan book and current account operations of the bank being sold to different bidders; if the normal assurances that the terms of such mortgages would be protected in reality in such a scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23771/21]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the concession put in place by the Revenue Commissioners relative to the payment of tax due by employees arising from the temporary wage subsidy scheme allowing the employer to pay the tax without any benefit-in-kind implications for the employee; if so, if categories of employees (details supplied) will be included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [23798/21]

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\*229. To ask the Minister for Finance if the eligibility criteria for the accelerated capital allowance products will be amended to facilitate electric plant and site machinery such as electric telehandlers; if he will consider the addition of a new product category to encourage the use of alternative electric plant equipment in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [23871/21]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24103/21]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to implement a tax incentive to support the purchase of capital equipment and investment in the manufacturing sector (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [24183/21]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be generated by introducing a 3% stamp duty surcharge on the purchase of residential properties by trusts, partnerships and companies including real estate investment trusts (REITs) and Irish Real Estate Funds (IREFs) and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24233/21]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will conduct a review into the current tax exemptions in place for real estate investment trusts and Irish real estate funds with a view to restricting the advantage they enjoy over individual prospective buyers here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24234/21]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the support that can be given to persons currently in receipt of the employment wage subsidy scheme indefinitely who cannot drawdown a mortgage. — Thomas Gould. [24273/21]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 284 to 287 of 28 April 2021, the reason the number of convictions for serious offences under section 1078 of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 was considerably lower in the period 2016 to 2020 than in the period 2011 to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24274/21]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 284 to 287 of 28 April 2021, if he is satisfied that the programme for prosecuting those offences constitutes an effective deterrent to tax evasion and fraud in view of the significantly reduced number of convictions for serious offences under section 1078 of the Taxes Consolidation Act in the period from 2016 to 2020 compared with the previous five year period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24275/21]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement that has been had with the Central Bank in relation to the planned negative interest rate charges that will affect some solicitor client accounts; the measures being examined to ensure that any additional charges are not at the expense of the average customer and clients of these solicitors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [24282/21]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to cease the blanket refusal of mortgages to persons whose employers are engaging in wage subsidy schemes; the engagement he has made with the banks on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24333/21]



\*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24373/21]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if the employment wage subsidy scheme will be extended for the remainder of 2021 to the childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24422/21]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24444/21]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24445/21]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to the recent collapse of a gambling and trading platform. — John Lahart. [24487/21]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the options available for those that purchased property from NAMA which is no longer fit for purpose; if there are avenues for engagement with NAMA open for these property owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24488/21]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Finance if an employer availing of the employment wage subsidy scheme who does not qualify on an end of month review during January 2021 to June 2021 has to repay the subsidy for the previously qualifying months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24494/21]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a list all of the tax exemptions and reliefs which have been available to real estate investment trusts in each of the years 2013 to 2020, in tabular form; and the total loss to the Exchequer as a result of the trusts availing of each of these tax exemptions and reliefs in each of the years. — Alan Kelly. [24497/21]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of registered real estate investment trusts in operation in the State. — Alan Kelly. [24498/21]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount that has been paid in stamp duty by real estate investment trusts in tabular form; and the number of units that stamp duty was paid on by real estate investment trusts for the purchase of properties in the State for each of the years 2013 to 2020. — Alan Kelly. [24499/21]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider allowing event catering companies that comply with all of the business eligibility criteria to access the Covid restrictions support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24535/21]

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

\*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied that budgetary targets set earlier in 2021 will continue to be met notwithstanding any

changes in circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23718/21]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has identified any particular issues which might impact on his Department's ability to implement principles of reform to facilitate achievement of spending targets; if particular obstacles have arisen in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23719/21]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he has identified issues likely to impede progress toward objectives set for and by his Department in respect of public expenditure and reform; if such obstacles have been identified and isolated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23720/21]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he expects reform to remain a central part of his Department's policy; the extent to which this is likely to manifest itself in 2021 and thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23721/21]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which provisions or policies most likely to achieve benefit to the Exchequer and the taxpayer in 2021 are continuing on target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23722/21]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the specific judicial review cases that he was referring to in his closing address to Seanad Éireann on 22 March 2021 when he asserted they were simply used to stall projects given he told Seanad Éireann such cases were informing significant changes in relation to judicial review (details supplied); the basis on which he has identified same and asserts that the reason the judicial review was taken was simply to stall the project in each case; and if no such list exists, if he will correct the record. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23993/21]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief scheme for the River Slaney, Enniscorthy town, County Wexford; when the scheme will be formally signed off; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [24087/21]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current timeline on the completion of the planned flood relief scheme in Bantry, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24115/21]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the completion of the flood relief scheme in Bandon, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24116/21]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the completion of the flood relief scheme in Clonakilty, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24117/21]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the completion of the flood relief scheme in Skibbereen, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24118/21]



\*261. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24379/21]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24456/21]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24457/21]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the allocation of funding to Wicklow County Council by the Office of Public Works to carry out maintenance work on the Dargle River flood protection scheme for each year between 2017 and 2021; the nature of the maintenance works; if they are agreed with the OPW; and if the scheme is inspected by officials from the OPW. — John Brady. [24486/21]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if alternatives to aptitude tests been considered for recruitment through the Public Appointments Service; the steps he has taken to diversify the recruitment process for those who may have difficulties with aptitude tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24583/21]

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

\*266. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if touring caravans and motorhomes fall under the same Covid-19 restrictions as static mobile home parks, that is, once county border restrictions lift if camper van owners and so on can book pitches in campsites. — Cathal Crowe. [23669/21]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when one-on-one personal training will resume; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24154/21]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a clear direction will be given on the use of self-contained touring caravans in caravan parks once intercounty travel resumes. — Paul Donnelly. [24490/21]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if clarity will be provided in relation to a matter (details supplied) regarding the organisation of golf following the announcement of the new plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23646/21]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has tracked the rate of closure over the years of live cultural venues nationwide; if initiatives are under consideration to address the matter; and if she foresees further closures after the lengthy disruption caused by Covid-19. — Richard Bruton. [23649/21]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when funding will be made available to a sector (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23653/21]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if clarity will be offered in relation to the reopening on 10 May 2021 (details supplied). — Paul Kehoe. [23664/21]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if consideration was given to award a grant or partial grant to pubs who do not serve food under the outdoor seating and accessories for tourism and hospitality services to assist them in reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23753/21]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the process that will be followed by her Department in assessing the recommendation to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage by An Bord Pleanála of 24 March 2021 under the provisions of section 37E of the Planning and Development Act 2000 as amended in relation to consent under the Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest provision for planning for Galway harbour extension, Galway, and which has been referred under section 177AB of the Planning and Development Act 2000 on 27 April 2021; her views on the recommendation; the likely timescale involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23757/21]

\*275. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad uair le cúig bliana anuas ar chuir Foras na Gaeilge comhairle ar aon Aire Rialtais, nó ar aon Roinn Stáit nó ar chomhlacht reachtúil mar is ceadmhach faoin Acht bunaidh thuaidh agus theas; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23763/21]

\*276. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad airgead a cuireadh ar fáil sna meastacháin do 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 agus 2020 d'Fhoras na Gaeilge (sonraí tugtha); agus cé mhéad airgead a chaith an Foras i ngach bliain acu sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23767/21]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the role she foresees in the roll-out of antigen testing to support the sustained reopening of cultural and sporting events in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [23780/21]

\*278. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cur síos a dhéanamh ar an maoiniú bliantúil iomlán tugtha d'Oifig an Choimisinéara Teanga ag an stát gach bliain ó bunaíodh é, chomh maith leis an líon fóirne ag an Oifig gach bliain. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23800/21]

\*279. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán briseadh síos a dhéanamh ar na deontais nó deiseanna maonaithe atá ar fáil, más ann dóibh, chun daoine le Gaeilge a mhealladh chun cónaí ar oileáin mara agus an caiteachas iomlán caite ar sin gach bliain le cúig bliain anuas. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23812/21]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding that is currently allocated to arts and cultural pursuits on offshore islands; and the funding that has been provided for same in each of the past five years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23831/21]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding and support that has been provided to the National Folklore Commission in each of the past ten years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23832/21]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has developed the specific guidance with the relevant sectors as promised in the Living with Covid Plan published on 15 September 2020 to take account of size and different conditions of very large purpose built event facilities for holding organised indoor and outdoor gatherings and larger events as foreseen under levels 1 and 2 of the Plan; if not, the reason; and when the specific guidance will be developed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23858/21]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of the date, time and participants of all meetings held between her Department and the relevant sectors to develop the specific guidance for organised indoor and outdoor gatherings and larger events as promised in the Living with Covid Plan published on 15 September 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23859/21]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the research that has been conducted by her Department into the holding of large indoor and outdoor cultural and sporting pilot events as she proposed on 29 April 2021; and if the conclusions of any such research will be published. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23860/21]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the membership and terms of reference of the Return to Live Entertainment Working Group; and the details of the time, date and minutes of any of the meetings of the group. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23861/21]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the specific projects for large indoor and outdoor cultural and sporting pilot events to which she was referring when she proposed that such events could take place on 29 April 2021; and the work that has been carried out to prepare for these events. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23862/21]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects the large indoor and outdoor cultural and sporting pilot events she referred to on 29 April 2021 to commence. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23863/21]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the consultation that took place with the Department of Health before she announced on 29 April 2021 that large indoor and outdoor cultural and sporting pilot events could be organised. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23865/21]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the input her Department had into the preparations for the large indoor and outdoor cultural and sporting pilot events under continued health restrictions proposed by her on 29 April 2021; and the role her Department will have in any such pilots and the reopening of the cultural and events sector. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23866/21]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when children involved in elite sports will be able to train indoors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24001/21]

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\*291. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated cost of delivering One Good Coach, conducted by Sport Ireland to all sporting organisations affiliated to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24047/21]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress made to date on the proposal for a three-year pilot scheme of a universal income for artists, writers and musicians; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [24069/21]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding allocated by her Department or agencies under her remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected respective allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24113/21]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of the expected restrictions on outdoor festivals throughout the summer months; and the number of persons that will be allowed to attend such festivals in the coming months. — Robert Troy. [24158/21]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of attendance at drive-in events; if such events are currently proceeding; and if there is a limit on the number of cars which will be allowed. — Robert Troy. [24159/21]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of the €50 million allocated to live events in Budget 2021 that has already been distributed to artists or event organisers; and when and the way in which the remaining allocation will reach artists and event organisers. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24178/21]

\*297. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán ar labhair sé go fóill leis an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe chun a chinntiú go mbeidh cumas sa Ghaeilge sonraithe i dtreoirínite faoi chomhaltáí boird Stáit, mar a gheall sé ag Roghchoiste na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta agus Phobail Labhartha na Gaeilge an 9 Márta 2021; ar scríobh sé go fóill go dtí na Ranna eile ag impí orthu cumas sa Ghaeilge a chur san áireamh mar scil le tabhairt san áireamh do chomhaltas boird Stáit a thagann faoina scáth; agus aon fhreagra a fuair sé uathu a roinnt leis an Teachta seo. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24179/21]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of a universal basic income pilot scheme endorsed by the Arts and Culture Recovery Taskforce in November 2020; the proposed timeline for commencement of the pilot scheme; the proposed criteria for participation in the pilot scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [24189/21]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her engagements with the HSE and or the Minister for Health in respect of vaccinating qualified Irish Olympic athletes ahead of the Olympic Games. — Catherine Murphy. [24218/21]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding Gaeltacht Irish courses for summer 2021 for Gaeltacht households, colleges and families (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24278/21]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if guidance will be provided for guide boating tours and boating wildlife watching tours on a safe reopening

including details on the numbers which can safely travel on different size craft in terms of social distancing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24317/21]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if dancing and performing arts are now included in the guidelines for sports for the duration of Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [24349/21]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from her Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24383/21]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider including skateboarding as a recognised sport in Ireland given that it is recognised internationally and was scheduled for debut in the Tokyo Olympics and in view of the fact that skateboarding groups do not currently have access to funding in line with other recognised sports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [24402/21]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of persons employed by her Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24462/21]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she or her Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by her Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24463/21]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider advocating for an expansion of the current restrictions to include outdoor classes such as zumba fitness in order that they can resume in the same capacity as that of an organisation (details supplied) and athletics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [24527/21]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the results of the test live performances organised at the National Concert Hall and Abbey Theatre in December 2020 announced by her on 13 December 2020; the efforts that were made to ensure these tests assisted in the planning of future live events; the way these tests were examined; the follow-up that took place; the research that emerged from same; and if the Return to Live Entertainment Working Group has examined the test results. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24532/21]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the upgrading of outdoor facilities promised by her has been completed in advance of small organised cultural events being allowed from 10 May 2021; the amount of the budget for upgrading outdoor facilities that has been spent; the projects on which the budget has been spent; when the remainder of the budget will be spent; and the specific projects for which the budget will be spent. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24533/21]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the preparations that have been made for the reopening of small organised indoor events; when they can be expected to restart; if pilot small indoor live events will be organised alongside the proposed pilot large events; when they will take place; and the consultation she has undertaken with performers, venues

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and organisers of small indoor events to plan a reopening since the Living with Covid Plan was published in September 2020. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24534/21]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when details of the Fáilte Ireland capital investment programme, Platforms for Growth will be announced for 2021 (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [24597/21]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a scheme will be established similar to the outdoor dining scheme for pubs that do not serve food to enable them to initiate outdoor spaces for their customers to utilise which would mirror the outdoor dining scheme currently in place for pubs and restaurants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [24708/21]

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

\*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the provision of funding for the Barrow Blueway; the status of the progression of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24414/21]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a person (details supplied) will receive their Land Registry documentation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [24705/21]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the income limit for social housing in County Tipperary is €5,000 lower than neighbouring counties; and his plans to address this situation. — Martin Browne. [23611/21]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on plans to raise HAP limits given the current thresholds are far below the current rental prices of housing throughout the country. — Martin Browne. [23612/21]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all strategic housing development applications since the beginning of 2017 in cases in which planning permission was granted; the number of units that were applied for; the bedroom size of each of these units; the status of building on the site; the number of units delivered to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23683/21]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons to date on the housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [23700/21]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of children to date in homeless accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [23701/21]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons on HAP by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [23702/21]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons on the homeless housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [23703/21]



\*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost of supporting HAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [23704/21]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when positions (details supplied) will be advertised; the number of positions to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23731/21]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of judicial reviews of An Bord Pleanála decisions on strategic housing developments that have been taken since the start of the strategic housing development process to date. — Verona Murphy. [23748/21]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of judicial reviews of strategic housing developments that have been taken but conceded to by An Bord Pleanála since the start of the strategic housing development process to date. — Verona Murphy. [23749/21]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of judicial reviews of strategic housing developments that have been taken and successfully defended by An Bord Pleanála since the start of the strategic housing development process to date. — Verona Murphy. [23750/21]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when all payments under the cessation of turf cutting compensation scheme will be made for 2021. — Claire Kerrane. [23754/21]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all vacancies in local authorities since 2018 have been advertised and filled in accordance with the rules and regulations set out by his Department. — Alan Kelly. [23796/21]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding that has been allocated annually for the past five years to specifically provide social and affordable housing on offshore islands. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23802/21]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his policy on the provision of housing on offshore islands. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23803/21]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will conduct a review on income limit thresholds for social housing supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23912/21]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to strategic housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [23994/21]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the increase that has occurred in the private rental sector in the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24011/21]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of Housing Assistance Payments that has been paid out to private landlords in County Cavan since the payment was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24012/21]

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\*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of rental accommodation scheme that has been paid out to private landlords in County Cavan since the payment was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24013/21]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the housing budget that has been granted to Cavan County Council in each of the past ten years; the amount the housing budget granted to Cavan County Council has been reduced in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24014/21]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons that have been on the social housing waiting list in County Cavan in each of the past ten years; the number of persons that have been allocated a house by Cavan County Council in each of the past ten years; the average waiting time to be allocated a house by Cavan County Council in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24015/21]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacancies that exist at the office of his Department in Ballina, County Mayo; if an overview of the vacancies by grade will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24028/21]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24107/21]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons on the housing waiting lists in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24166/21]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 795 of 21 April 2021, the date the missing file from his office was found; the person who found the file; the location in which the file was found; the person who misplaced the file within his office; and if the file was missing within his Department from the Minister's office from 1 September 2014 to at least 29 September 2014. — Paul Murphy. [24175/21]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether it is appropriate that his Department published a non-determination of facts naming persons in the reviews carried out into the CPO at Three Trout Stream, Charlesland, Greystones, County Wicklow given that both the reviewer and his Department have accepted that these reviews are not statements of fact and that the reviewer has subsequent to the publication stated that they did not receive relevant documentation from Wicklow County Council in the carrying out of their reviews; and his further views on whether the reviews should be removed from publication on all Government websites. — Paul Murphy. [24176/21]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legislative measure and the associated regulation of the Planning and Development Act 2000 which lists or makes reference to the key observations or considerations that must be taken into account when making a planning observation on a proposed development. — Johnny Mythen. [24350/21]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons in receipt of the housing assistance payment and the rental accommodation scheme that were moved



directly into social housing property for each county per annum since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24365/21]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24377/21]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made to date with respect to the Town and Villages Growth Programme 2020-2024; the amount allocated under the fund nationally; the amount allocated to each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24400/21]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding he has advanced to local authorities in preparation for the ending of direct provision; his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24406/21]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is an inspection process into homeless services provided by private companies and non-governmental agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24416/21]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a steady funding stream will be provided for the upgrading of local authority owned homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24417/21]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of orders issued under section 10 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1992 during each of the past five years by specific local authority, public authority and type of order issued, respectively. — Eoin Ó Broin. [24421/21]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24452/21]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24453/21]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if species of birds (details supplied) will be removed from the list of birds that may be shot currently included in the Open Seasons Order published on the website of the National Parks and Wildlife Service; if he will cancel the derogation which allows the continued year-round shooting of wood-pigeons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24466/21]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the information his Department, the Housing Agency or any other agency operating under the aegis of his Department has on the number of housing units that have been owned by real estate investment trusts at the end of each of the years 2013 to 2020, in tabular form by the number of apartments and houses. — Alan Kelly. [24500/21]

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\*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units that have been leased from real estate investment trusts by each local authority in each of the years 2013 to 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [24501/21]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount paid by each local authority to real estate investment trusts for the leasing of housing units in each of the years 2013 to 2020, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [24502/21]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if housing investments are subject to individual tenders; and if a panel of approved contractors can be used to deliver projects as they arise against a standard cost profile. — Richard Bruton. [24510/21]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific measures in place in his Department to assist local authorities in taking estates in charge; and the way in which they apply to the ongoing issue of malfunctioning effluent treatment plants in those estates. — Ciarán Cannon. [24514/21]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the deterioration of a wealth of heritage at Knocklofty House in Clonmel, County Tipperary which is falling into a state of disrepair; his plans to save the unique architectural, design and artistic features of the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [24519/21]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress being made in relation to the social housing reform agenda as referred to in Parliamentary Question No. 470 of 28 April 2021; if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty that persons on HAP are facing in having issues with their living conditions addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [24520/21]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the members of the Bathing Waters Expert Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [24528/21]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of claims that were made against Irish Water and its insurers for damages in 2019 and 2020 in County Cork and nationwide; the number of these cases that are outstanding; the number of cases that were settled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24530/21]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take within his power to work with approved housing bodies and Dún Laoghaire–Rathdown County Council to ensure that the remaining tenants in a location (details supplied) are not forced into homeless services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24645/21]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the upcoming Land Development Agency Bill 2021 will be revised at committee stage to prioritise traditional council housing and to ensure that the affordable housing is defined in relation to incomes and not in relation to market prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24646/21]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the upcoming Land Development Agency Bill 2021 will be revised at committee stage to prioritise traditional council

housing and to ensure that the affordable housing is defined in relation to incomes and not in relation to market prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24647/21]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the upcoming Land Development Agency Bill 2021 will be revised at committee stage to prioritise traditional council housing and to ensure that the affordable housing is defined in relation to incomes and not in relation to market prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24649/21]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the upcoming Land Development Agency Bill 2021 will be revised at committee stage to prioritise traditional council housing and to ensure that the affordable housing is defined in relation to incomes and not in relation to market prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [24651/21]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the terms under which the national monument at 14 to 17 Moore Street, Dublin 1 was purchased and any related costs and conditions. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24711/21]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the terms under which 18 Moore Street, Dublin 1 in part was purchased, the facade of which has been identified in a conservation report under a Ministerial Consent Application as a 19th century structure. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24712/21]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a leasehold interest on 14, 15, 16 or 17 Moore Street, Dublin 1; and if so, if any of these leaseholds are granted in perpetuity. — Mary Lou McDonald. [24713/21]

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

\*371. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on C-Tap as outlined in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24698/21]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when an emergency passport application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [23668/21]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the date on which the Passport Office will reopen at full capacity; the date on which the passport backlog is expected to be cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23837/21]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps being taken at EU level to improve engagement with like-minded member states on European Commission files and to clearly reflect Ireland's concerns on such files at an earlier stage in the legislative process particularly in a post-Brexit era; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1431/21]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of funding his Department is providing to climate adaptation and mitigation activities in some of the least developed countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1434/21]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider the possibility of allowing national parliamentary input in recipient countries on the use of the ODA budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1435/21]

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\*377. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the progress of the Get Brexit Ready campaign of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [43549/20]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he has taken to protect the principle of devolution in the Good Friday Agreement. — Peadar Tóibín. [17075/21]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he can influence the international community to focus on various war zones globally and encourage the UN to take a positive stance in order to protect civilians with particular reference to women and children; if he can foresee a situation whereby the UN can reclaim its position as a peacekeeper and peace enforcer at such various flashpoints as the Sudan, Ethiopia and Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12219/21]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which through the EU or UN he expects to be in a position to alert the international community to the violence against women and children, incidents of genocide, ethnic cleansing, sexual abuse and trafficking of women and children in the course of various conflicts; if he will influence the UN to intervene in order to address such atrocities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [12220/21]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the discussions he had with members of the Northern Ireland Executive and with members of the UK Government in relation to the need to address legacy issues as provided for in the Stormont House Agreement. — Brendan Smith. [1574/21]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 327 of 17 February 2021, if allowances will be made (details supplied) in cases in which delayed foreign birth registrations impact the rights of the child to claim citizenship as a result of Covid-19 and not through any fault of their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24084/21]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24104/21]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the contribution made by Ireland to the global effort to help resolve the current conflict in Tigray, Ethiopia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24126/21]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the level of assistance being provided by Ireland to help address the political instability and resulting humanitarian situation in Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24127/21]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications processed in 2020; the average turnaround time for an application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24245/21]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to expedite the passport backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24246/21]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the level of staffing at the passport office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24247/21]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with the UK Government and European Commission regarding recent developments with the Ireland protocol. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13248/21]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 506 of 28 April 2021, if he will address a series of matters (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [24334/21]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24374/21]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with the Chinese Ambassador regarding the treatment of the Uighur people by China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [24394/21]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on a recently published report by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [24395/21]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of vaccines that the EU plans to give to Palestine given the extended state of emergency in Palestine to prevent the spread of new variants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24396/21]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on a recently published report by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24397/21]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged with his counterparts in the European Union regarding the ongoing war in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24398/21]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on a recently published report by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24399/21]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current wait time for a new passport application; the amount of outstanding applications and renewals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24413/21]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the process whereby some embassies have refused to process visa interviews due to the fact Ireland is still in maximum level 5 restrictions; and his views on whether it would be appropriate to confirm to with embassies the activities that are safe to undertake at the various opening dates which have been plotted out. — Richard Bruton. [24419/21]

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\*400. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24446/21]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24447/21]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if financial support for mandatory quarantine can be put in place to support a person (details supplied) who was originally to return to Ireland in 2020 but has been delayed due to the pandemic in South America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24521/21]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which he continues to monitor development in Northern Ireland arising from Brexit or the Good Friday Agreement with particular reference to the need to ensure a cohesive and progressive approach with the objective of varying the spirit and the letter of the peace process working with the various political groupings in Northern Ireland and with the British Government in order to ensure an ongoing good working relationship between all the parties involved and to discourage unilateral action that might be a threat to the Good Friday Agreement and Stormont House Agreement and the encouragement of pre-Brexit friendly relations throughout; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24671/21]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Ireland proposes to focus on major human rights blackspots globally through its membership of the UN Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24672/21]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Irish trade missions abroad continue to make successful conclusion in respect of the promotion of Irish exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24673/21]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the European Union continues to address threats to the rule of law in all European member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24674/21]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Irish consulates overseas are engaged with the promotion of Irish exports with particular reference to issues arising in the aftermath of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24675/21]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which bilateral and multilateral aid from Ireland continues to find the destination for which it was intended; the exceptions to the rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24676/21]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which the international community continues to monitor the activities of Boko Haram and Al-Shabaab with reference to the areas they continue to be most active; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24677/21]



\*410. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which positive steps continue to be taken to influence the future of Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24678/21]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when passport applications received by the Passport Office prior to Covid-19 restrictions are due to be processed; when the Passport Office is due to reopen to the public under the roadmap for reopening society and business; the estimated date for the reopening of passport applications online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24679/21]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he continues to influence the international community and European countries to ensure they play their part in resolving the refugee crisis throughout Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24680/21]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps being taken to extend trade links globally through consulates and embassies with particular reference to the need to replace losses through Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24681/21]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which he continues to influence the international community to make provision for the elimination of trafficking and violence against women and children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24682/21]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will use Ireland's position on the United Nations Security Council to ensure a human rights observation mission is added to the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara mandate when it is renewed in October 2021. — Patrick Costello. [24700/21]

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

\*416. To ask the Minister for Defence if Irish military attachés will be appointed to a small number of Irish embassies abroad as outlined in the White Paper on Defence 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [24518/21]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Defence the communications the UK Royal Navy has with its counterparts here in relation to the ongoing movements and exercises of its submarines in the Irish exclusive economic zone but just outside Ireland's territorial waters; and if he will assure Irish fishers that they are not endangered by these practices while fishing in the waters around the coast. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [23616/21]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Defence the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24099/21]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will extend the 2021 deadline for accepting applicants for the Defence Forces cadetship competition. — Claire Kerrane. [24354/21]

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\*420. To ask the Minister for Defence the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24369/21]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Defence the steps he is taking to address the low pay of enlisted personnel in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24412/21]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24436/21]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Defence if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the total amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24437/21]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Permanent Defence Forces as of 1 May 2021 or the latest date for which figures are available; the breakdown of all ranks across the three services; the gender breakdown of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24685/21]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Reserve Defence Forces as of 1 May 2021 with regard to all three services and all ranks; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24686/21]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on the involvement of the Permanent Defence Forces in the Covid-19 vaccination programme; the number of personnel involved; the locations in which they provided support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24687/21]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Defence if measures are being taken to bridge the gap of ten years between forced early retirement on age grounds in the Defence Forces and access to the State pension. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24688/21]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to extend the supplementary pension provision to post-2013 new entrants to give them the option of a lengthy career in the Defence Forces. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24689/21]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the implementation of the Strengthening our Defence Forces high-level implementation plan. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24690/21]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the implementation of the EU working time directive in relation to the Defence Forces. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24691/21]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans for additional defence investment in strategic airlift, air intercept and airspace monitoring primary radar capability and cyber defence and intelligence. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24692/21]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of additional recruits to the Permanent Defence Forces to date in 2021 with regard to all three services; the gender breakdown of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24693/21]



\*433. To ask the Minister for Defence the overseas missions in which the Defence Forces are currently involved; the number of personnel involved in each mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24694/21]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Defence the European Defence Agency projects which Ireland is currently involved in tabular form; and if he will provide an overview of the nature of the projects. — Jim O’Callaghan. [24695/21]

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

\*435. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for the opening of ASD units in schools in the areas of Dublin 2, 4 and 6. — Sean Sherlock. [24591/21]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Education the number of staff who took part in the summer provision programme both school-based and home-based and the DEIS summer programme in 2020. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23620/21]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Education if she will take steps to secure a special school place for a child (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23658/21]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Education if she will take steps to allow a child (details supplied) to undertake their allocated home tuition hours in a school setting as a temporary measure until a permanent special school place is found. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23659/21]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a copy of the technical inspection of a school (details supplied) on 1 May 2019. — Alan Kelly. [23662/21]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Education if matters (details supplied) raised in relation to Irish Sign Language will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [23666/21]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the progress of a permanent building for a school (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23677/21]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Education the reason children on the ASD spectrum are not provided with a special needs assistant in the early start programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [23690/21]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to expand the capacity of schools in the local area of Chapelizod, Dublin due to a number of housing developments in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [23692/21]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the queries raised in correspondence by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23696/21]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts being made to allow and facilitate the retaining of a behaviour analyst at a school (details supplied) which is essential for the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23705/21]

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\*446. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on an urgent request for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23762/21]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken to ensure all post-primary schools have ASD classes to cater for persons that have a diagnosis of ASD; when it is hoped that universal coverage of schools will be achieved of ASD classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23782/21]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a student (details supplied) could only access a place in a school with an ASD class in the east of Galway city although they come from the west of the city; the steps that will be taken immediately to deal with this issue and ensure a place will be available in a more adjacent school before September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23783/21]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Education if school bus transport will be provided on a qualifying basis rather than a concessionary basis from Corraguan, Windgap, County Kilkenny to a school for persons (details supplied); if the appeal lodged with the school transport appeals board will be expedited and approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [23784/21]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that there are enough ASD units in towns (details supplied) in County Tipperary in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [23792/21]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Education the funding and supports that have been provided for professional development training on islands in each of the past five years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23816/21]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Education her policy on securing small rural and island schools against closure. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23830/21]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a person (details supplied) to the Teaching Council; the reason there has been a delay in processing the correspondence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [23864/21]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider increasing the cap on the annual ancillary services grant for schools with over 500 pupils enrolled; and if consideration will be given to this grant being paid on a per pupil basis with no cap. — Eoin Ó Broin. [23870/21]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Education when an application to the Teaching Council will be processed considering that the applicant (details supplied) has a job offer pending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23882/21]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23889/21]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied); if it will be in place by September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23903/21]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Education if school cleaners will be included in the plan to regularise pay, conditions and pension rights of school staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [23968/21]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to include Irish Sign Language as a school curriculum subject to ensure equality and inclusivity for the considerable proportion of Ireland's population that are deaf, hard of hearing or non-verbal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24006/21]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Education the arrangements in place regarding leave for pregnant teachers, SNAs and early years educators during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Sorca Clarke. [24026/21]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date regarding the provision of a new school at a site (details supplied); when the next stage in the process is likely to be reached; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24030/21]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Education if there is guidance provided to home tutors employed to teach children with autism especially children that are pre-school age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24066/21]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Education the funding allocated by her Department or agencies under her remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected respective allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24100/21]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress on a building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24148/21]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 74 of 29 April 2021, the reason Irish Sign Language is not a curricular subject in view of its status as a native language of the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24172/21]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 170 of 21 January 2021 and 1014 of 21 April 2021, if as part the examination by her Department of the ex-gratia scheme for compensation for school victims of child sexual abuse (details supplied) she will consider opening a compensation scheme for school victims of child sexual abuse that did not previously initiate legal proceedings against the State and although they were grievously hurt while in loco parentis care by the State they were not eligible for compensation under the ex-gratia scheme as specified in the July 2015 scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24181/21]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the proposed removal of a teacher from a school (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the fact that this school serves a very disadvantaged community including a large number of students of which 21% are from the Travelling community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [24279/21]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a copy of the plebiscite results for a school (details supplied) by local electoral area in tabular form; if she will provide a copy of the map of the plebiscite area; the dates of meetings between her officials and the patron regarding the

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school; if she will provide a list and date of letters issued to the patron regarding the school from 1 January 2020 to 5 May 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24280/21]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an appeal by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24281/21]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of the steering group in reviewing the school transport scheme which excludes thousands of students from school transport each year. — Mattie McGrath. [24284/21]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated additional cost of extending the school based summer education programme from four weeks to six weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24287/21]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that took part in the school-based summer education programmes in 2020; the estimated additional cost of introducing a grant of €1,000, €2,500 and €5,000 per school which takes part in the programme if the same number of schools participate in 2021; the estimated additional cost of introducing a grant of €1,000, €2,500 and €5,000 per school which takes part in the programme in 2021 if the number of schools participating increased by 10, 20 and 40 respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24288/21]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teachers that participated in the school-based summer education programme 2020; the pay cost for teachers taking part in the programme in 2020; the average payment teachers received for taking part in the programme in 2020; the estimated additional cost of raising this payment by 5%, 10% and 15%, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24289/21]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Education the number of transport places that were made available for children to take part in the summer education programme 2020; the number of children to avail of transport during the programme in 2020; the cost of transport for the programme in 2020; the proportion of this which was spent on direct transport; the proportion of this which was spent on transport grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24290/21]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children taking part in the school-based summer education programme 2020 that were entitled to the school meals programme; the number of children taking part in the programme in 2020 that availed of the school meals programme; the full cost of running the school meals programme during the programme in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24291/21]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Education the full cost of supplying all staff involved in the school-based summer education programme 2020 with PPE; the average cost per staff member of supplying personal protective equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24292/21]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated additional cost of extending teaching hours during the home-based summer education programme from 10 hours per week to 15 and 20 hours per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24293/21]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated additional cost of extending the home-based summer education programme from four weeks to five and six weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24294/21]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Education the full cost of supplying all staff involved in the home-based summer education programme 2020 with equipment; the average cost per staff member of supplying equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24295/21]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Education the numbers of places made available for children wishing to take part in the summer education programme for children with complex needs in 2020; the number of children that applied for the programme in 2020; the number of children that took part in the programme in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24296/21]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated additional cost of increasing the number of places available for children with complex needs on the summer education programme by 100, 200 and 300; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24297/21]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that took part in the summer education programme for children with complex needs in 2020; the estimated additional cost of introducing a grant of €1,000, €2,500 and €5,000 per school which takes part in the programme if the same number of schools participate in 2021; the estimated additional cost of introducing a grant of €1,000, €2,500 and €5,000 per school which takes part in the programme in 2021 if the number of schools participating increased by 10, 20 and 40 respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24298/21]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special needs assistants that participated in the summer education programme for children with complex needs in 2020; the pay cost for special needs assistants taking part in the programme in 2020; the average payment SNAs received for taking part in the programme in 2020; the estimated additional cost of raising this payment by 5% 10% and 15%; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24299/21]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Education the number of transport places that were made available for children to take part in the summer education programme for children with complex needs in 2020; the number of children to avail of transport during the programme in 2020; the cost of transport for the programme in 2020; the proportion of this which was spent on direct transport and transport grants, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24300/21]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children taking part in the summer education programme for children with complex needs in 2020 that were entitled to the school meals programme; the number of children taking part in the programme in 2020 that availed of the school meals programme; the full cost of running the school meals programme during the programme in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24301/21]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Education the full cost of supplying all staff involved in the summer education programme for children with complex needs in 2020 with personal protective equipment; the average cost per staff member of supplying personal protective equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24302/21]

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\*487. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 494 of 28 April 2021, the levels of learning disability that will be accepted in the schools specifically referred to (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24307/21]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the allocation of special education teaching hours at a school (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the allocation has remained unchanged for the past six years despite the growth in pupil numbers in the school; if she will discuss the allocation with the NCSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [24308/21]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Education if she will communicate as a matter of urgency with An Foras Pátrúnachta with regard to the permanent site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24318/21]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Education if she will communicate as a matter of urgency with An Foras Pátrúnachta with regard to the temporary site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24319/21]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) has been made aware that it will be moving to the current site assigned to another school in September 2021 in view of the fact the school has not been informed of its new location in September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24320/21]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the LMETB does not have a single head office building as per a Government decision of 2013; if she is concerned that eight years after a decision was made to develop a headquarters building for the LMETB in Drogheda, the project has still not commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24338/21]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the fact that the Drogheda LMETB headquarters project has not formally commenced despite the allocation of funds made by her Department in 2014 under devolved projects for the fully designed project in view of the fact that planning permission was granted for the project in 2016 and in further view of the fact that that her Department approved the project to go to tender and tenders were received in 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24339/21]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that in February 2017 her Department gave the go ahead to LMETB to issue letters of intent to contractors clearing the way for the Drogheda LMETB headquarters project to commence; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that the devolved section of the building unit of her Department instructed LMETB to retender the entire project in June 2018; her views on the fact the project has seen expenditure of €400,000 of public funding spent on design team fees and related matters to date without any building having commenced on the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24340/21]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the effective obstacles placed in the way of the commencement of the Drogheda LMETB headquarters project by the ETB in respect of security concerns and subsequently in terms of the size and scale of the planned building since the ETB was instructed in 2017 by her Department to accept the lowest tender for the project; her views on whether this process and the ongoing slow progress of the eight year project with the knowledge her Department raises question marks in terms of the use and



effective application of public moneys; her further views on the ongoing delays in delivery which run contrary to the principles of the speedy and efficient delivery of devolved buildings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24341/21]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Education the reason an instruction to retender the Drogheda LMETB headquarters project given by her Department in June 2018 has not been executed; the clear steps that will be taken by the devolved section of the building unit of her Department to compel compliance with its instruction of June 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24342/21]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken to provide early intervention classes in Cobh, County Cork (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [24345/21]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Education the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from her Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24370/21]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made by the Louth and Meath Education and Training Board in relation to the provision of a headquarters for the board in Drogheda, County Louth since 2014 to be located on St. Oliver's Grounds, Rathmullen Road, Drogheda; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24386/21]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address concerns identified in a report by an organisation (details supplied) specifically the finding that 84% of teaching principals have considered resigning from their positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24387/21]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she has taken to progress the enactment of the Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019 as committed to in the Programme for Government. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24388/21]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she has taken to achieve the target of at least 400 multi-denominational primary schools by 2030 as committed to in the Programme for Government. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24392/21]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Education the primary schools in County Kerry that are due to lose a mainstream teacher or teachers for the 2021-2022 academic year compared to their 2020-2021 staffing complement; if she will prevent such losses given the additional challenges that the Covid-19 pandemic is presenting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24403/21]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Education if contingency plans are in place for the 2021 summer provision programme given the continued prevalence of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24415/21]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Education the number of persons employed by her Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24438/21]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Education if she or her Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by her Department to deal with public



relations; the names of any firms involved; and the total amount spent on public relations by her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24439/21]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in developing an inclusive relationships and sexuality education curriculum; the steps taken to enact legislative changes in this regard; and her views on a programme (details supplied) that was recently publicised. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24478/21]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that the anti-bullying procedures in schools are robust enough; if these procedures are effective; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24482/21]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to compiling a database to record all incidents of bullying in a school setting similar to the addressing bullying in schools act that is going to be introduced in Northern Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24483/21]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Education her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of Irish Sign Language in post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24522/21]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to setting up an additional special language class in a school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [24524/21]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider CHO1 as one of the pilot areas to be included in the extension of the pilot of the school Inclusion model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [24536/21]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for the publication of the evaluation report of the pilot of the school inclusion model undertaken in CHO7; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [24537/21]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project to be completed at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24559/21]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project to be completed at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24560/21]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project to be completed at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24561/21]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Education the future plans for a permanent site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24562/21]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to recruit full-time PE teachers at primary school level. — Alan Kelly. [24578/21]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will undertake an impact assessment on the effects of prolonged school closures in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24590/21]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the review of DEIS status for primary schools; when the review will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [24598/21]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the installation and completion of temporary accommodation on the site of a school (details supplied); and if the school and the parents will be informed of the plans and arrangements for the return of the children to the school at the end of August 2021. — Paul Murphy. [24613/21]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Education if the National Education Welfare Board will engage with a family (details supplied) to resolve an issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [24622/21]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Education the number of instances of primary schools and secondary schools sharing the same physical site but having separate roll numbers as per schools (details supplied). — Joe O'Brien. [24661/21]

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

\*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an issue (details supplied) in respect of foreign pensions and charges on allowances has been raised with her officials; if so, if her Department is in a position to assist those who have been affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23627/21]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person referred for long-Covid treatment is entitled to stay on the Covid illness payment of €350 while they are unable to return to work; if not, the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23628/21]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the criteria used by community welfare officers in assessing persons for supplementary payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23647/21]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and value of payments made by community welfare officers by county in each of the past three years to persons who were being rehoused, going to new accommodation; the number of recipients by county per year; the average payment made to each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [23648/21]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position in respect of parents in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment in the circumstance in which they have been unable to return to employment due to childcare issues; if the payment remains available until 30 June 2021 as per the information available on her Department's website; if the return of schools has any bearing on such payment claims; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that her Department has revoked the payment from some parents in this position citing the return of schools as the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [23657/21]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23665/21]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined. — Sean Sherlock. [23676/21]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will be encouraging employers to top up parent's benefit in cases in which they are in a position to do so to assist in making it an option for parents which will result in more parents being able to take the time with their baby; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23760/21]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of job clubs operating nationwide; and the locations in which they are operating. — Claire Kerrane. [23761/21]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) has sufficient contributions to qualify for a State pension (contributory); and if their record of contributions will be provided. — John McGuinness. [23772/21]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an urgent review of a family income supplement payment will be carried out in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [23836/21]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if guidance can be offered to those in receipt of the disability allowance and other benefits in relation to whether they can apply for the arts and disability connect funding without an award for such funding impacting their social welfare benefit entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [23843/21]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if guidance can be provided to artists with disabilities that plan to apply for the arts and disability connect funding in relation to whether an award for such funding will not impact on their social welfare benefit entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [23844/21]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a pension scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23847/21]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if clarification will be provided on the future of funding for a service (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24088/21]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the funding allocated by her Department or agencies under her remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected respective allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24111/21]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the social welfare supports available for self-employed persons when they come off the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24164/21]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered making persons currently on the pandemic unemployment payment eligible for community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24165/21]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the information submitted by a person (details supplied) for a widower's contributory pension application will be accepted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24227/21]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of jobseeker's allowance, disability allowance and carer's allowance appeals currently pending within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24240/21]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason emergency foster parents automatically precluded from using a childminder are forced to be available for work or training when they have been assured their welfare payments to the value of that in jobseeker's will continue in their fostering; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [24360/21]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from her Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24381/21]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons employed by her Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24460/21]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she or her Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by her Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24461/21]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have had a sanction imposed on their payment for failing to engage with the JobPath services in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by county in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24472/21]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have been referred to the JobPath service in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by county in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [24473/21]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update in respect of her contracts with JobPath service providers; the amount paid in respect of these companies historically to date; if she has agreed an updated service level agreement with the providers; if the current contract with providers has an optional extension built into it; and her plans to conduct a value for money appraisal of the services provided. — Catherine Murphy. [24474/21]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when case officers in social welfare offices were notified that participants on the back to work enterprise allowance could pause their allowance when their businesses were forced to close due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Sorca Clarke. [24515/21]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all participants on the back to work enterprise allowance were informed in writing of their option to pause their allowance when their businesses were forced to close due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Sorca Clarke. [24516/21]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the publishing of the report by the Commission on Pensions which is expected to report in June 2021. — Joe Flaherty. [24593/21]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of the widow's pension. — Joe Flaherty. [24595/21]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of widow pension recipients who have to work to raise families; and the value of the resultant tax revenue on their pension payment. — Joe Flaherty. [24596/21]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in receipt of illness benefit should apply for the State pension (contributory). — Sean Sherlock. [24709/21]

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

\*557. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage and total figure of young persons aged up to and including 18 years of age that have an active case with the Probation Service that are also subject to a care order through Tusla. — Joan Collins. [24070/21]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the finding in the Ombudsman for Children's report Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision that Tusla, the HSE and IPAS have failed to collaborate to provide on-site preventative and early intervention services and to gather data on national trends of referrals to services given this was a recommendation of the McMahon report. — Holly Cairns. [24096/21]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the case of a child (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23617/21]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress to date that has been made by his Department on the implementation of the Workplace Relations Commission agreement of September 2020 between a union (details supplied) and city and county childcare committees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23625/21]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration is being given to the request by an organisation (details supplied) for financial support in order to enable the work of the organisation with young persons to continue in the aftermath of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [23644/21]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made by his Department on the implementation of the Workplace Relations Commission agreement of September 2020 (details supplied) between a union and city and county childcare committees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23667/21]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current number of residents in a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [23687/21]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for ending the direct provision system in operation in Balsekin, County Dublin; the steps he will take to achieve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [23688/21]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has concerns regarding the safety or otherwise of residents at a centre (details supplied) particularly with regard to the interaction of the residents with each other in the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [23689/21]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made by his Department on the implementation of the Workplace Relations Commission agreement of September 2020 between a union (details supplied) and city and county childcare committees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [23751/21]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the annual funding provided to the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission by the State each year since it was established; and the number of persons employed by the Commission each year. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23799/21]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding has been provided to the provision of youth services and facilities on offshore islands in each year of the past five years; and if his Department works with young persons on offshore islands to assess and meet their needs. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23810/21]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans regarding progressing a new framework in respect of the Policy Framework for Children and Young People that was due to expire in 2020; and the timeline for same. — Catherine Murphy. [23855/21]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made by his Department on the implementation of the Workplace Relations Commission agreement of September 2020 (details supplied) between a union and city and county childcare committees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24060/21]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the 50 persons agreed in October 2020 to be resettled under the Irish Refugee Protection Programme that were displaced from the Moira camp on the island of Lesbos; the number of the 50 that have already arrived in Ireland; the timeframe for the completion of these relocations; the supports that will be in place in Ireland for the persons following relocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [24068/21]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for the establishment of a working group to develop an autism innovation strategy; the estimated timeframe for publication of this strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [24085/21]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the finding in the Ombudsman for Children's report Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision that Tusla has no effective mechanism to gather data about children living in direct provision accommodation which might identify risks and inform planning at a strategic level. — Holly Cairns. [24092/21]



\*574. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the finding in the Ombudsman for Children's report Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision that Tusla has failed to identify a named social worker for a direct provision centre in their area or to provide cultural diversity training and interpreting services for staff working with residents in direct provision given these were recommendations contained in the McMahon report. — Holly Cairns. [24093/21]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected respective allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24098/21]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a playgroup (details supplied) is entitled to apply for capital funding for a permanent building; the criteria for such an application; and if his Department will make funding available in the interim to avoid closure of the facility. — Kathleen Funchion. [24177/21]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of play therapists and child art psychotherapists directly employed by Tusla in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24236/21]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the budget allocation for the youth service grant scheme within his Department in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24237/21]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason emergency foster parents in receipt of jobseeker's allowance are expected to be available for work when the demands of their fostering position preclude them from using a childminder in view of the fact that this anomaly is affecting many foster parents within the Tusla system in which paid allowances are to be used for the child only; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [24357/21]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of foster parents and emergency foster parents that have resigned their positions in the past three years; the stated reasons for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [24358/21]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children currently awaiting fostering and emergency fostering; the length of time they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [24359/21]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24368/21]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24434/21]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the total amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24435/21]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the cases of workers in the childcare sector who are currently pregnant; the guidelines that are in place to protect them from Covid-19 infection in view of the fact that there are protocols for teachers and special needs assistants who are pregnant to work from home presently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [24539/21]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the completion of a pathway to eliminate the practice of accommodating young persons in nursing homes. — Sean Sherlock. [24586/21]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the decongregation programme to move persons with disabilities from congregated settings to homes in the community with necessary supports. — Sean Sherlock. [24587/21]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider funding a pilot outreach youth service in Dublin 12 through the CDETB (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24704/21]

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

\*589. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is satisfied that the Protected Disclosures Act 2014 is being properly applied and adhered to within all third-level institutions. — Alan Kelly. [23496/21]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has acted on the Labour Court recommendation on regularisation of the terms and conditions for adult literacy teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23609/21]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason for the decision to cut graduation ceremonies for third-level institutions so far in advance of the ceremonies. — Robert Troy. [23706/21]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 91 of 29 April 2021, the details of the specific strategic or important purposes that were identified since 2018; the corresponding amount of top-sliced or ring-fenced funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23724/21]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of the higher education student population receiving a SUSI maintenance grant since 2012; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23725/21]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the higher education expenditure as a percentage of GDP, GNI and modified GNI in each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23726/21]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1315 of 21 April 2021, if he will provide further detail on apprenticeship salary costs which are distinct from apprenticeship training allowances as shown in the expenditure breakdown provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23727/21]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1315 of 21 April 2021, if he will provide further detail on the expenditure item non-allowance referred to in the expenditure breakdown provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23728/21]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1315 of 21 April 2021, if the cost of a craft apprentice provided contains the expenditure on off-the-job training provided through further education; the location within which this is contained in the cost breakdown provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23729/21]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the role he foresees in the rollout of antigen testing to support the sustained reopening of third level educational facilities in 2021/2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [23779/21]

\*599. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta an bhfuil sé ar an eolas faoin bhfeachtas atá ann le déanaí, curtha chun cinn ag an tOllamh Caoimhín De Barra, chun Gaelollscoil a bhunú sa Ghaeltacht agus an bhfuil aon obair nó taighde déanta ag an rialtas ar cé chomh indéanta is atá an moladh nó cé mhéad a chosnódh sé ollscoil nua a bhunú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23811/21]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding and supports that have been provided to maritime and ocean research in each of the past five years at third-level or to assist the private sector. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23820/21]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of the higher education institute policy guidelines with regard to allowing students to carry out assessments and exams in Irish as is common practice in other similar jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24007/21]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if all Erasmus students returning from Erasmus+ participating countries on the mandatory hotel quarantine list will have their mandatory hotel quarantine paid for by the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24008/21]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected respective allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24105/21]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional places being made available for training hairdressing apprenticeships in each of the six new locations; the number of places available at the existing six locations; the date

that the additional places will be available from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24160/21]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the apprenticeship training available in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24161/21]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of tutors registered with the Teaching Council; the number of tutors employed by the State to deliver adult literacy courses and ESOL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24162/21]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the adult literacy strategy will include plans to improve the terms of employment of adult literacy tutors that have an outstanding Labour Court recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24163/21]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the buildings that have been purchased by Dundalk Institute of Technology since 2016; the cost per building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [24229/21]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the additional funding, current and capital, that will accompany technological university status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24361/21]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown between home and EU student within the 708 quota each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24363/21]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost to the Exchequer of covering tuition fees by €5,000 and €10,000; the total; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24364/21]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24375/21]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a course in veterinary nursing will be delivered in the mid-west, specifically in Limerick Institute of Technology in the 2021-2022 or 2022-2023 academic years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24401/21]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24448/21]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24449/21]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that will be taken in 2021 and the resources that will be made available to deliver on the commitment in the Programme for Government to develop third-level opportunities at Ulster University's Magee campus, County Derry. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24211/21]

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

\*617. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking to ensure that there will be a smooth transition for wards of court into the new system provided for under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 in order that there will be no diminution of their assets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [24867/21]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department is processing visa applications from Pakistan for skilled workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [23622/21]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Justice if investment into sporting clubs (details supplied) is eligible under the immigrant investment programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23645/21]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 821 of 28 April 2021, if the particular appeal in question been assigned to an official in her Department; if the appeal has been assessed by a deciding officer; if there are other issues arising out of the appeal; if so, the issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [23656/21]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23678/21]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for the increase of Garda services in east County Meath given the large increase in population of the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [23707/21]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to an issue which has arisen in relation to persons who were born in the UK but have lived and worked in Ireland for 30 years and more who are being charged €1,200 for an Irish passport; when this charge was introduced; the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23723/21]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Justice if English language students are required to sign-up and pay for a 25-week language course in order to access the visa extension until 20 September 2021 regardless of whether they will be able to attend the full duration of the course or not; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [23730/21]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of reported traffic accidents on the M7 motorway between the Moneygal exit and the Birdhill exit, County Tipperary in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and up to 1 May 2021, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [23791/21]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for expanding the current Garda station or providing a new Garda station in east County Meath given the large increase in population of the area in recent times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [23797/21]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases since 2015 in which a debtor has proposed a personal insolvency arrangement which has been rejected by a creditor and in which the debtor has subsequently sought a personal insolvency court review; the number of these cases in which the original proposed arrangement was imposed by the court on the creditors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [23835/21]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 643 of 10 February 2021, the number of drivers by District Court that were summarily convicted in 2018, 2019 and up to 31 July 2020 of the offence of driving without a driving licence and were at the time they committed the offence disqualified from holding a driver licence; and the fines and penalties imposed per year. — Catherine Murphy. [23848/21]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 645 of 10 February 2021, the progress to date made by An Garda Síochána in updating the 2014 Roads Policing Manual to provide updated guidelines in respect of forensic collision investigations: the timeframe for the completion of the updates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23850/21]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fixed charge notices issued by An Garda Síochána in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by Garda district and division to learner drivers for the offence of driving unaccompanied by a qualified driver; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23851/21]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles seized by An Garda Síochána in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by Garda district and division to learner drivers for the offence of driving unaccompanied by a qualified driver; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [23852/21]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions for criminal offences at banks or financial service institutions in each of the years 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [23976/21]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions for offences at or involving illegal puppy farms and or illegal dog breeding establishments in each year from 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [23978/21]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fines which have been issued for breaches of Covid-19 regulations in each month since the start of the pandemic; the nature of the fines; the value of the fines; and the nature of the breaches which resulted in these fines. — Peadar Tóibín. [23979/21]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that were arrested since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic for breaching lockdown regulations by county. — Peadar Tóibín. [23980/21]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of speed camera vans operational nationwide by county. — Peadar Tóibín. [23987/21]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of speeding fines or penalty points issued as a result of evidence obtained by speed camera vans nationwide in each of the past five years and to date in 2021, by county. — Peadar Tóibín. [23988/21]



\*638. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24010/21]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vacancies that exist at the Garda Information Services Centre in Castlebar, County Mayo; if an overview of the vacancies by grade will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24029/21]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will initiate a comprehensive independent review of our approach to support for victims of sexual assault to include considering reforming the methods of conducting legal cases, increasing education on consensual sexual conduct and providing victims a more supportive environment when they do report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [24062/21]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on their application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [24064/21]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is satisfied with the legal and social supports in place for victims of sexual assault; if she will initiate a comprehensive independent review of the approach taken in respect of support for victims of sexual assault which will include consideration of reforming the methods of conducting cases, increasing education on consensual sexual conduct and providing victims with a more positive environment when they do report assaults; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [24077/21]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding allocated by her Department or agencies under her remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected respective allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24108/21]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that are being taken to transition for wards of court into the new systems and procedures established by the Assisted Decision- Making (Capacity) Act 2015; and the protections that are in place to protect the interests of such wards of courts from diminution of their assets following decisions taken under the Act. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [24124/21]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will meet and engage with the legal representatives of the families who lost loved ones in the Stardust tragedy to ensure that there are no further delays in starting the Stardust inquest; if she will provide free and non-means tested legal aid to the families of the Stardust fire victims in order that the inquests into the deaths of their loved ones can commence as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [24125/21]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda band members that have been redeployed for the purposes of policing and enforcing Covid-19 guidelines. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24145/21]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Justice the budget allocation for the Office of State Pathologist in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24241/21]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí expected to graduate in 2021. — Denise Mitchell. [24270/21]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí expected to retire in 2021. — Denise Mitchell. [24271/21]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking to ensure that there will be a smooth transition for wards of court into the new system with no diminution of their assets. — Richard Bruton. [24272/21]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases of domestic and sexual abuse reported to the Clare Garda division from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021; the figures for the corresponding period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24346/21]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of funding allocated to domestic, sexual and gender-based violence organisations in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [24347/21]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Justice the expected timeline in regard to the publication of the implementation plan to drive forward the key recommendations with regard to a recently published report by a person (details supplied) on Drogheda, County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24348/21]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Australian and New Zealand citizens refused permission to enter the State in 2019 and quarter one of 2020, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [24355/21]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Justice the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from her Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24378/21]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the naturalisation application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24411/21]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the delay in the processing of applications submitted by either a solicitor or a private individual for grants of probate and administration particularly in the Probate Office in Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [24432/21]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons employed by her Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24454/21]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Justice if she or her Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by her Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24455/21]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the local drugs units in the DMR west region as of 1 April 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24569/21]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the expedition of citizenship applications for non-national frontline healthcare workers; the actions she has taken to date to implement such a policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24585/21]

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

\*662. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of funding the endoscopy action plan to build a sustainable endoscopy system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23713/21]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if his officials will make contact with them with a view to offering advice; if he will facilitate their exemption from mandatory hotel quarantine on compassionate medical grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24309/21]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider correspondence (details supplied) in relation to a retired nurse; if the supplementary pension being sought in the case outlined will be paid as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24366/21]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who has previously tested positive and recovered from Covid-19 is exempt from mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [24715/21]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [23610/21]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Health the planned reopening dates for funfairs, theme parks, amusement parks, circuses and aquariums. — Cathal Crowe. [23608/21]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have tested positive while staying in hotel quarantine since mandatory quarantine in Ireland was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23613/21]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests taken in a location (details supplied) to date; the number of positive cases at the same location; the number of persons that failed to show up for Covid-19 tests; the average waiting period for a test at this location; the average waiting time for the return of results at the location; the number of staff by qualification at the location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23614/21]

\*670. 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. [23615/21]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive a decision on their primary medical certificate application. — Michael Creed. [23621/21]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of elective surgeries which were carried out in the state in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23629/21]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests carried out in airports in the state for each month since the start of the pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [23630/21]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged between 65 and 69 years of age who have registered for the Covid-19 vaccine; and the number of persons in that age bracket who have not registered. — Peadar Tóibín. [23631/21]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital appointments which were cancelled in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23633/21]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were diagnosed with cancer in the State in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23634/21]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled hospital appointments in University Hospital Galway in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23635/21]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled hospital appointments in Cavan General Hospital in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23636/21]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled hospital appointments in University Hospital Limerick in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23637/21]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled hospital appointments in Cork University Hospital in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23638/21]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled hospital appointments in Wexford General Hospital in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23639/21]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled hospital appointments in University Hospital Mayo in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23640/21]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled hospital appointments in Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23641/21]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled hospital appointments in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23642/21]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancelled hospital appointments in Letterkenny University Hospital in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [23643/21]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Health if the State will be a party to contracts currently being drawn up in relation to the new national maternity hospital including contracts involving St. Vincent's Healthcare Group and the National Maternity Hospital; if he will specify the obligations the State is or will be assuming in this regard; the latest timeline for the conclusion of these arrangements; if the finalisation of these arrangements requires legislation; if so, the nature of the legislation; when it is to be brought forward to Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [23651/21]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can get a vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [23654/21]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to make the risk assessments of all hospital maternity units publicly available. — Mairéad Farrell. [23655/21]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Health if matters (details supplied) in relation to an adoption will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [23661/21]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Health if persons are permitted to travel to counties in Northern Ireland as part of the proposed commencement of inter-county travel on 10 May 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [23670/21]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23671/21]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on waiting lists for audiology services in CHO2 in counties Roscommon, Mayo and Galway; the average waiting time for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23672/21]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists for child dental services at a hospital (details supplied); the average waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23673/21]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a dental practice (details supplied) is withdrawing its service for medical card holders from June 2021; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that other practices are taking the same action; the way he plans to provide a dental service for medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [23679/21]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Health the vaccine registration process for pregnant women in view of the NIAC recent recommendation; the way in which, when and by whom pregnant women will be contacted with regard to their vaccine appointment; if pregnant women will be able to register on the current vaccination portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23681/21]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reallocate appointments to those who have missed their scheduled vaccine appointment slot; the process for allocating new appointments to persons who have fallen between two vaccination cohorts between the time of registration and the time of allocating an appointment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [23682/21]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable that the HSE recently advertised for unpaid voluntary assistant psychology posts involving a full range of professional duties for 20 hours per week; the way in which young person's trying to progress and gain experience in their training as psychologists could be expected to perform unpaid work for the HSE and at the same time survive financially; if he will instruct the HSE to pay psychologists for their work as assistant psychologists and on placements while training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [23684/21]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Health when a HSE position (details supplied) in County Mayo will be replaced. — Dara Calleary. [23691/21]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Health when play centres and other venues catering for children's birthday parties can reopen under the new guidance. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23697/21]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Health if Ireland is still officially at level 5 restrictions as specified initially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [23708/21]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of extending publicly funded fertility preservation services to children and adolescent cancer patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [23714/21]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Health when outdoor amusement parks and arcades can reopen. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23715/21]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of instances in which prescribed medicines for human consumption have been detected in horse meat by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland audit and investigations division in the past ten years to date; and if he will provide a schedule of substances detected by year. — Catherine Murphy. [23716/21]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale behind swimming pools and gyms not reopening until June 2021. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [23737/21]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a national policy for visiting maternity hospitals has not been implemented; the reason the HSE advice on partners attending 20 week scans, during labour and attending the neonatal intensive care unit has not been implemented in all hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23739/21]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Health when Wi-Fi will be made available to patients at Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [23742/21]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an issue in the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out whereby health workers in higher age categories are not being offered their vaccine as part of their age cohort due to an issue with the system; the steps his Department is taking to resolve the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23744/21]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Health if those who are under 70 years of age but are housebound will be able to get access to the Covid-19 vaccination programme via the ambulance service or other appropriate service that will visit persons in their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [23745/21]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Health when level 5 restrictions came to an end given that some persons cannot access services on the rationale that level 5 restrictions are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [23746/21]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Health if the position of Secretary General of his Department has additional responsibilities or functions given the salary increase; if so, the additional responsibilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [23747/21]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times in 2020 and to date in 2021 an emergency ambulance has been used for hospital discharges in which the intermediate care ambulance is not rostered on. — Claire Kerrane. [23755/21]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider increasing the shifts of intermediate care ambulance crews to free up emergency ambulances to respond to emergency calls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23756/21]



\*713. To ask the Minister for Health the amount a company (details supplied) is paying each vaccinator per hour and per day; the amount the HSE is paying the company for those vaccinators per hour and per day; and the average number of vaccines each vaccinator administers per day. — Alan Kelly. [23759/21]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 54 persons in mandatory hotel quarantine who tested positive for Covid-19 who had initially presented with a negative PCR test on arrival in the State; and the number who had not undergone a PCR test prior to arrival. — Michael McNamara. [23768/21]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the provision of a dedicated specialist intestinal rehabilitation unit to treat and rehabilitate patients with intestinal failure; his further plans for the establishment of a new national specialist centre in St. James's Hospital; his plans to fund same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23774/21]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements his Department has made to provide vaccinations for students participating in the Erasmus programme and that must provide proof of full vaccination to the participating college abroad before 15 June 2021; if he will outline the plan immediately to ease the concerns of parents and students that are now having to commit to cost of travel and accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [23775/21]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Health the delivery date, date of use and type of setting they were used of the 500,000 antigen test kits that were delivered to Ireland via the European Union; if any clusters or outbreaks were identified as a result of same being used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [23777/21]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Health his plans regarding the wider use of antigen testing in Ireland to assist in the sustained reopening of the country in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [23778/21]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Israel was included in the countries from which travel required mandatory hotel quarantine in spite of its vaccination record and low transmission figure. — John Lahart. [23786/21]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been spent on e-health by his Department since he became Minister. — Alan Kelly. [23794/21]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been spent on e-health by the HSE since he became Minister. — Alan Kelly. [23795/21]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Health the funding currently allocated to the provision of mental health services to island communities; and the amount that has been spent on same in each of the past five years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23822/21]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Health his policy on the provision of mental health services to offshore islands. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23823/21]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Health the offshore islands that are currently served by a resident general practice doctor; and the way this essential service is provided to islanders that do not have a resident general practitioner. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23824/21]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Health the offshore islands that are currently served by a resident public health nurse; and the way this essential service is provided to islanders that do not have a resident public health nurse. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23825/21]

\*726. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte an bhfuil gach dochtúir agus altra atá lonnaithe ar oileáin Gaeltachta in ann seirbhís a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge, agus líon na ndochtúir agus na n-altraí ar oileáin Gaeltachta a bhriseadh síos de réir cé acu atá Gaeilge de chumas acu agus cé acu nach bhfuil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23826/21]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Health the conditions which are needed for weddings restrictions to be relaxed to allow for more than six in attendance; the timeframe for weddings to be able to permit more than six guests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [23833/21]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Health if a county specific proactive strategy is in place or will be applied to address the persistently high Covid-19 numbers in County Kildare; if these numbers are attributable to meat plants, food processing, a building site or other known origin; if so, the precise public health steps taken to date to manage and eliminate such outbreaks in order to prevent further local lockdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [23838/21]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied) and the provision of a drug; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23839/21]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 54 persons in mandatory hotel quarantine that tested positive for Covid-19 that had initially presented with a negative PCR test on arrival in the State; the number that had not undergone a PCR test prior to arrival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23840/21]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Health if clarification will be provided on a matter (details supplied) regarding partners of expectant mothers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [23845/21]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the vaccine delay in respect of a person (details supplied) who registered on 1 April 2021 and has still not been contacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23846/21]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised in correspondence by a person (detailed supplied) in relation to a dementia specific homecare package will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23856/21]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vaccines administered by cohort by county and for each vaccination centre as a percentage of the approximate target population per cohort which each centre is envisaged to service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [23857/21]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to patients in cohort 7 of the vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23869/21]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Health if provisions will be put in place for eye clinic liaison officers in eye clinics nationwide and in particular in the eye clinic of University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [23876/21]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Health if there have been deaths recorded consequential to having received the Covid-19 vaccines; if so, the number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [23877/21]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Health if serious side effects or sickness have been recorded following receipt of the Covid-19 vaccines; if so, the number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [23879/21]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on a WHO recommendation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [23880/21]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recorded Covid-19 deaths that are solely attributed to Covid-19 in which the person had no underlying illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [23881/21]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the recorded Covid-19 deaths that already had an underlying health condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [23890/21]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide advice in relation to a matter (details supplied) regarding medical card patients. — Brendan Griffin. [23902/21]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1619 of 21 April 2021, if he will address further matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [23904/21]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Health if indoor playcentres for children can open after 7 June 2021 for school tours; the details of opening and guidelines for indoor playcentres after 7 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [23969/21]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the review by a company (details supplied) of governance structures in relation to the HSE drug reimbursement process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23981/21]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Health the specific date his Department plans to complete its consideration of a review by a company (details supplied) of the HSE drug reimbursement process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23982/21]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Rare Disease Plan; if incomplete or unfinished actions in the existing plan are being prioritised in the context of the update of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [23983/21]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases currently before the CervicalCheck Tribunal. — Peadar Tóibín. [23984/21]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of legal proceedings initiated by persons that identify themselves as persons allegedly affected by the CervicalCheck scandal in each of the past

five years and to date in 2021; the number of cases currently before the courts; the number of cases currently settled; and the number of cases which have not yet reached the courts. — Peadar Tóibín. [23985/21]

\*750. 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. [23986/21]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Health if he and his officials will give consideration to a proposal (details supplied) to ensure the provision of eye clinic liaison officers in eye clinics outside of the Dublin area. — Cathal Crowe. [23989/21]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to not counting fully vaccinated wedding guests in the 25 guest limit which is due to be introduced in June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [23990/21]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to exempting persons that have been fully vaccinated from the 25 guest limit for weddings and six guest limit for after celebrations. — Claire Kerrane. [23997/21]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the daily Covid-19 figures by county have not been available at weekends; if there are plans to resume supplying this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24003/21]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Health when a directive will be issued to all hospital groups nationwide to allow birthing partners attend maternity appointments of all kinds given the current level of vaccination against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24005/21]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2092 of 21 April 2021, his plans to appoint a specific reproductive immunologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24009/21]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment for orthopaedic surgery. — Barry Cowen. [24017/21]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Health the dental practices in Dublin 18 that accept medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24022/21]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider providing free medical cards for persons with epilepsy during the period in which they are disallowed from driving; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24023/21]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Health the basis of assessing a person as being fully vaccinated regarding the vaccine bonus four weeks after the first dose of a vaccine (details supplied); the incentive to return for the second dose if a person is deemed fully vaccinated after one dose; and the implications of not receiving the second dose. — Sorca Clarke. [24024/21]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Health the basis of assessing a person as fully vaccinated regarding the vaccine bonus one week after the second dose of a vaccine (details supplied) when it has been

reported that it has an efficacy of 69% after 21 to 44 days of one dose rising to 96% after the second dose. — Sorca Clarke. [24025/21]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of employing a dual diagnosis team to consist of a substance misuse counsellor and psychiatric nurse in each drug and alcohol service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24040/21]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing cross sectoral training for dual diagnosis for all existing staff in each drug and alcohol service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24041/21]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of purchasing nine ambulances including staff consisting of a driver and psychiatric nurse to provide a crisis de-escalating team in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24042/21]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to honour the commitment in the Programme for Government to provide specialist eating disorder teams in each CHO area including inpatient services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24043/21]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering mental health first aid training to all sporting organisations affiliated to Sport Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24044/21]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing Safe Talk to all national governing body sporting organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24045/21]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to providing ASIST suicide prevention training to all sporting organisations affiliated to Sport Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24046/21]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of the increased capacity required to clear current waiting list for mental health counselling at primary care for adult services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24048/21]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of the increased capacity required to clear current waiting list for mental health counselling at primary care for child and adolescent services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24049/21]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to deliver Safe Talk training to all existing teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24050/21]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering ASIST training to all existing teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24051/21]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to deliver mental health first aid training to all existing teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24052/21]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reappointing a national director for mental health for a one year basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24053/21]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of filling all current vacancies for psychologists in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24054/21]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of filling all vacancies for psychiatrists in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24055/21]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering Safe Talk training to all gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24056/21]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering ASIST training to all gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24057/21]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering mental health first aid training to all gardaí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24058/21]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing an inpatient perinatal service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24059/21]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a timeline for the return to work of landscapers and gardeners given that it is a crucial season for the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24061/21]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Health if arrangements will be put in place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24063/21]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Health the assistance available to a person (detail supplied) in order that they can be considered exempt in relation to mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24065/21]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Health the CHO areas which have been selected as a pilot site for the implementation of the model of care, adults accessing talking therapies while attending specialist mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24073/21]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Health if CHO7 is one of the pilot sites for the implementation of the model of care, adults accessing talking therapies while attending specialist mental health services; if so, the location of the three general adult community mental health teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24074/21]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria used in choosing the pilot sites for the implementation of the model of care, adults accessing talking therapies while attending specialist mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24075/21]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Health the expected date for the first person to access talk therapy using the scheme in relation to the model of care, adults accessing talking therapies while attending specialist mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24076/21]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of creating an IT dual diagnosis care plan system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24039/21]



\*789. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate plans that are in place to deal with the severe waiting lists for autism spectrum disorder assessments in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [24086/21]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to vaccinate persons aged 18 to 25 years against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24090/21]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Health the Covid-19 vaccination process in place for pregnant women in order to have their vaccination carried out within the timeframe advised by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [24091/21]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be ensured that the cost of medical cannabis is met at source for persons receiving cannabis under a Ministerial licence rather than through a reimbursement system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24094/21]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated by his Department or agencies under his remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected respective allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24106/21]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Health when members of the Irish Coast Guard will be vaccinated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24119/21]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taking to establish a register for advance healthcare directives as part of the commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [24123/21]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Health the reason gynaecologists are not available on site full-time as opposed to being on call in maternity units to deal with emergency issues that may arise, including threatened miscarriage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24143/21]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the practice of having expectant mothers with threatened miscarriage and who have a history of miscarriage having to go to accident and emergency departments rather than having direct access to the maternity unit which will be dealing with the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24144/21]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing closure of HSE day services and respite services for those in need of round the clock care and the damaging impact it is having on their carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [24150/21]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Health the special arrangements his Department is making to ensure hundreds of Irish students that will be travelling across Europe on Erasmus+ in August and September 2021 are fully vaccinated beforehand (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [24153/21]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) regarding the new national maternity hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24155/21]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on access to maternity units for expectant fathers; when he expects fathers to gain full access; and if this will apply across all hospitals. — Robert Troy. [24156/21]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is exempt from mandatory hotel quarantine given the medical circumstances. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24157/21]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the situation in the Dublin 9 and 11 areas in which many general practitioners are no longer accepting new non-GMS patients, leading to great difficulties for families trying to register with a general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24168/21]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he is taking to ensure that the new national maternity hospital to be built at St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park will comply with the Sláintecare objectives of removing private medical care from public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24182/21]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Health if the full range of IVF services will be available in the new national maternity hospital to be built at St Vincent's Hospital as part of the public healthcare system; if surgical sterilisation procedures will be available to women in the new hospital as part of the public healthcare system; if funding will be provided by his Department or the HSE to the new hospital for IVF services; if funding will be provided by his Department or the HSE to the new hospital for surgical sterilisation services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24184/21]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgical sterilisation procedures that were carried out on women and men, respectively in each of the past five years in St. Vincent's University Hospital and in the Mater University Hospital; the number of IVF procedures that were carried out in each of the past five years in St Vincent's University Hospital and in the Mater University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24185/21]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding marquees in an outdoor setting with regarding to weddings in particular; if marquees are considered an outdoor setting in the context of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [24186/21]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the delays in HSE audiology fitting services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [24190/21]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a first timer appointment under CAMHS in each geographical subsection within each CHO by age, gender and time awaiting such an appointment in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [24216/21]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to 24-hour vaccination centres; and the centres that could facilitate same. — Sean Sherlock. [24217/21]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to offer Irish athletes who have qualified for the Olympic Games a Covid-19 vaccine; and if he has engaged Sport Ireland on this issue. — Catherine Murphy. [24219/21]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on the endoscopy waiting list for longer than 13 weeks at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24221/21]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on the endoscopy waiting list at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24222/21]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on the endoscopy waiting list for longer than 26 weeks at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24223/21]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on the endoscopy waiting list for longer than 39 weeks at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24224/21]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on the endoscopy waiting list for longer than 52 weeks at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24225/21]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some dialysis patients from County Mayo are unable to receive their treatment at Mayo University Hospital; the reason this is the case; the steps being taken to rectify the situation; when a person (details supplied) will have their dialysis transferred to the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24226/21]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Health the vacant staff positions at University Hospital Kerry; the grades of these positions; the length of time each position has been vacant in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24230/21]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the recent rise in emergency department trolley figures at University Hospital Kerry; the average weekly figures since the beginning of 2021 in tabular form; if any recent operational changes can be attributed to the rise in the figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24232/21]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Health if issues raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding accreditation, equipment technology and holistic management of cases have been previously communicated to the relevant stakeholders as impediments to availing of NTPF support; if so, if the details of such communication will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24235/21]

\*821. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for vascular surgery at Roscommon University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24238/21]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time physiotherapists working in Our Lady's Hospital, Manorhamilton, County Leitrim 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. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24239/21]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Health the changes being made in the arrangements for partners to attend a birth. — Richard Bruton. [24242/21]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Health if vaccination for pregnant women is now being arranged. — Richard Bruton. [24243/21]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the promise to align the introduction of minimum unit pricing on alcohol with Northern Ireland has not been kept given that by introducing minimum unit pricing here it will drive consumers over the Border for much lower priced alcohol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [24244/21]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to provide financial assistance to persons requiring the use of oxygen machines currently costing approximately €1 per day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24257/21]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will take over the maintenance and upkeep of community provided lifesaving defibrillators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24258/21]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to establish a register for advance healthcare directives as part of the commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Richard Bruton. [24259/21]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Health if child psychologists have been seconded by the HSE to do administration work for the vaccine roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [24276/21]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue instructions to have a uniform policy nationally in regard to a partner's ability to attend maternity services such as appointments and births under Covid-19 regulations as opposed to the ad hoc situation which currently varies on a hospital by hospital basis. — Patrick Costello. [24283/21]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recommendation in the Ombudsman report Wasted Lives: Time for a Better Future for Younger People in Nursing Homes (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [24310/21]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a recommendation in the Ombudsman report Wasted Lives: Time for a Better Future for Younger People in Nursing Homes (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [24311/21]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a recommendation in the Ombudsman report Wasted Lives: Time for a Better Future for Younger People in Nursing Homes (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [24312/21]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a recommendation in the Ombudsman report Wasted Lives: Time for a Better Future for Younger People in Nursing Homes (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [24313/21]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a recommendation in the Ombudsman report Wasted Lives: Time for a Better Future for Younger People in Nursing Homes (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [24314/21]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a recommendation in the Ombudsman report *Wasted Lives: Time for a Better Future for Younger People in Nursing Homes* (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [24315/21]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a recommendation in the Ombudsman report *Wasted Lives: Time for a Better Future for Younger People in Nursing Homes* (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [24316/21]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Health the response he has given to the European Commission following its letter of concern in relation to mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24321/21]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria that will be used to adjudicate if a country should remain on the mandatory hotel quarantine list particularly EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [24322/21]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that safeguarding mediation services for older persons are currently only available via online meeting; his views on the difficulties this presents for older persons who do not have the skills or know-how to engage with much needed support in this way; if he will address the difficulties this presents for persons with any kind of cognitive impairment, for example, dementia; if he will consider the type of alternatives that should be made available especially in critical safeguarding situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24324/21]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the plans for the development of the 200 primary care centres across the country; the status of the plans for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24327/21]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to or if he is being consulted by the HSE on the priority locations for new planned primary care centres; if he has met with the HSE on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [24328/21]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Mayo will receive an appointment for assessment for autism diagnosis; the steps that are being taken to alleviate the excessive waiting times being experienced in County Mayo for same; his views on whether such excessive waiting time for an assessment is detrimental to the well-being of the child given their age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24329/21]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has examined the participation of pharmacists in the vaccination programme; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that up to 2,000 pharmacist vaccinators are available to participate in the programme; if drive through vaccination has been examined as has been done successfully in other countries; if so, the status of plans for same; if not, the reason; if the opening of vaccination centres on a 24/7 basis is being examined; the percentage of onsite personnel in centres employed by the HSE who are deferred from other HSE services; the other initiatives being examined to increase vaccination participation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24331/21]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on progress to implement the carer's guarantee as committed to in the Programme for Government; if provision will be made for reoccurring annual funding of €5.6 million in the forthcoming budget to fully implement this

important initiative for family carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [24335/21]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the development of a refreshed national carers strategy; the timeframe for the delivery of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [24336/21]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated capital cost of delivering an operating theatre; the estimated cost of equipment; and the estimated annual revenue cost. — David Cullinane. [24337/21]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a Covid-19 vaccine. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [24343/21]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department gave advice to a person (details supplied) setting dates for the celebration of the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [24344/21]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Health when pregnant women are currently scheduled to be able to register and receive the Covid-19 vaccine. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [24351/21]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a roadmap for weddings over the next few months in line with the level of vaccinations and proposed number of attendees at weddings. — Paul McAuliffe. [24352/21]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be secured for the replacement of the x-ray machine at Portiuncula Hospital. — Claire Kerrane. [24356/21]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Health the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24376/21]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on a matter raised in correspondence in relation to care in maternity units (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24385/21]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering providing leave to request an exemption from mandatory hotel quarantine prior to travel into the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24389/21]

\*856. To ask the Minister for Health the number of first year students that are or were applicable under the HPV scheme; the number of HPV vaccines administered to the same cohort in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24390/21]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a significant drop-off in vaccines administered in view of school closures due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the possible impact this has had on HPV vaccination numbers on first year students; if so, if he will urgently make funding available which would facilitate a HPV catch-up programme in line with his Department's guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24391/21]



\*858. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the threat to a care home (details supplied); and if he has identified a way in which residents can be guaranteed continuity of service while the issues are being resolved. — Richard Bruton. [24393/21]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Health the relevant regulation which grants exemption from hotel quarantine for those travelling for surrogacy reasons; if the regulation applies to those travelling for IVF; if he has considered an exemption for IVF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24405/21]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding has been reversed to fund operations in a hospital (details supplied) due to cancelled procedures at Tullamore Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24407/21]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Health if a consistent approach will be introduced throughout the State to allow partners to attend pre-natal appointments and births; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24410/21]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Health if clarity will be provided to persons getting married in 2021 and that regulations relating to Covid-19 restrictions will remain consistent; if the number of guests permitted at indoor receptions will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24418/21]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assistant psychologists currently working within HSE services in an unpaid capacity. — Charles Flanagan. [24423/21]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to facilitate an increase in the number of assistant psychologists within the health services; and if so, when and the way he plans to do same. — Charles Flanagan. [24424/21]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied to oversee a health service in which assistant psychologists work in an unpaid capacity; and the steps he proposes to take to rectify and improve matters for assistant psychologists within the health service. — Charles Flanagan. [24425/21]

\*866. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to introducing additional doctoral places in psychology; and if he will meet with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science and appropriate academic heads with a view towards changing matters. — Charles Flanagan. [24426/21]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Health if he will arrange for funded doctoral places to be introduced in respect of educational psychologists and counselling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [24427/21]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Health the mechanisms in place for persons that are under 70 years of age and housebound to obtain the Covid 19 vaccine (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [24428/21]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has or is being given to the inclusion of bipolar disorder on the long-term illness scheme to allow persons with the disorder free access to medicines to treat the disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [24429/21]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24450/21]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24451/21]

\*872. To ask the Minister for Health the information that HSE recruiters share with foreign medical graduates particularly in relation to the opportunity for job progression if they were to immigrate to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24467/21]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is appropriate in respect of the redress scheme applicable to women who resided in Magdalene laundries that a person (details supplied) having waited a period of four years for a cataract operation was required to pay a sum of money to obtain such treatment; if he will investigate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [24476/21]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is appropriate that a person (details supplied) must wait a period of up to three years for a cataract operation and that the same person has been denied a household benefit package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [24477/21]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider increasing funding for a counselling service (details supplied) to ensure that it can respond effectively to the mental health crisis following the Covid-19 pandemic. — Paul Donnelly. [24489/21]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review and advise on the required letter of recommendation for a VAT72 refund for a trust (details supplied) that is undertaking vital work in cutting edge cancer research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24492/21]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Health the reason drugs manufactured by a company (details supplied) are not funded at source under the Medicinal Cannabis Access Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24495/21]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fund drugs manufactured by a company (details supplied) at source under the Medicinal Cannabis Access Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24496/21]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Health when free general practitioner care will be extended to all children up to seven years of age. — Robert Troy. [24504/21]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the provision of a product to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24507/21]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Health if day centres will be permitted to reopen for older persons who are vaccinated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24512/21]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Health if he will lift restrictions on partners and supporting persons attending full maternity care services including scans, labour and post-delivery visits in view of low community transmission and full vaccination of staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24513/21]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be seen for an ASD and AON assessment. — Sean Sherlock. [24523/21]

\*884. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a child (details supplied) has not been accepted with CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24525/21]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that in cases in which a general practitioner practice is unable to cope with the vaccine delivery system the HSELive portal only focuses on age-based registration, thus those persons categorised as high risk by the HSE, including those with HIV must await the relevant age cohort rather than be vaccinated earlier as intended; and his views on the need to have flexibility in the system to allow for at-risk-persons younger than the age cohort being called to register for vaccination on HSELive at a given time. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24526/21]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Health the location in which an annex three certificate can be found (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [24540/21]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Health the number of designated centres for older persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24541/21]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Health the level of regulatory non-compliance with conditions for registration in designated centres for older persons in past ten years; the number of regulatory breaches found; the number of breaches resolved and unresolved; the areas and nature of breaches by centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24542/21]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities currently placed in designated centres for older persons by age (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24543/21]

\*890. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner whole-time equivalents in the public primary care system; the number of general practitioners issuing services under the GMS agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24544/21]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Health the number of practice nurse whole-time equivalents in the public primary care system; the number of practice nurse whole-time equivalents needed to reach the health service capacity review 2018 forecast for 2031; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24545/21]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurse whole-time equivalents and vacancies by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24546/21]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists whole-time equivalents and vacancies by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24547/21]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Health the number of speech and language therapists whole-time equivalents and vacancies by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24548/21]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential care short-term and long-term beds by area at the start of 2020 and 2021; the number estimated for year-end 2021, by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24549/21]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare packages and intensive homecare packages delivered for each month in 2020 and to date in 2021; the target for monthly delivery by year-end 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24550/21]

\*897. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours delivered in each month of 2020 and in each month to date in 2021; the target for monthly delivery by year-end 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24551/21]

\*898. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute medical unit beds in the public system by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24552/21]

\*899. To ask the Minister for Health the number of day case beds in the public system by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24553/21]

\*900. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatient beds in the public system by location; the average level of occupancy for each month of 2020 and to date in 2021 by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24554/21]

\*901. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult critical care beds in the public system by location; the average level of occupancy for each month of 2020 and to date in 2021, by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24555/21]

\*902. To ask the Minister for Health when vaccinations will be available through local pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [24557/21]

\*903. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the delay in including pharmacists in the vaccination roll-out administration (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [24558/21]

\*904. To ask the Minister for Health the status of and the reason for the delays in advancing the provision of a primary healthcare centre in Lucan, County Dublin over the past five years; the current status of this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24563/21]

\*905. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed primary healthcare centre in Rowlagh, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24564/21]

\*906. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each CHO area who have been on waiting lists for assessment for speech and language therapy for more than 3, 6 and 12 months and 1, 2 and 3 years as of 1 April 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24565/21]

\*907. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each CHO area who have received an assessment for speech and language therapy and are now waiting on treatment for more than 3, 6 and 12 months and 1, 2 and 3 years as of 1 April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24566/21]

\*908. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each CHO area who have received an assessment and are now waiting on home help packages for more than 3, 6, and 12 months and 1, 2 and 3 years as of 1 April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [24567/21]

\*909. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that exist for the anticipated 2021 cost savings from the recent HSE Medicines Management Programme preferred blood glucose strips for adults with type 1 and type 2 diabetes evaluation; if those savings are planned to fund the provision of the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24572/21]

\*910. To ask the Minister for Health if a submission for funding to provide the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need was in the HSEs National Service Plan 2021; if a submission was received by the HSE primary care reimbursement service; if so, the details of the submission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24573/21]

\*911. To ask the Minister for Health if he is expecting a submission for funding from the HSE primary care reimbursement service to provide the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need for inclusion in the National Service Plan 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24574/21]

\*912. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a submission from the HSE primary care reimbursement service recommending that the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system is made available to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24575/21]

\*913. To ask the Minister for Health the number of meetings that have been held in 2020 and to date in 2021 between the manufacturers of the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system and the HSE primary care reimbursement service; the number of those meetings took place in relation to making the technology available to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need; the outcomes of these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24576/21]

\*914. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delays on deciding to make the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system available to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need; if a timeline can be provided on the likely pathway towards making it available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24577/21]

\*915. To ask the Minister for Health the number of badges that have been produced to distribute to those after they have received their Covid-19 vaccine; the cost of production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24582/21]

\*916. To ask the Minister for Health the measures his Department has considered to enable partners of pregnant women to attend antenatal appointments and labour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24588/21]

\*917. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 tests carried out at each pop-up testing centre for persons not displaying Covid-19 symptoms nationally. — Peadar Tóibín. [24608/21]

\*918. To ask the Minister for Health if persons over 70 years of age with terminal cancer qualify for a medical card irrespective of their income given a recent report in a national newspaper in relation to same. — Robert Troy. [24615/21]

\*919. To ask the Minister for Health the status of commitments provided by the HSE that it will revise and update the 2015 model of care for neonatology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24616/21]

\*920. To ask the Minister for Health the status of commitments provided by the HSE to develop a national strategy for the provision of neonatal resuscitation training nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24617/21]

\*921. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the measures being taken to expand access to termination of pregnancy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24618/21]

\*922. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that despite a commitment given to the HSE, SouthDoc is refusing to see persons in its Blackpool, County Cork facility in cases in which they indicate that they cannot travel to Kinsale road; and if he will engage with SouthDoc on this issue and support the HSE in formally pursuing the full reopening of SouthDoc, Blackpool through whatever means necessary including financial penalties. — Thomas Gould. [24619/21]

\*923. To ask the Minister for Health the level of service to be provided by SouthDoc, Listowel, County Kerry upon its reopening; the persons who will be eligible for the service; and the proposed hours of operation. — Pa Daly. [24620/21]

\*924. To ask the Minister for Health the projects in Cork city and county for which funding was allocated for extensions or improvements of hospital facilities, community home facilities and nursing homes; the amount allocated for each project; if the projects have been fully completed with reference to the years ending 31 December 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [24621/21]

\*925. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time chiropodists working in each primary care centre in CHO9 in tabular form; and if this number will be increased. — Alan Kelly. [24624/21]

\*926. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list to see a consultant transplant surgeon at St. Vincent's University Hospital. — Alan Kelly. [24625/21]

\*927. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged between three and nine years of age currently on the waiting list for kidney transplant. — Alan Kelly. [24626/21]

\*928. To ask the Minister for Health the number of coronary calcium scans carried out at St. James's Hospital in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [24627/21]



\*929. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting cardiothoracic surgeon in CHI. — Alan Kelly. [24628/21]

\*930. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list for robotic surgery for prostate cancer patients at University Hospital Galway in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [24629/21]

\*931. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants attached to the dermatology department at University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [24630/21]

\*932. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants attached to the urology department at University Hospital Waterford in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [24631/21]

\*933. To ask the Minister for Health the capital works projects that were carried out at the national maternity hospital in each of the past five years; and the estimated cost of each project in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [24632/21]

\*934. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Sligo on the waiting list for an autism assessment. — Alan Kelly. [24633/21]

\*935. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurse graduates Mayo University Hospital will be hiring in 2021. — Alan Kelly. [24634/21]

\*936. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Irish students who are completing studies abroad of courses not available in Ireland and who are returning to see family and work after a period of quarantine will find the cost of mandatory hotel quarantine prohibitive and this will substantially affect their ability to complete their studies; his views on the fact that Erasmus students mandatory hotel quarantine costs are being covered by their colleges acknowledging that students should not be expected to pay this themselves; if he will consider waiving the charges for returning students in order that all students are treated equally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [24660/21]

\*937. To ask the Minister for Health if the holding of sacramental community events such as Holy Communion and Confirmation will be permitted in June 2021; if so, the conditions that will be in place on holding them; if no decision has been made, when is it planned to make such a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24683/21]

\*938. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to review the date by which First Holy Communion ceremonies can take place to alleviate stress and uncertainty for parents and children; if a practical solution can be put in place to bring the date forward as to when first Holy Communion ceremonies can resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [24697/21]

\*939. 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 reviewed prior to any decision to seek an extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24699/21]

\*940. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a surgery appointment for a child (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [24701/21]

\*941. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allow pharmacies to administer the HPV vaccine considering the drop in HPV vaccination rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24702/21]

\*942. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider funding a pilot outreach youth service in Dublin 12 through the CDETB (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [24703/21]

\*943. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for his and NPHEt's reasoning behind the decision to allow dining in hotels for hotel guests but not to allow indoor dining in restaurants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [24710/21]

\*944. To ask the Minister for Health the reason hotel quarantine facilities in County Cork have not been activated for visitors arriving into Cork Airport requiring them to travel to Dublin to quarantine there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [24714/21]

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

\*945. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the consultation or preparatory work he has undertaken to prepare for the possible holding of the National Ploughing Championships under continued public health restrictions. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23867/21]

\*946. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of meetings the audit and investigations division of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland have had with his officials in respect of investigations relating to horses and the seizure of banned substances and remedies in the past ten years to date; and the number of instances in which his officials have provided the audit and investigations division of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland with access to and or copies of files from his investigations unit over the same timeframe. — Catherine Murphy. [23717/21]

\*947. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the study into the Dinish Wharf construction site investigation works at Castletownbere Fishery Harbour Centre, County Cork is due to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23732/21]

\*948. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the hydrodynamic modelling studies for the proposed marina extension project at An Daingean Fishery Harbour Centre, County Kerry is due to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23733/21]

\*949. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the cost-benefit analysis of Ireland's bovine TB programme is due to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [23734/21]

\*950. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will establish a compensation scheme for a sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [23741/21]

\*951. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the reduction in herd numbers for farmers in the BEAM scheme is being calculated; the average number of

farmers to date who have had to reduce their herd; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [23752/21]

\*952. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the discussions he or his Department have had with the European Commission, the Northern Ireland Executive, and the UK Government, formal and informal, to re-establish the voisinage arrangement for fishing rights between the two jurisdictions on the island of Ireland; the reason for the delay in re-establishing these rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23758/21]

\*953. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the control plan under the Common Fisheries Policy has been removed; the discussions he has had with the vessel owners and processors regarding this change; the arrangement he plans making to ensure that all fish can now be weighed immediately on land in a food secure way at each and every landing place and pier; the reason non-quota species are included in this change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [23765/21]

\*954. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a second BVD test can be carried out on the herd owned by a person (details supplied); the action to be taken by his Department and herd owner; the costs involved; and the reason for the change of rule in this regard. — John McGuinness. [23773/21]

\*955. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding and supports that have been provided to the fishing industry on offshore islands in each of the past five years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23819/21]

\*956. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the practice of issuing TB herd history letters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [23834/21]

\*957. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding will be provided for pony racing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [23868/21]

\*958. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1107 of 28 April 2021, if feedback has been sought from industry stakeholders as to the reason the 4,300 hectares have not been converted into planting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23872/21]

\*959. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the area of afforestation applied for in each of the past five years; the actual area planted in each of those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [23873/21]

\*960. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the financial supports his Department provides to a club (details supplied); and if multi-annual funding will be provided for this community service. — Mark Ward. [23878/21]

\*961. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 2021 of 24 March 2021, the reason forestry was deemed as industrial and not as a land use activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [23888/21]

\*962. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1108 of 28 April 2021, the way in which 2,448ha of forestry were planted in 2020 when his Department only issued financial approvals for 2,355ha on receipt of forms 1A and from this only 1,889ha has been planted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [23905/21]

\*963. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1112 of 28 April 2021, if a particular case (details supplied) was set aside and remitted back to him due to the fact that the screening process was not done correctly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [23906/21]

\*964. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1113 of 28 April 2021, the grades of the remaining 12 full-time equivalent ecologists working on forestry matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [23907/21]

\*965. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an average of around 45 licences has been issued in each week for 2021 going by the quarter 1 dashboard figures between all of the approximate 60 forestry inspectors and ecologists of all grades dealing with forestry licence applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [23908/21]

\*966. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1116 of 28 April 2021, if his Department and the Forest Service were aware of the requirements before receiving the document from the NPWS in August 2012; if so, the reason the correct policies and procedures were not put in place to comply with EU law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [23909/21]

\*967. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1117 of 28 April 2021, the name of the person selected to be the project manager for Project Woodland and not any experts hired to assist with the implementation of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [23910/21]

\*968. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being put in place to accommodate farmers still affected by the mudslide in 2020 near Drumkeeran, County Leitrim when it comes to applying for BPS; if their land which remains covered in mud from the event will be ruled out for payments; the communication his Department had with the farmers on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [23911/21]

\*969. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of forestry licences in his Department by year of submission that are still awaiting a decision in each of the years 2017 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [23998/21]

\*970. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of vacancies that exist at the office of his Department in Castlebar, County Mayo; if an overview of vacancies by grade will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [24027/21]

\*971. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding fisheries regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24078/21]

\*972. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding fisheries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24039/21]

\*973. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding fisheries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24080/21]

\*974. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding fisheries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24081/21]

\*975. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way Greyhound Racing Ireland defines rehome in the context of its rehoming statistics; if greyhounds must be spayed or neutered before rehoming to prevent breeding; the checks that are carried out on potential new owners and homes; and if there is a requirement that those accepting greyhounds for rehoming must agree not to give or sell them on to third parties in Ireland or abroad. — Joan Collins. [24167/21]

\*976. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Greyhound Racing Ireland is continuing to present as rehomed or rehomed as pet greyhounds that have in fact been sold abroad for racing or breeding (details supplied); if there are penalties in place for those that accept a greyhound for rehoming but sell the dog on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [24169/21]

\*977. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost of investigating and testing a greyhound for the presence of prohibited substances; the reason the fines imposed on owners of greyhounds that test positive do not at least cover these costs; and if any owners of greyhounds that tested positive have been banned from involvement in racing. — Joan Collins. [24173/21]

\*978. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason an apparently uninjured greyhound was put to sleep at Youghal track in October 2020 (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [24174/21]

\*979. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the provision of bins will be examined. — Sean Sherlock. [24188/21]

\*980. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a person (details supplied) was not granted exceptional force majeure for a beef finisher payment given the circumstances. — Jackie Cahill. [24191/21]

\*981. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department accept, process and approve Coillte tree felling licence applications in a manner different to the standards that apply to private applications. — Martin Browne. [24193/21]

\*982. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the items for which the €100,000 for the deep water quay project have been allocated in relation to the recently announced 2021 funding allocations for the Fishery Harbour and Coastal Infrastructure Development Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [24231/21]

\*983. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a statement (details supplied) made in the Coillte Annual Report 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24303/21]

\*984. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [24304/21]

\*985. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from his Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24367/21]

\*986. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the wait time for felling licence and thinning out licence applications; the number of applications outstanding; his plans to address the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [24409/21]

\*987. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a representative group (details supplied) is not included in the CAP consultative stakeholders committee given that Leader is an important and integral part of the CAP rural development package; if he will reconsider this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24420/21]

\*988. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons employed by his Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24430/21]

\*989. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or his Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by his Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the total amount spent on public relations by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24431/21]

\*990. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses exported from Ireland to China in the past ten years; the method of transport of those horses in tabular form; and if he has concerns in relation to the fate of these animals in a country with no animal welfare laws. — Paul Murphy. [24468/21]

\*991. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses injured and killed in horse racing, horse training, point-to-point racing and show jumping in the past ten years and to date in 2021 by racecourse in tabular form; the names of the horses; the nature of their injuries; and the method used to kill horses at tracks. — Paul Murphy. [24469/21]

\*992. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the protocols in place to prevent the spread of Covid-19 at racecourses; if jockeys and track staff are required to wear masks and observe social distancing at all times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24470/21]

\*993. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of permanent or temporary medical staff and the number of ambulances and ambulance crew members in attendance at racecourses and point-to-point meetings nationwide; the dates such staff are in attendance; if these staff are paid for out of public funds via the Horse and Greyhound Racing Fund; the costs involved; his views on whether medical resources would be better deployed away from racecourses



during the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24471/21]

\*994. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses that were injured and killed at the 2021 Punchestown horse racing festival; if an investigation will be carried out into the high level of fatalities; if consideration will be given to ending State funding to Horse Racing Ireland in view of the growing number of horse deaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [24475/21]

\*995. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of racing greyhound pups born from information recorded when owners make a declaration of litter submission to a club (details supplied) for each of the years 2009 to 2020, specifically the individual number of pups per litter; if he will clarify that such information is available to his Department from the club database; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24479/21]

\*996. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Article 46(2) of Regulation 1782/2003 means that the single farm payment entitlement cannot be separated from the land in cases in which the land is being leased (details supplied); and if not, the meaning of same. — Mattie McGrath. [24484/21]

\*997. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Article 33 of Regulation (EC) 1782/2003 means that the single farm payment scheme is attached to the land in cases (details supplied); and if not the meaning of same. — Mattie McGrath. [24485/21]

\*998. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of engagement with the European Commission in association with the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority regarding the revoking of the approval of the Irish control plan submitted for the weighing of fishery products in accordance with Article 61(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009; when he expects an update on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24491/21]

\*999. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is currently developing a revised Irish control plan for the weighing of fishery products in accordance with Article 61(1) of Council Regulation (EC) No 1224/2009 to address the revocation of the derogation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24493/21]

\*1000. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied with the enforcement of EC2073/2005 (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [24511/21]

\*1001. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 334 of 11 February 2021, the details of his efforts to address the discrepancies affecting the category known as the forgotten farmers, that is, those young farmers who have been denied top-up financial supports due to the fact that they commenced farming before 2015, within the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24594/21]

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

\*1002. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department is continuing to fund the Covid-19 stability scheme for community voluntary, charity and social enterprise organisations in 2021; and the way organisations that were previously funded under this scheme can apply for funding in 2021. — Michael Creed. [24592/21]

- \*1003. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of a scheme (details supplied) in which a person makes an application to the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [24612/21]
- \*1004. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next call will take place for applications under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24614/21]
- \*1005. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grants and funding opportunities available to offshore islanders to help them deal with the higher cost of living and transportation for islanders; and the spending allocated by the State to cover these grants in each of the past five years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23807/21]
- \*1006. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grants and funding opportunities provided to attract newcomers to move to offshore islands; and the spending allocated by the State to cover these grants in each of the past five years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23808/21]
- \*1007. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the analysis that has been conducted of the demographic trends of offshore island communities; the conclusions of such analysis; and the funding decisions or policies her Department is implementing to tackle island depopulation. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23809/21]
- \*1008. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the research that has been conducted into the best way to tackle unemployment on offshore islands; and her policy on island job creation. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23813/21]
- \*1009. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grant aid that has been provided for Leader programmes to private individual projects and community projects on offshore islands in each year for the past ten years. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23815/21]
- \*1010. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current priorities and programme of works to improve infrastructure on each of the offshore islands; and the funding that is allocated towards each planned project. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23828/21]
- \*1011. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding is allocated to crisis-proofing island communities for emergency situations including pandemics and extreme weather events and the work that has been carried out in this regard. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [23829/21]
- \*1012. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of registered puppy farms and registered dog breeding establishments for each of the years 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [23971/21]
- \*1013. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of inspections at registered puppy farms and registered dog breeding establishments for each year from 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [23972/21]
- \*1014. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of violations by registered puppy farms and registered dog breeding establishments for each year from 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [23973/21]

\*1015. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of dogs or puppies sold or bred by registered puppy farms and registered dog breeding establishments in each of the years 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [23974/21]

\*1016. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of operations against illegal puppy farms and or illegal dog breeding establishments in each year from 2010 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [23977/21]

\*1017. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding allocated by her Department or agencies under her remit to An Taisce in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the expected respective allocations to An Taisce for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24110/21]

\*1018. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the non-governmental organisations in receipt of funding from her Department; the amount of funding allocated to same in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24380/21]

\*1019. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of persons employed by her Department; and the collective total salary received by employees of her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24458/21]

\*1020. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she or her Department employ persons or firms to deal with public relations; if so, the number of persons employed by her Department to deal with public relations; the names of any firms involved; and the amount spent on public relations by her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [24459/21]

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I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉ CÉADA OIN, 12 BEALTAINE, 2021  
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 12 MAY, 2021**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Resource Efficiency Action Plan for 2021 of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23896/21]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in Dublin's north east inner city initiative. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23898/21]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest engagement with the social partners. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24664/21]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest engagement with the social partners. — Bríd Smith. [24667/21]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest engagement with the social partners. — Paul Murphy. [24670/21]

