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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21616/21]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Alan Kelly. [23208/21]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24248/21]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Bríd Smith. [24251/21]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Paul Murphy. [24254/21]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Mick Barry. [24637/21]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [21618/21]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Alan Kelly. [24642/21]
11. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [21779/21]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the Programme for Government. — Alan Kelly. [23207/21]
13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

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

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

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

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. — Paul Murphy. [24255/21]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Alan Kelly. [21940/21]

22. 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]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Bríd Smith. [24253/21]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Paul Murphy. [24256/21]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent communication with the President of the European Commission. — Neale Richmond. [23956/21]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with other European heads of government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23893/21]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme office based in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23894/21]

28. 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]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [24643/21]

30. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Neale Richmond. [23951/21]

31. 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]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee that addresses matters relating to the arts and culture will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [24195/21]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee which addresses matters relating to equality will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [24197/21]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Resource Efficiency Action Plan for 2021 of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23896/21]

35. 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]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest engagement with the social partners. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24664/21]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest engagement with the social partners. — Bríd Smith. [24667/21]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest engagement with the social partners. — Paul Murphy. [24670/21]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*39. To ask the Taoiseach the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; and the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned. — Carol Nolan. [24936/21]

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

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to .ie domains and their usage by UK companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24818/21]

*41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will actively investigate the possibility of establishing Ireland as the events hub of the EU post-Brexit (details supplied); if a fund will be made available for same; if he will liaise with the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [24854/21]

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted

to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24926/21]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the Covid-19 business supports that are available for event caterers excluded from current Covid-19 supports due to the rateable and fixed premises criteria; the supports being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24944/21]

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

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the forthcoming electricity microgenerator scheme; and when the details of this scheme will be published. — Robert Troy. [24773/21]

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the remuneration that has been provided by his Department to the members of the Climate Advisory Council in terms of pay and benefits including expenses which can be reimbursed from 1 January 2017 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24814/21]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when works will commence on the house of a person (details supplied) under the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24825/21]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the ESB subcontracting works that are normally carried out by their own employees; his further views on the matter as a policy change by the ESB which is a semi-State body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24834/21]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the terms of reference for the review of the North-South Interconnector limit it to reviewing previous findings and reports or will allow for new evidence, research and innovations to be assessed in view of the fact that EirGrid has recently identified the best performing option for the Kildare-Meath grid upgrade as a 400kV underground cable having previously argued against this option; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24880/21]

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24927/21]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied that employees involved in the current ESB dispute have received consultation and information rights on the outsourcing of their work as outlined in the Employees (Provision of Information and Consultation) Act 2006 and the Industrial Relations Act 1990 (Code of Practice on Information and Consultation) (Declaration) Order 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [25135/21]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 277 of 21 April 2021, the way that his Department will support persons

with long-term incontinence with respect to the disposal of medical incontinence wear; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25157/21]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount each local authority will receive from the €5 million additional funding for litter prevention and cleaning announced on 5 May 2021; the rationale for the assignment of funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25155/21]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to develop a regional approach to air quality and noise enforcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25158/21]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to ensure that his Department has the capacity and expertise to manage the transition in energy efficiency and renewable energy and to carry out its expanded function in relation to carbon budgets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25159/21]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress his Department has made on addressing the actions relevant to his areas of responsibility outlined in the Private Members' Motion on the post office network on 16 November 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25161/21]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons or companies fined for illegal dumping by Cork County Council and Cork City Council, respectively in each of the years 2015 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25162/21]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the cost to Cork County Council and Cork City Council, respectively of illegal dumping in each of the years 2015 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25163/21]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applicants awaiting the installation of SEAI warmer homes scheme upgrades by county; the average waiting time for applicants in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25164/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*59. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to a tax saver annual ticket; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24724/21]

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applicants waiting for driver theory tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24743/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans that are in place to remove the Irish Coast Guard all weather search and rescue helicopter from Waterford; the reason for this proposal; if he will ensure that the Irish Coast Guard search and rescue helicopter will be retained in Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24765/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider introducing a special fund for safety barriers on regional roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [24772/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a driver theory test appointment for a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24783/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the RSA's plans first proposed in 2015 to name and shame disqualified drivers; the outcome of the latest research commissioned by the RSA in 2019 due to be completed in March 2021 whereby disqualified drivers were given €150 vouchers to take part in the project; the timeframe for publication of the findings of this research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24797/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that manual notices continue to be sent to the Road Safety Authority with details of drivers disqualified in court when the Minister for Justice responded to a Parliamentary Question in February 2021 stating that the Courts Service has been ready to automate the electronic transfer of disqualifications to the National Driver Licence Service and the Road Safety Authority since the end of 2019 and are awaiting confirmation from his Department that they are able to receive the data in this format; the reason for the delay within his Department and the RSA to receive this data electronically; the timeframe for this work to be completed by his Department and the RSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24798/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 157 of 10 February 2021, if he has received the requested report from the Road Safety Authority regarding learner drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24799/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 158 of 10 February 2021, if he has received the requested report from the Road Safety Authority regarding disqualified drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24800/21]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 159 of 10 February 2021, if he will report on the 29 action plans from the 2013-2020 Road Safety Strategy that were not completed by the end of the strategy term on 31 December 2020; the reason he reported that there were only seven action plans incomplete by the end of the strategy term in his reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24801/21]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to introduce the necessary legislation to close a loophole discovered in 2013 which allows learner drivers to continually renew their learner permit without ever having to sit a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24802/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 161 of 10 February 2021, if the report requested from the RSA is now available regarding disqualified learner drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24803/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 162 of 10 February 2021, if he will provide additional details relating to the grounds on which he plans to provide for the power to revoke a driving licence; if he now plans to include a proposal to include the revocation of learner permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24804/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is planned to restore the status of Galway as a national port for the purposes of accessing national and EU funds to develop the port in view of the recommendation by an Bord Pleanála to the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to grant imperative reasons of overriding public importance planning permission for the construction by a company (details supplied) of a new port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24809/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to nominate Galway port for inclusion by the EU as a Ten-T port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24810/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport when he plans to open up the centres for theory tests for car driving licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [24847/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport when the driver theory testing section will open for persons to sit the test given that persons are getting cancellations month after month and being asked to drive from one end of the country to the other to find a vacancy; if he will direct the section that the test be done online to facilitate persons waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24858/21]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport if assurances will be issued by CIÉ that it will await the outcome of the High Court application from the trustees of the pension scheme before engaging in further discussions on the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24868/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24938/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport when the RSA stakeholders forum members who have exceeded their tenure will be asked to step down to allow for new members to be elected to the forum. — Louise O'Reilly. [24974/21]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport the required qualifications for driving test staff for each level of driver license testing. — Louise O'Reilly. [24975/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to renew out of date permits for driving instructors. — Louise O'Reilly. [24976/21]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to follow-up on the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport and Communications Networks recommendation to open regular communication and consultation between the RSA and the union representatives for approved driving instructors. — Louise O'Reilly. [24977/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport when the 40 newly-recruited driving testers will be fully trained and qualified to commence driving licence testing; the level of training being given; the body providing the training; and the qualifications of the personnel that are carrying out this training for the new staff. — Louise O'Reilly. [24978/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of his engagements with Córas Iompair Éireann regarding the 1951 pension scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [24985/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) will be prioritised for an appointment for a driver theory test to allow them entry to a college placement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24986/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is planned to resume driver theory tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25014/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver theory test will be expedited for a person (details supplied) on the resumption of theory testing for work purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25015/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is planned to extend the pilot scheme driver theory test remotely to include category B vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25016/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of the additional investment needed to provide greater capacity across all modes to meet expected increase in demand if free public transport was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25023/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to introduce an integrated ticketing system across the public transport network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25024/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent in each of the years 2015 to 2020 on improving the ticketing systems across the public transport network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25025/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will write to the chairperson of CIÉ seeking assurances that CIÉ will wait on the outcome of the High Court application that elected pension trustees are making before engaging in any more discussions in relation to the 1951 pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [25057/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will approve changes to the CIÉ regular wages pension scheme that were approved in a ballot of members in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25094/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport his response to the Defence Forces proposal that the Air Corps takes over some maritime search-and-rescue operations including the implications for the current service provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25141/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 40 and 41 of 6 May 2021, if the 100x is also facing cancellation by Bus Éireann; his plans to cover the towns and areas mentioned in the original Parliamentary Question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25145/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*95. To ask the Minister for Finance the provisions in place for persons that have lost their home to repossession or recession to purchase a home now in cases in which they cannot save the 20% deposit needed as non-first time buyers. — Thomas Gould. [24820/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance if a help to buy scheme application by a person (details supplied) is being examined; the projected timeframe for the processing of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24758/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance if restaurant and bar owners providing outdoor dining services will be able to continue to avail of the employment wage subsidy scheme when they are permitted to reopen from 7 June 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [24761/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a payment system (details supplied) being proposed by Ireland's main financial institutions; his views on whether it may affect competition within the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24821/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24928/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to prioritise green finance strategic actions that are developed in line with climate justice targets and sustainable development goals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25167/21]

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

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24933/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works has advanced proposals to install CCTV cameras at Clare Abbey, County Clare to curb ongoing vandalism and destruction of the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24970/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to direct a proportion of the proceeds of the carbon tax towards climate-focused measures in the agri-food sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25140/21]

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

*104. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if grants are available for the upgrading of tourist boats (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [24763/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are supports available for local groups to erect monuments as part of the Decade of Centenaries programme. — Martin Browne. [24782/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider developing and promoting Ireland as the new and automatic events hub for the European tour events crewing industry (details supplied) given that the UK is outside of the EU post-Brexit and in view of Ireland's international reputation in arts and culture; if a fund will be made available to that end; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [24853/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress to date in determining eligibility for the live performance support scheme in the case of a company (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24859/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of a proposal for a three-year pilot scheme of a universal basic income for artists, writers and musicians proposed by the Arts and Culture Recovery Taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24864/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount expended by her Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24937/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when a file (details supplied) that requires Ministerial consent will be signed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25031/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if water activities such as boat trips are included in the outdoor activity fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [25123/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if applications for the large-scale sport infrastructure fund 2018 to 2028 are closed; if Dublin City Council can make a late application under stream 2 before 2025 or 2028; and her plans to introduce a new large-scale sport infrastructure fund after 2028. — Gary Gannon. [25169/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide updated guidelines for private music and drama teachers in anticipation of reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25170/21]

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

*114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if information will be provided on his Department's review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and review of exemptions for educational and community buildings as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; if further information will be provided on the stated need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25271/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a guarantee from a company (details supplied) will suffice in lieu of a HB47 homebond or premier guarantee under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24736/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing developments across the country in which foreign investment funds have purchased units by county in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [24780/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures his Department has taken to gather information on the number of new build and existing housing that has been bought by foreign investment funds in County Tipperary (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [24781/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the spend on the cessation of the turf-cutting compensation scheme in each year since its establishment; the number of persons who availed of this scheme in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24835/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24931/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new social homes delivered via build programmes in County Mayo each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24939/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties to date in rent pressure zones per local authority in respect of quarter 1 2021 data that have been identified as potentially in breach of short-term lettings regulations; the number of site inspections that have taken place; the number of change of use planning applications received; the number of warning letters issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24942/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to provide Ministerial consent for the Arklow Wastewater Plant to proceed; the process and a timeframe for the delivery of the plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [24954/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide information on his Department's review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and review of exemptions for educational and community buildings as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; if he will provide further information on the stated need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24987/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering increasing funding to local authorities to aid housing adaptation grants for older persons and persons with a disability applicants to meet the extra costs in circumstances in which the maximum grant available for available falls considerably short of rising construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24990/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of his engagements with members and plans for houses with an association (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that loans on these properties will mature in five years; and if a handover or option to purchase will be considered by him. — Catherine Murphy. [24991/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking in response to concerns from local authority staff who wish to remain in the employment of the relevant local authority rather than being transferred to Irish Water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25137/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to retain Irish Water in public ownership as a national, standalone, regulated utility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25138/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to support take-up of Irish Water's Small Towns and Villages Growth Programme 2020-2024 which will provide water and wastewater growth capacity in smaller settlements which would not otherwise be provided for in Irish Water's capital investment plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25139/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made by his Department to date in conducting the review of the revised well water grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25142/21]

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

*130. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for a delay in processing the foreign birth registration of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24726/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a letter to allow a person (details supplied) to return home on compassionate grounds. — Thomas Gould. [24738/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if additional personnel will be put in place in the Passport Office to deal with the backlog of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24764/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current number of all passport applications that have not been processed. — Seán Crowe. [24806/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the specific measures being put in place to eliminate the backlog of outstanding passport applications. — Seán Crowe. [24807/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether it is correct that persons are not able to have their passport applications processed in view of the fact that passports are considered one of the most important documents in a person's possession and the fact that passports are not always required for travel but are needed for other purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24850/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to alleviate the unbearable conditions that refugees in the Moria and other refugee camps on the island of Lesbos; his views on the way the EU has been active in addressing the situation that refugees find themselves in; the contacts he has had with the UN Security Council on the matter; the contacts he has had with the EU on the matter; if he plans to take in more refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [24915/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the approach Ireland is taking in supporting India as it deals with a surge in Covid-19 cases; the engagements he has participated in regarding the waiving of intellectual property rights to Covid-19 vaccines; his views on such a waiver; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [24916/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24929/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will contact the Egyptian Government to register concern for cargo bound for Ireland on a ship (details supplied) that has been detained at Suez Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24984/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue for a person (details supplied) for college registration purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25018/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*141. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24924/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the proposed transfer of lands at Rockbrae House, Bray, County Wicklow to Wicklow County Council; the discussions that have taken place with the council; the purpose of the transfer; the timeframe for the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [24953/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel since December 2020 present on UN duty who were offered Covid-19 vaccinations through the UN; the number that received it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [25053/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Defence the details of UN arrangements for vaccinations of peacekeepers; if the Defence Forces were part of those arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [25054/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel since December 2020 to date on UN duty who received a Covid-19 vaccination from the host country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [25055/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of females who were recruited to the Army, Air Corps and Naval Service in 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of females currently in training in each branch of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25124/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Defence his views on the Defence Forces proposal that the Air Corps takes over some maritime search-and-rescue operations; the implications for the current service provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25166/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*148. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a person (details supplied) has been refused a grant for assistive technology by her Department following an appeal even though it is deemed necessary by the persons teachers and occupational therapist; the reason the decision was taken without requesting a copy of a professional occupational therapist report and any other supporting documentation in relation to the student's; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24723/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Education if a placement will be secured for a person (details supplied) at a school. — Duncan Smith. [24737/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Education when an assessment will be carried out for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24741/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a proposed amalgamation of schools (details supplied) in Cork City. — Thomas Gould. [24750/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Education the recourse available to parents and prospective parents that disagree with proposed major changes to the school their child attends. — Thomas Gould. [24751/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether it is acceptable that there could be no all-girls school in a large area of Cork city particularly given the vulnerability of certain young girls and the need for some to attend a same-sex school. — Thomas Gould. [24752/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Education when the 2021-2022 SNA allocations will be announced. — Sean Sherlock. [24766/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of construction of the permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied); the cause of delay in installing temporary accommodation on the site; and if a commitment will be given to provide temporary accommodation on site for the coming academic year. — Seán Crowe. [24808/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Education the reason there is currently no procedure at present to apply for SNA support for new pupils; and when the new circular from her Department will be issued to address the ongoing and deep concern this situation has created for parents, pupils and principals. — Sorca Clarke. [24817/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Education the schools in counties Sligo, Leitrim, Roscommon and Donegal that can access substitute teachers specifically through one of the 115 substitute teacher supply panels; the percentage of schools that cannot access the substitute teacher supply panels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [24829/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for a special needs assistant will be reviewed for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [24837/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Education if a permanent site will be sourced for a school (details supplied) within the assigned catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [24863/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that there is a leaving certificate examination in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1472/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to support teachers in delivering the required syllabus through remote learning due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1473/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Education the amount expended by her Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24925/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on an application made by a school under the summer works programme 2016 for improved and safer outdoor playground areas at a school (details supplied); the reason for the delay with the decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24957/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 578 of 28 April 2021, if the schools (details supplied) are eligible for consideration for DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [25030/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Education the process for the allocation of SNAs for 2021-2022; when the guidance circular is due to be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25040/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Education the supports available to a student (details supplied) who is not in receipt of guidance for SNA support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25041/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 173 of 18 February 2021, her plans to carry out a review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004; the timeline for the review; the person or body that will carry out the review; the terms of reference for the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25104/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Education if further consideration will be given to the provision of new supports for students at primary and second-level (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25126/21]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for local development companies that unlike private entities provide a complete wrap-around service for their communities and work on a non for profit basis (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [24716/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if full-time employees over the age of 66 that were working full-time and were required to self-isolate due to testing positive or being a close contact of a person with Covid-19 are eligible for enhanced illness benefit; if not, the reason they being treated differently to a full-time employee under 66 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [24735/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an underpayment to a person (details supplied) will be examined and the matter clarified. — Sean Sherlock. [24768/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated costs associated with extending the school meals programme to cover early years settings and after-school programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [24776/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for supplementary welfare allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24816/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount expended by her Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24935/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021 on housing assistance payments, rent supplements and any other payment related to housing or rent in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [24955/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when pandemic unemployment payment arrears will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25019/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending end dates for persons in receipt of the back to enterprise allowance in view of the fact that such persons' businesses have been closed and non-operational during the Covid-19 pandemic and for persons whose allowance runs out in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [25020/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for a State pension by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [25127/21]

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

*179. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if or when the second optional protocol on the UNCRC which includes the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography will be ratified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [24819/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of young persons in care that have had complaints filed against them by the agency or the residential in which they reside; the number of young persons in care that have been charged with criminal damage relating to their placement; and if Tusla has policies in place to assist social workers and social care managers in relation to charging young persons in care that assault staff or damage units. — Patrick Costello. [24762/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the particular vulnerability of childcare services that provide afterschool care owing to a continuing reduction in income caused by Covid-19 restrictions and remote working by parents; and if his Department will draw up an urgent plan to ensure the sustainability of these essential services. — Kathleen Funchion. [24774/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he has had with the Minister for Health in relation to healthcare workers ordinarily residing in direct provision and who are availing of the temporary accommodation scheme being requested to move to unsuitable accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [24836/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24923/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare providers by county; and the current capacity of same by county in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [25026/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare providers in County Kildare; the current capacity of each in tabular form; and his plans

to increase provision of childcare services in the county in view of the expanding population and development in the county. — Catherine Murphy. [25027/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of facilities in north County Kildare in receipt of ECCE funds and the other childcare schemes supported by his Department. — Catherine Murphy. [25028/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department's initiative for the early learning and school age care sector (details supplied) will be completed or at an advanced stage in time for Budget 2022 negotiations; if it will provide the basis for an increase in investment in childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [25093/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his response to the finding (details supplied) in the Ombudsman for Children's report Safety and Welfare of Children in Direct Provision. — Holly Cairns. [25165/21]

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

*189. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of progress towards the objectives of the Student Accommodation Strategy in view of the disruption to the construction sector over 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25143/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); if it is possible for student to elect to graduate early with a level 7 BA degree instead of continuing for a further year during a level 8 BA Hons course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24805/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24930/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 147 of 6 May 2021, if his Department or an agency under his aegis monitors the price of Safepass courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [24940/21]

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

*193. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that can be taken to prevent management companies from imposing significant increases in management fees on residents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24822/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Justice if it will be ensured that buyers and prospective buyers who have paid their deposit and signed contracts for houses at Mullen Park, Maynooth, County Kildare

are not affected or impeded by investment companies who might seek to increase the price of the houses by various means; if it will be ensured that those seeking to provide a home for themselves can expect to have their rights vindicated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25029/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Justice the alternative arrangements that have been put in place to allow persons (details supplied) applying for a GNIB card for the first time to submit an application while the Burgh Quay Registration Office is closed. — Chris Andrews. [24722/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Burgh Quay Registration Office will reopen for appointments. — Chris Andrews. [24734/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed to regularise status in the case of a person (details supplied); if recent updates regarding work references have been taken into account in determination of a conclusion on the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24753/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 638 of 10 February 2021, if the further information requested from An Garda Síochána in relation to localised data is now available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24791/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fixed charge notices issued by An Garda Síochána in each of the years 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; the number of drivers that failed to pay the fixed charge notice in each year; the number of drivers summoned to court for failure to pay; the number of drivers convicted each year by district court and penalties imposed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24793/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drivers issued with a fixed charge notice for driving while holding a mobile phone by Garda division in each of the years 2018 to 2020; the number of drivers per year that failed to pay the fixed charge notice; the number of drivers that were summoned to court for failure to pay by District Court in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24795/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Justice if PULSE was updated in 2019 providing a field whereby gardaí must report the reason a vehicle was seized under section 41 of the Road Traffic (Amendment) Act 2018 to include the offence of driving while disqualified; if data can now be provided through this avenue to give the number of vehicles and drivers who had their vehicles seized for driving while disqualified as a result of being stopped by gardaí; the number seized in each of the years 2018 to 2020 by Garda district; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [24796/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding visa applications by South African nationals to come to Ireland during the current Covid-19 restrictions; when normal visa application services will resume; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [24861/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to amend the Children (Amendment) Act 2021, the Criminal Justice Act 2006 and the Children (Amendment) Act 2015 with a view to lowering the age definition of a child from 18 years in order to make children involved in serious and violent incidents of antisocial behaviour more accountable for their actions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [24870/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community policing gardaí by rank attached to each station in County Louth in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24945/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to the Louth divisional drugs unit in each of the past five years, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [24946/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of recommendations of the Parole Board that have been sent to her Department for decision that have not yet been decided; the delay between receipt of recommendations from the Parole Board and decisions; the number of cases in which this delay is more than a month; the reason for this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24948/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans to refurbish the vacant Wicklow District Court in Wicklow town; and the engagement with the OPW to carry out any demolition works at the site. — John Brady. [24951/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the transfer of the old vacant courthouse on the Boghall Road, Bray, County Wicklow to Wicklow County Council; the details of the engagement with the council; and if a timeframe for the transfer will be provided. — John Brady. [24952/21]

*209. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt an ndéanfaidh sí an taifead iomlán de Dhaonáireamh Speisialta na Gaeltachta a rinne An Garda Síochána sa bhliain 1925 a fhoilsiú go luath agus muid ag teacht suas go dtí céad bliain ó tugadh aitheantas Stáit don Ghaeltacht; cá bhfuil na taifid sin lonnaithe; agus an bhfuil aon chaomhnú, digitiú nó staidéar á dhéanamh ar na sonraí ann cheana féin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25101/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have commenced the vaccine recruitment process; the average length of time from completion of the vaccinator recruitment form to allocation to a vaccinator position; the numbers of persons recruited through the recruitment process that have now have their first vaccine; the number of HSE personnel that have been diverted from HSE roles to vaccinator roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24727/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to amend the entitlements for a medical card under EU rules (details supplied) currently held by Irish residents who have previously lived and worked in the United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24739/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is correct to include damages settlements paid to individuals by the State as a result of legal proceedings taken by their families following life altering personal injury in the medical card financial assessment process; his further views on whether such monies are solely for the future well-being of the patient in recompense for the personal injuries they sustained at the hands of the HSE and should therefore be exempted from the means assessment process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [24740/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [24742/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children for an assessment of needs by CHO; the number awaiting in each specific area within each CHO in tabular form; and the length of time each age group is waiting. — Sean Sherlock. [24744/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children for speech and language assessment and first time intervention by CHO; the number awaiting in each specific area within each CHO in tabular form; and the length of time each age group is waiting. — Sean Sherlock. [24745/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children for an occupational therapy assessment and first time intervention by CHO; the number awaiting in each specific area within each CHO in tabular form; and the length of time each age group is waiting. — Sean Sherlock. [24746/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children for assessment and first time intervention by CHO; the number awaiting in each specific area within each CHO in tabular form; and the length of time that each age group is waiting. — Sean Sherlock. [24747/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children for an audiology assessment and first time intervention by CHO; the number awaiting in each specific area within each CHO in tabular form; and the length of time each age group is waiting. — Sean Sherlock. [24748/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children for a physiotherapy assessment and first time intervention by CHO; the number awaiting in each specific area within each CHO in tabular form; and the length of time each age group is waiting. — Sean Sherlock. [24749/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health the current extent of public orthodontic services in County Kerry; and his future plans for same. — Pa Daly. [24753/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the public dental services that are available at the primary care centre in Listowel, County Kerry. — Pa Daly. [24755/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be provided to help address service delays in the Covid-19 pandemic in public dental services in County Kerry. — Pa Daly. [24756/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national oral health policy; and his plans for its implementation. — Pa Daly. [24757/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting scoliosis surgery in Galway University Hospital; the corresponding figure for adults; the dates on which children on the Saolta waiting list were referred to CHI, Crumlin for treatment since September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24760/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an orthodontic appointment. — Niamh Smyth. [24767/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to commence vaccination of pregnant women as recommended by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee; when pregnant women will start receiving the vaccine; if vaccines will be administered to those that are 36 weeks pregnant first rolling backwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [24769/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the amount expended by his Department excluding expenditure incurred by the HSE, on advertising related to Covid-19 awareness campaigns from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24770/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting scoliosis surgery in each acute hospital; the average waiting time in each hospital; the corresponding figure for adults; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24771/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health the number of immunocompromised patients vaccinated to date; and his views on whether this is a sufficient number to ensure the safety of this vulnerable group prior to the easing of restrictions. — Martin Browne. [24778/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce minimum unit pricing prior to the north; and the reason for moving away from an all-island approach to this policy. — Martin Browne. [24779/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for differentiating between pensioners under 70 and those over 70 years of age for medical card eligibility. — Mark Ward. [24811/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person who has retired after being on disability allowance loses their eligibility for a medical card. — Mark Ward. [24812/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health if a review will be carried in relation to the case of a person (details supplied) who was on disability allowance until being transferred to a pension subsequently losing their eligibility for the medical card. — Mark Ward. [24813/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have completed their mandatory hotel quarantine in a designated facility to date; the number of persons that pre-booked and pre-paid for their quarantine; the number of persons that pre-booked but did not prepay for quarantine; the number of walk-ins arriving without pre-booking quarantine; the total number requiring mandatory hotel quarantine; the number of these persons that have paid in full the costs of their stay in a quarantine facility; the number of persons that have sought a waiver of quarantine costs; the number that have sought a deferral of quarantine costs; the number of persons that have yet to pay their full costs for their stay in a quarantine facility, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [24815/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the ongoing pattern of significant drops in the number of vaccines administered over each weekend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24823/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work of the women's health taskforce; the work carried out since its establishment; the priorities for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [24824/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients at present in Clifden Hospital, County Galway; the present capacity of the hospital; the short-term plans to increase this capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24826/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a Covid-19 vaccination clinic in a central location in Connemara, County Galway in view of the difficulty for many persons that live up to a 100km from Galway getting to the east of the city and the lack of a comprehensive bus service in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24827/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to provide a new nursing home in Clifden, Connemara, County Galway to replace both St. Annes's long-term care unit and Clifden Hospital; the progress made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24828/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health the number on waiting lists for access to CAMHS in each of the years 2015 to 2020, in tabular form; the waiting times involved to access these appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [24830/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health when First Holy Communions will be permitted in churches under Covid-19 regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24833/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health when home help will be increased for a person (details supplied) in view of their health situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [24838/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unregistered designated residential centres in the context of the Health Act 2007 which may have been used from by the HSE to facilitate emergency accommodation for persons with disabilities; the number of persons placed in each of these centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24839/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish legislation to amend the Health Act 2007 to provide for temporary registration of non-designated centres in emergency situations for accommodation for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24840/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions on which the HSE and his Department have been notified by HIQA of regulatory non-compliance in HSE or HSE-funded designated centres in the context of the Health Act 2007; the number of instances in which regulatory non-compliance was resolved; the number of instances in which regulatory non-compliance may be ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24841/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests his Department or the HSE have received from designated centres in the context of the Health Act 2007 for funding to undertake capital works to address significant issues highlighted by HIQA in terms of regulatory non-compliance; the instances in which funding was given; the amount provided for HSE and non-HSE centres; the instances in which funding was not forthcoming for HSE and non-HSE centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24842/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities currently placed in unregistered designated centres in the context of the Health Act 2007 by age (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24843/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccines administered in each county to date by vaccination centre both nominal and per capita for both total county population and eligible county population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24844/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims made to the CervicalCheck Tribunal to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [24845/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health the assistance available to a family (details supplied); the actions being taken to assist others in similar situations to access general practitioner care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24846/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in relation to drive-through events such as bingo and charity events and so on; if they are currently permissible; if not, the reason, given that there is no health risk in circumstances in which participants are required to stay in their car and it is an important social outlet for persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [24848/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a request from an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the need for additional eye clinic liaison officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [24849/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered allowing using risk assessment for the venue specific to the marriage to inform the number of guests that can attend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [24851/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health when a vaccination centre (details supplied) will open; the duration that the contract is in place for this vaccination centre as agreed with the service provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [24852/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists registered and operating in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24855/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists signed up to the dental treatment service scheme as at 30 April 2021 in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24856/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists that have withdrawn from the dental treatment service scheme since January 2020 in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [24857/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health if communions and confirmations are permitted to take place in May or June 2021 under public health restrictions. — Sean Sherlock. [24860/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the plan for the roll-out of Covid-19 vaccines for pregnant women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [24862/21]

*260. 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; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [24866/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health when outdoor commercial markets and stalls can resume following their closure due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [24869/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for the creation of an advertisement to attempt to recruit seven unpaid assistant psychologist roles within HSE services; the number of assistant psychologists currently working on a voluntary capacity within HSE services; the HSE's position on the recruitment of assistant psychologists in an unpaid capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24918/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health if the results following the review of the placement of a recent ad attempting to recruit seven unpaid assistant psychologist roles within HSE services will be made public; if the positions will be readvertised as paid positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24919/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will make an announcement on whether the current national pilot assistant psychologist programme is to be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [24920/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health the reason front-line workers who are applicants for international protection in County Galway have been moved from self-catering accommodation to single hotel rooms with no individual catering facilities; the steps it is proposed to take to address this issue and find suitable accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24947/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health the decisions that have been taken to pay student nurses and midwives for work whilst on placement; the details of any decisions; and when students will receive any moneys due. — John Brady. [24950/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health when community pharmacists will be engaged in the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24958/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to put a complaint mechanism in place for residents of nursing homes and their families given that at present HIQA cannot investigate individual complaints. — Brian Stanley. [24971/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health the procedures in place to deal with welfare concerns regarding vulnerable residents in nursing homes at weekends. — Brian Stanley. [24979/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum in County Donegal aged between 0 to 4, 4 to 12 and 12 to 18 years of age, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24994/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for occupational therapy services in County Donegal as part of children and youth services in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24995/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for psychology services in County Donegal as part of children and youth services in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24996/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for speech and language therapy services in County Donegal as part of children and youth services in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24997/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for Donegal intellectual disability support services in County Donegal as part of children and youth services in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24998/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to be admitted to the Sean O'Hare unit in Stranorlar, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [24999/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health when the vacant ophthalmic position will be filled to allow for the resumption of the diabetic ophthalmic clinic in Letterkenny, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25000/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25001/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment for an orthopaedic operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25002/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health if children with spina bifida born before 2008 under the care of St. Mary's Children's Hospital, Crumlin have equal access to multidisciplinary services in Temple Street Children's University Hospital as children born in 2009 and after who are under the care of the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [25003/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health if he will work in consultation with the HSE and other relevant institutions to ensure that educational psychology and counselling doctorates are brought in line with their equivalents, that is, clinical psychology and so on in terms of stipends and funding during studying. — Cathal Crowe. [25021/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health the protocol in place in circumstances (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [25022/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time in primary healthcare for a speech and language therapist in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25032/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time in primary healthcare for an occupational therapist in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25033/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time in primary healthcare for a psychologist in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25034/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time in primary healthcare for a physiotherapist in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25035/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time in disability care for a speech and language therapist in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25036/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time in disability care for an occupational therapist in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25037/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time in disability care for a psychologist in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25038/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health the wait time in disability care for a physiotherapist in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25039/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health when persons who are vaccinated will be able to travel freely throughout Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [25100/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies for psychologists in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25102/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered using a vaccine (details supplied) to bolster supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [25105/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health if he will appoint a full-time consultant from University Hospital Limerick to the medical assessment unit in Nenagh Hospital as a matter of priority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25125/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the circumstances in relation to a person (details supplied) in mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [25136/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health the way his Department is overseeing and engaging with the HSE in relation to the weekly risk assessments being carried out to inform the current restrictions in maternity care; and the details of these assessments. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [25156/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications made annually for licences to cultivate hemp; the number licences awarded in each county; the number of licences refused; the reasons for the refusal of licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25168/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that pregnant women and their partners have access to as much support as possible in respect of both prenatal and antenatal care given the ongoing situation with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25192/21]

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

*298. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount expended by his Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24922/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider setting up a permanent compensation fund in order to protect the poultry sector from losses due to ongoing disease outbreaks that have intensified over the past number of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [24941/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that have entitlements of value of 0 to €100, €100 to €200, €200 to €300, €300 to €400 and above €400, respectively; the average stocking density by the same intervals except for tillage farmers; if, in the forthcoming Common Agricultural Policy, there will be convergence of the rates of entitlements that are based on events that happened in 2002; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24949/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average amount paid in each tranche of REPS, AEOS and GLAS by county and year in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [25103/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to carry out a baseline biodiversity survey on every farm to inform future policy development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25149/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to explore and develop potential opportunities for farmers from anaerobic digestion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25150/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to review pesticide use across the agricultural sector while acknowledging the comparatively low level of pesticide use in Ireland and to provide supports to farmers who are undertaking practices to reduce their dependence on such chemicals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25151/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to incorporate afforestation into the new CAP to provide incentives for farmers to plant woodland on their farms acting as a carbon store, helping to promote wildlife corridors and providing a future fuel source for the household; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25152/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to develop climate action signpost farms to provide on-farm experience of the benefits of farming sustainably; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25153/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to promote the introduction of constructive technical measures that promote sustainability, decrease by-catch and protect fish stocks for the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25154/21]

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

*308. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of SICAP funding awarded for County Wexford to date under the 2018 to 2022 programme; the amount of SICAP funding granted to programmes in each of the County Wexford municipal district areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [25056/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to support the development of broadband connection points across the country and the development of digital hubs which can support remote working in as many of the broadband connection points as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [25160/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount expended by her Department on advertising and awareness raising initiatives related to Covid-19 from March 2020 to date in 2021; the print, online and broadcasting media organisations contracted to provide this service; the amount provided to each in the timeframe concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [24934/21]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 13 MAY, 2021**

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

1. To ask the Minister for Defence when the report on the review of Mandatory Retirement Ages for Defence Forces Officers will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24895/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress to date by the independent review group set up to investigate and make recommendations on the Battle of Jadotville. — John Brady. [25004/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Defence when he expects the numbers in the Defence Forces to reach the approved threshold of 9,500; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24899/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeframe for the work of the Commission on Defence to be completed and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25107/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans for the remaining residential properties owned by his Department in Orchard Park, Curragh; if he plans to hand over the estate to Kildare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [24607/21]

6. To ask the Minister for Defence when the Commission on Defence will complete its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [24903/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Defence if he is still committed to the Air Corps having a role in search and rescue; his views on whether the Air Corps should be tasked to undertake this role in the same way as it was tasked to provide the EAS and GASU service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [24605/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress to date on the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24889/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress made to date in resolving the low pay issue in the Defence Forces which is making it difficult to retain personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24962/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Defence the role of the Naval Service in fisheries protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [24907/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the Commission on Defence. — Barry Cowen. [24910/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the work of the Independent Review Group which was established to examine the events at Jadotville in September 1961; if he has received a copy of the interim report which was due by 31 March 2021; when the interim report will be published; the timeline for when the group's work will conclude; when the final report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25090/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of new recruits that have enlisted in the Permanent Defence Force in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [24901/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Defence if he and his Department will engage with an organisation (details supplied) and other representative bodies in the Defence Forces on pay and conditions for serving members, many of whom are experiencing a housing crisis while living on or close to the poverty line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [25111/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason the technical pay agreement concluded with the Defence Forces in 2019 has not been implemented. — Peadar Tóibín. [23899/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Defence the current position in regard to the optimum strength of the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24969/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Defence the plan for the old post office building at the crossroads in the Curragh Camp; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [24606/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will confirm that the Defence Forces cadets that were recently awarded the payment of military service allowance following a third party adjudication finding after their training was suspended in order to be deployed on contact tracing for the HSE will be paid in full, in keeping with the normal payment of this allowance as recommended by the adjudicator. — Jim O'Callaghan. [24896/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to recruit and improve retention within the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24890/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces' role in combatting Covid-19 was a topic that was discussed at the meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs Council which met in Defence Ministers' configuration in Brussels on 6 May 2021; if so, the outcome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25081/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Defence if he or his Department in view of recent allegations of sexual abuse in the Defence Forces will consider establishing an enquiry to look into the structural and institutional conditions that can allow this behaviour to prevail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [25110/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Defence the purpose of the recent meeting between the Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency and a representative of the Defence Forces. — John Brady. [25007/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide a report on the meeting of European Union Defence Ministers on 6 May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [24911/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Defence if a commitment will be given to ensure that Dún Laoghaire harbour maintains a continued connection between Dún Laoghaire and the Naval Service within the Defence Forces. — Cormac Devlin. [24886/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the vaccine roll-out for Defence Forces members serving overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23957/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Defence when the Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25079/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Defence if he supports the introduction of overtime in the Defence Forces in line with other public sector organisations. — James Lawless. [24898/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacant residential properties owned by his Department in the State; the plans that exist to refurbish them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [24603/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress of refurbishment works in Collins Barracks, Cork in line with the Defence Forces Built Infrastructure Programme 2020-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25080/21]

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

31. To ask the Minister for Defence when the abatement waiver deal recently awarded to retired teachers who return to work in the public service will be extended to retired soldiers who

return to work in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [24604/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has met with the representative organisations from the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [24900/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Defence the plans in relation to the development of live in-base accommodation for serving members of the Defence Forces. — John Brady. [25005/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress of refurbishment works at Aiken Barracks, Dundalk and Gormanston Camp, County Meath in line with the Defence Forces Built Infrastructure Programme 2020-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [24777/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel on overseas service at end of April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [24897/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Defence the engagement he has had with the Minister for Health in relation to utilising Defence Forces personnel in the roll-out of Covid-19 vaccinations nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25112/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the Independent Commission on the Defence Forces that was sanctioned on 15 December 2020; the areas the Commission is focusing its enquiries on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25113/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has had discussions with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform regarding use of the provisions of section 15 of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012 to address the issues arising for post-2013 Defence Forces personnel in relation to the gap between early retirement and the State pension age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [25049/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress of the Commission of the Future of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [24872/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Defence the recent engagement he has had with the UK Secretary of State regarding the defence memorandum of understanding between Ireland and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23958/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Defence the current numbers of serving members in the Naval Service; and the number of occasions that Naval Service vessels were unable to take to sea due to personnel shortages. — John Brady. [25006/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which the Defence Forces have been contributing to the Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [24914/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Defence the details of the way he plans to deal with the land asset owned by his Department at Knockalisheen, Meelick, Limerick in view of the fact that the Knockalisheen direct provision centre which is sited there will cease operations in 2024. — Cathal Crowe. [24731/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Irish troops in Mali and in Afghanistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24876/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to bring forward legislation to enable members of the Reserve Defence Forces to serve overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24982/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which any outstanding issues in regard to pay and conditions in the Defence Forces have been resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24968/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to upgrade facilities at the Naval Service base at Haulbowline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24983/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department has conducted an investigation into allegations by Defence Forces Chief of Staff that his Department released factually incorrect information in relation to the repatriation of two Irish soldiers from Myanmar. — Peadar Tóibín. [23900/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will invest in accommodation and ancillary services for members of the Defence Forces or their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24989/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to expand the role of the Air Corps air ambulance service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1470/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on the allocation of the 1916 centenary medal to ex-service personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [24960/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding the approval of EU funds for the European Defence Fund. — Matt Carthy. [25128/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Defence the measures his Department plans to take to address the shortage of Naval Service staff. — Gary Gannon. [25146/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Defence the analysis his Department has carried out into the expected cost to the Exchequer associated with Ireland's involvement in the European Defence Fund; if he has raised any concerns with his EU counterparts over the spending of EU funding through the EDF on military research and development projects, and the implications of same for Ireland's stated policy of neutrality; the checks and balances that are in place at EU level with regard to ensuring transparency in decisions on financial allocations under the EDF; the role, if any, his Department will play in the functioning or administration of the EDF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25091/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Defence the future plans for Custume Barracks in Athlone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [1471/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Defence when the review of the post 1994 contracts will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24988/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on his attendance at the meeting of the European Defence Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24875/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which he intends to protect Ireland's undersea fibre cables from the threat of interference or sabotage. — Gary Gannon. [25147/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

59. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the funding available to schools for the development or enhancement of facilities for special education; and if funding programmes such as the minor works scheme could be expanded for improvement for special education facilities. — Alan Dillon. [24784/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to specifically support the leaving certificate class of 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23966/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the need for a further primary school in the high growth area of Castletroy, County Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [25096/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address large classes in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23964/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Education the status of each large-scale school building project in County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25064/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects the leaving certificate examinations to proceed as planned in the current year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24967/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to fund the provision of sports halls and gymnasiums in primary and secondary schools. — Cathal Crowe. [24729/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the school transport service in September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23965/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Education when details of the enhanced July provision programme will be announced. — Gary Gannon. [25134/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional special class teachers in 2021; the number of additional special class places that the additional recruitment has provided; and if speech and language therapists among others are being directly recruited by the National Council for Special Education. — Alan Dillon. [24785/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Education if the review of the pilot scheme of delivering therapeutic support to a regionally grouped set of schools and preschools has been completed in order that her Department is in a position to extend the scheme to a new catchment resources permitting. — Richard Bruton. [24038/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional resource hours on the OLCS system to be taken by the end of the academic year. — Gary Gannon. [25132/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in securing a permanent site for a school (details supplied). — Cormac Devlin. [24885/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Education if she will amend circular 0030/2014 which defines the role of SNAs as one of care needs only given the actual work and role played by SNAs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24719/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Education the cost to date of all Covid-19-related payments in her Department to individuals and corporate entities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [15409/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to recognise the education achievements and continuous professional development of SNAs; her plans to accredit the course recently commenced in UCD; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24718/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Education the supports in place for schools to develop their ICT capacity, including the development of a new digital strategy for schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [25069/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the progress report on the review of the school transport scheme underway in her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [25095/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Education the model of allocation being used for special needs assistant allocation for the academic year 2021-2022; when her Department will be publishing the allocations for the coming academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24882/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Education if additional special education teacher hours will be allocated to a school (details supplied) given that her Department previously recognised the need for increased hours and the fact that the number of pupils attending the school has increased further since that recognition. — Paul Murphy. [24893/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being taken by her Department to incentivise persons to pursue a career in special educational needs and measures being taken to retain current staff in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25084/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Education if additional ASD units will be provided for schools in north County Dublin. — Louise O'Reilly. [25117/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the review of the school transport scheme; the status of the most recent report that the steering group has given to her Department; if any of these measures will be implemented ahead of the coming school term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24732/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans for a new school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24891/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Education the status of and position regarding the Summer Programme for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [25077/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Education her progress to date in increasing the number school places available to second-level boys in the Dublin 9 and 11 region due to a shortage of places for the next academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24887/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the consultation process to bring more schools into the DEIS model; and the groups which have been involved in this consultation process. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25046/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made under the Programme for Government commitment to provide clear guidelines to schools on cost-effective and sustainable practices to decrease the costs for families in relation to schoolbooks, uniforms, IT and sport equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [25059/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which school building works will begin at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24981/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Education if the NCCA will include courses in special needs education including qualifications in behaviour analysis as criterion for teacher registration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [23947/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Education when the report of the DEIS technical group will be made available; the timeframe for completion of the model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24879/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Education the projected plans for secondary school provision throughout County Louth including provision within the Irish language education sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25082/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Education the plans in place to ensure delivery of the July provision for 2021. — Marian Harkin. [24286/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Education the measures in place to support children and young persons who are at risk of the highest levels of educational disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [25058/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the qualifying criteria, including scores and other assessment parameters which a school has to achieve at a minimum in order to qualify for DEIS status; if the review of the DEIS scheme is complete; if there are proposals for the provision of a summer programme in 2021 to include DEIS schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [24881/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the progression of schools in the mid-western areas of Dublin that have stage 2b planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [24959/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Education the status of efforts to purchase a site for new schools (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [24004/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider introducing a policy whereby in circumstances before a school considers expelling a student presenting with behavioural problems, that the school and ETB must engage the services of a behavioural analyst to work with the student in question and possibly staff in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [23948/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Education the status of each large-scale school building project in County Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [25062/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Education if speech and language therapists among others are being directly recruited by the National Council for Special Education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [24883/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Education the status and details of the supports to the Creative Ireland and Music Generation programmes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [25075/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to minimise the time spent in temporary accommodation for new schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23949/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building for a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [25088/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review and acknowledge a school (details supplied) crisis report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [24972/21]

103. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén beartas atá ag a Roinn chun dul i ngleic leis na laigí ollmhóra i múineadh na Gaeilge i mbunscoileanna agus meánscoileanna aitheanta ag Cigireacht na Roinne. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25099/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the implementation of the EPSEN report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25051/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that will be taken to enforce social distancing on school transport after reports that social distancing was not enforced on some routes prior to lockdown; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [1848/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the extension for a school (details supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [25116/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to meet with representatives of SNAs (details supplied) to ensure that the allocation of rosters and work for the next school term can be arranged in a more just and professional manner than the current and previous system which results

in great uncertainty for SNAs across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24720/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary and post-primary schools expected to take part in the DEIS summer camp; the level of funding provided; the way in which this compares to funding in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25130/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Education the expected completion date with regard to the new building for a school (details supplied) in County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [25120/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Education the number of leaving certificate students who have completed the registration process and confirmed their choices for the leaving certificate 2021; the number of students who did not complete the process; and the avenue of recourse for these students. — Gary Gannon. [25133/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Education the measures being taken to ensure progress on securing a permanent site and associated works for the new secondary school for Ballincollig, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [25114/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the completion of the consultation process in relation to the DEIS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25109/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department can or will provide financial and or other assistance to a green schools committee initiative in a school (details supplied) to install solar panels; if her Department is currently engaged in or will in the future engage in a trial involving green and sustainable energy in schools, in terms of energy generated, saved and stored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [25012/21]

114. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén dearcadh atá aici faoin moladh go mbeidh dhá chúrsa Gaeilge ann don Ard-Teist, T1 agus T2, agus go mbeidh T1 níos iomláine agus níos dúshlánaí ná T2 ach nach mbeidh aon mharcanna bónais as T1 a dhéanamh ná aon bhuntáiste; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24964/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Education if she will liaise with the Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion on the findings of a group (details supplied) that 84.4% of schools surveyed saw an increase in AEN pupils in the past four years with 72.2% reporting that their current SET allocation is insufficient for the AEN needs of their schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [25013/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will undertake a feasibility study into secondary schools registering 16 and 17 year olds to vote in preparation for the franchise being extended to those aged 16 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [24878/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the steering group tasked with the resolution of issues regarding the primary school transport scheme (details supplied). — Violet-Anne Wynne. [25011/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional special educational needs teachers in 2021 in Cork city and county; the number of additional special educational needs class places in Cork city and county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [25085/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to accelerate the reform of the leaving certificate. — Richard Bruton. [24037/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to tackle the lack of primary and secondary school places across north County Dublin. — Louise O'Reilly. [25118/21]

121. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil sí ar an eolas faoi thorthaí suirbhé atá déanta ag an nGréasán ar bhreis is 400 múinteoir, ina ndúirt 95% acu go bhfuil siad ag iarraidh go ndéanfadh sí an comhairliúchán ar dhréachtsonraíochtaí Gaeilge na Sraithe Sóisearaí a chur siar, go ndúirt 89% mar an gcéanna faoin gcúrsa Ardteiste, agus go ndúirt duine as gach cúigear gur chóir cúiteamh a thabhairt do dhaltaí a thugann faoin gcúrsa T1 atá molta; an gcuirfidh sí siar an comhairliúchán ar an mbunús sin; agus ráiteas a dhéanamh faoin moladh cúiteamh a thabhairt do dhaltaí chun cúrsa Gaeilge níos dúshlánaí a dhéanamh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25098/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Education when additional schools will be included in the DEIS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25108/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the significant inequalities in pay, conditions and pension and other entitlements facing many school secretaries. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25044/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of the review of the report on the ex-gratia scheme for survivors of sexual abuse in day schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [25010/21]

125. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects the School Building Programme at primary and second level to achieve its building targets notwithstanding the interruption of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [24966/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she plans to take to cater for the increasing numbers of special needs pupils at primary level; if she has assessed the impact of the curtailment of supports for such children as a result of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23963/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the delivery of a new building for a school (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25045/21]

128. To ask the Minister for Education the preparations in place to expand school bus transport for the 2021/2022 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [24980/21]

129. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new building project for a school (details supplied); the latest construction timetable of the project; the reason for the delays in the planning process for the project including that of the temporary structure that was to be in place by August

2021; and if her commitment that the school will remain on the present site for the coming academic year is still the case. — Seán Crowe. [24877/21]

130. To ask the Minister for Education the status of efforts to purchase a site for new schools at a location (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [24787/21]

131. To ask the Minister for Education the status and details of the supports provided to the school transport system particularly for schools with high levels of educational disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [25073/21]

132. To ask the Minister for Education the steps school principals should take in cases in which there are no substitute teachers available through a school's own panel of regular substitutes or sub seeker facility given many schools cannot avail of the substitute teacher supply panel due to the fact they are not included on the panel and in cases in which no non-mainstream teachers are available to cover absences. — Marian Harkin. [24285/21]

133. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil sé i gceist aici beartas don oideachas trí Ghaeilge, taobh amuigh den Ghaeltacht, a fhoilsiú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [24965/21]

134. To ask the Minister for Education the status of measures her Department has undertaken to date to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment that the Government will develop inclusive and age appropriate curricula for relationships and sexuality education and social, personal and health education across primary and post-primary schools, including an inclusive programme on LGBTI+ relationships. — Patrick Costello. [25097/21]

135. To ask the Minister for Education her views on schools which need additional special education teacher hours which will not be allocated to them given the decision not to re-profile allocations until September 2022. — Paul Murphy. [24894/21]

136. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a school (details supplied) can stay on its current site now that the lease has been renewed for one more year while the permanent site is being developed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25087/21]

137. To ask the Minister for Education the protocol for the management of Covid-19 outbreaks during the written leaving certificate examination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [23967/21]

138. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the issues facing schools, particularly new and developing schools, in securing appropriate SET allocation; and the steps she will take to reform the current allocation model to make it fairer for all schools. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25047/21]

139. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the plans in relation to the guidance for the 2021 Summer Provision Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [25083/21]

140. To ask the Minister for Education if clarity will be provided on the allocation of SNAs for the 2021-2022 academic year. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25048/21]

141. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 96 of 6 May 2021, the estimated number of prospective students still on waiting lists for places in these schools; the available options being considered to address the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24992/21]

142. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the commitment in the Programme for Government to further progress the move towards a needs-based, responsive set of state supports for students with special educational needs and expand early-intervention teams in schools over the next five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [25072/21]

143. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with the parent group of a school (details supplied) with regard to a permanent site for their school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25086/21]

144. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider permitting schools to carry over banked SET hours to the following academic year to avoid loss of SET hours and learning for children with additional educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25131/21]

145. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that have been taken by her Department to ensure that capacity will be available in school transport for all applicants in 2021/2022. — Matt Carthy. [25119/21]

146. To ask the Minister for Education if the situation will be clarified for secondary school pupils who will not be progressing to fifth year having completed the junior cycle in 2021; if these pupils will be awarded a certificate for the junior certificate; if classroom based assessments will be provided to ensure the award of some certificate for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24721/21]

147. To ask the Minister for Education the analysis her Department has carried out to date into the cost of introducing a paid or discounted postage scheme for a purpose (details supplied) for DEIS schools in case of future school closures; the engagement she has had to date with DEIS schools in regard to this situation; her plans to provide a compensatory payment for DEIS schools that incurred these additional costs during previous school closures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25122/21]

148. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made on the Programme for Government commitment to improve access to supports for positive mental health in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [25074/21]

149. To ask the Minister for Education the status of each large-scale school building project in County Offaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [25068/21]

150. To ask the Minister for Education if she will increase the number of places for primary teacher training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25050/21]

151. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to carry out a review of the school transport schemes given the difficulties many parents in rural Ireland have in securing places due to distance limits; her views on the way some students with certain educational requirements are encountering problems in securing a service to that school due to distance limits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [25052/21]

152. To ask the Minister for Education the status of each large-scale school building project in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [25076/21]

153. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to introduce legislation to amend the Education Act 1998 to remove the role of individual school's ethos in the curricula and teaching of relationships and sexual education and social, personal and health education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25121/21]

154. To ask the Minister for Education if she will advise on ongoing talks between her Department and the HSE in relation to acquiring a site for a new build for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [24892/21]

155. To ask the Minister for Education the number of pupils expected to be placed in a school (details supplied) following the amalgamation of two schools; the additional resources and staffing and facilities that will be available for the school to cater for this increased number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24717/21]

156. To ask the Minister for Education the steps taken to provide for lower pupil-teacher ratios and class sizes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25065/21]

157. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the proposed amalgamation of schools (details supplied) in County Cork. — Thomas Gould. [25089/21]

158. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 86 of 22 April 2021, the number of cases by county in 2019 and 2020 with regard to school transport provision at primary and post-primary levels, respectively in which her Department was satisfied that the nearest school was full and as a result eligibility for school transport was granted to a school that was not the nearest school; the conditions required in order for such a provision to be agreed; the number of such requests currently being considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [24993/21]

159. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the ASD provision for the Cork city and county areas ahead of the next school term; her views on whether there is enough capacity to meet the demands in the Cork city and county areas; if she has considered utilising existing legislation or bringing forward fresh legislation to deal with capacity issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [24733/21]

160. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure a full return to sports in schools for the 2021-2022 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [23950/21]

161. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in completing the new DEIS identification model and in providing further support to schools already identified as DEIS at primary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [24888/21]

162. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the extension of the School Inclusion Model which was approved in early 2019 and includes in-school and preschool therapy services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [24884/21]