



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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

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

1. To ask the Minister for Defence the reviews which have taken place to date of the 1994 Defence Forces service contracts which have contributed to the retention crisis in the Defence Forces. — John Brady. [25008/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Defence if he or his official have had discussions in relation to Irish troops participating in the proposed European rapid reaction force. — Gary Gannon. [25148/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Defence the discussions that have taken place at EU level regarding the further militarisation of the EU leading towards the creation of an EU army. — John Brady. [25009/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to purchase a military jet aircraft for the Defence Forces to assist troops returning from overseas duties and also assist with duties at home. — Mattie McGrath. [25173/21]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

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

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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. [26219/21]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

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

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

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

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

63. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she has taken to remove disincentives for staff volunteering to facilitate the summer provision and DEIS summer programmes. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25042/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Education the arrangements that will be made to cater for the children in families who have members with serious underlying conditions and who remain unvaccinated against Covid-19 and therefore are forced to keep their children from schools at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [24602/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the current position that the religious ethos of a school can impact the RSE curriculum being taught in that school; and the legislative changes she will make to ensure the RSE programme is uniform, age appropriate and fully inclusive across all schools. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25043/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to increase the number of educational psychological assessments allocated to primary schools through NEPS; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [24786/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review schools that require a teacher appointed for September 2021 (details supplied). — Richard O'Donoghue. [24600/21]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

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

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

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

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

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

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

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

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

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

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

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

129. 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]

130. 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 dhaltáí 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 dhaltáí chun cúrsa Gaeilge níos dúshlánaí a dhéanamh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25098/21]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]

162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

165. 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]

166. 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]

167. 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]

168. 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]

169. 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]

170. 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]

171. 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]

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

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

\*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports he will put in place to support event caterers who are excluded from the Covid restrictions support scheme payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [25258/21]

\*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the Swedish commercial rent rebate scheme to support tenants operating in the sectors for hotels, restaurants, retail and certain other activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25273/21]

\*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has engaged with representatives from an organisation (details supplied) regarding his dispute with the ESB; and if he will encourage all parties to engage in dialogue to resolve the situation. — Louise O'Reilly. [25274/21]

\*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the legal right of an employee to a proper consultation process under 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 the way it applies to the dispute between organisations (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [25275/21]

\*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the grants or financial supports available for a person who is opening a business for the first time as a beautician; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25282/21]

\*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if applications will be reopened for the small business assistance scheme for late applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25285/21]

\*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25429/21]

\*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if further financial assistance will be provided for micro and small enterprises to develop an online presence in view of the serious difficulties facing sectors such as traditional retail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25487/21]

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

\*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if fibre broadband service will be provided to an area (details supplied) as part of the current roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [25187/21]

\*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if fibre broadband service will be provided to an area (details supplied) as part of the current roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [25234/21]

\*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding available for retrofitting and making older homes more energy efficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25238/21]

\*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a school (details supplied) will be connected to the fibre broadband network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25264/21]

\*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a property (details supplied) will be connected to broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25266/21]

\*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when fibre broadband will be provided to a person (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [25287/21]

\*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25430/21]

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

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional measures will be implemented as a matter of urgency to deal with the major backlog in applicants awaiting theory tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25174/21]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek assurances from the CIÉ Group that it will desist from making any changes to the CIÉ 1951 superannuation scheme in advance of the outcome of a High Court application made by the trustees of the scheme, as CIÉ workers feel that this puts their pension scheme under threat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [25184/21]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has authorised Transport Infrastructure Ireland to authorise a company (details supplied) to require ticket inspectors to commence ticket inspections on the Luas trams; if the HSE has approved this; the safety protocols and procedures that are to be applied to protect the health of the inspectors and of the passengers and to stop the spread of infection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [25197/21]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if it will be ensured that there will not be any changes to the CIÉ 1951 superannuation scheme in advance of the outcome of a High Court application made by the trustees of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25207/21]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if learner driving permits that were due to expire were extended given the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions; and if not, if he will consider extending these permits given that many learner drivers have been unable to access driving lessons for a number of months. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25218/21]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding previously committed to for extending the runway at Waterford Airport has been released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25226/21]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will be able to sit their driver theory test. — Mark Ward. [25228/21]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a theory test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25232/21]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if Enniscorthy, County Wexford is to be considered as a venue for a pop-up driver testing centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25251/21]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport when professional drone operators will receive certainty on their operating conditions in view of the new regulation system that commences in January 2022. — Joe O'Brien. [25253/21]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if it will be ensured that no further discussions or actions are taken in respect of the CIÉ pension scheme until there is an outcome to a High Court application on same (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [25263/21]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek assurances from CIÉ in the matter of the 1951 pension scheme and that the organisation will await the High Court application being made by pension trustees before engaging in further discussions in relation to the 1951 scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [25311/21]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of his Department's work to bring the driver theory test online to help clear the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25317/21]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport when a survival plan will be produced to safeguard the aviation sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25323/21]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on talks with a company (details supplied) to provide additional financial supports; if State funding provided will be on the basis that strategic routes from Shannon Airport such as Heathrow, New York and Boston are protected; when these talks will conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25324/21]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport when a plan will be published in relation to opening up international travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25325/21]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the roll-out of online driver theory tests for tractor, car and motorbike applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25329/21]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a report by organisations (details supplied) published in March 2021; the actions will he take in response to recommendations made in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25337/21]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25346/21]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussion his Department had at senior official level on the introduction of a scrappage scheme for fossil fuel cars to facilitate the uptake of electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25370/21]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport when an approved driving instructor licence and certificate will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25382/21]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the provision of military search and rescue is of a lower regulatory oversight and enforcement standard than that of civilian provided search and rescue services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [25388/21]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Irish citizens have provided civilian search and rescue to the Irish Coast Guard for over 20 years; and if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that should he accept the submission of the Air Corps, these persons will be made redundant. — Cathal Crowe. [25389/21]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the process that was deployed in rigorously evaluating the Air Corps submission on the provision of military search and rescue services to the State March 2021. — Cathal Crowe. [25390/21]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received the redacted version of the Air Corps submission on the provision of military search and rescue service to the State in March 2021. — Cathal Crowe. [25391/21]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if he deployed a process to evaluate the Air Corps submission on the provision military search and rescue service to the State March 2021; and if so, the recommendation of that evaluation. — Cathal Crowe. [25392/21]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to modify the current policy on the provision of search and rescue services from a single provider to more than one provider. — Cathal Crowe. [25393/21]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the practice of some insurance companies charging higher premiums for car insurance in cases in which the customer has a car adapted due to a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [25399/21]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25442/21]

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

\*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide clarification on the rising costs of fuel oil and coal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25199/21]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to change outdated legalisation on the strict qualifying criteria for persons to avail of the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25205/21]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending the wage subsidy scheme when summer camps open for the summer period (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25242/21]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Finance if businesses that are eligible for the Covid restrictions support scheme that were delayed in submitting their claim can receive the payment backdated to the closure of their business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25315/21]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Finance if a list will be provided of the activate capital investments for which Ireland Strategic Investment Fund capital was used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [25319/21]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason the long-term lease of farmland for renewable energy projects is not eligible for the tax-free exemption for the long-term leasing of farmland; his plans to review this anomaly in view of the policy to increase the amount of renewable electricity on the grid in 2030 by 133%-250%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25355/21]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration is being given to the introduction of a scrappage scheme for fossil fuel cars to facilitate the uptake of electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25371/21]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25431/21]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of issues facing home buyers in East Wall, Dublin 3 in relation to home cover and perceived flood risks; the funding allocated to this area in relation to flood risk management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25501/21]

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

\*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Enniscorthy flood defence scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25256/21]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when recruitment for personnel (details supplied) will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25372/21]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25437/21]

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

\*228. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the grant programmes available to sports clubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [25237/21]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the outdoor seating and accessories scheme will be expanded to include pubs that have outdoor seating but do not serve food. — Louise O’Reilly. [25269/21]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on the 2021 sports capital programmes including local, regional and large scale projects; the timelines in respect of each aspect of the programme for future allocation announcements and opening for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25330/21]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans that are under consideration to enable spectators to attend sporting events during 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25335/21]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of the disbursement of the €50 million live entertainment sector support scheme announced in Budget 2021; the amount disbursed to date; the recipients of that funding; the dates they received the funding; the amount of this fund that has not yet been disbursed; when decisions will be made on the recipients of the remaining funding; and when that funding will be transferred to the approved recipients. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25361/21]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will publish the terms of reference for her Departmental working group on the live entertainment sector; and the reason this group is not considering live Covid-19 testing at live music and cultural events as is currently taking place in other jurisdictions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25362/21]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to protect employment in Gaeltacht regions in order to encourage native speakers to continue living and working in those regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [25378/21]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to support Irish summer colleges, mná and fir tí given Gaeltacht courses will not go ahead for summer 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [25379/21]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of the information her Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on her Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25441/21]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current position in regard to capital sports grants to include swimming pools; when an announcement will be made in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25461/21]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if music will be permitted at wedding receptions from 7 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25490/21]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if it was a function of any official in the national monuments section of her Department to advocate on behalf of a private entity in relation to proposals regarding the Moore Street Battlefield in Dublin or to encourage members of the Moore Street Advisory Group to take a specific position or other; and her views on same. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25497/21]

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

\*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if State agencies such as the Land Registry can supply or sell clients' information to private companies; if this is the case, if such bodies seek the permission of persons before passing their information on. — Robert Troy. [25310/21]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Monument in 14-17 Moore Street, Dublin is under full State control as the Moore Street Advisory Group requested in its report on 6 May 2021 given that it has emerged that there is a private in-perpetuity lease on at least No. 16 which could hamper any future use by the State as a museum or tribute to the Volunteers of the 1916 Rising and would be dependent on agreement with a private individual or individuals; if such a lease exists, if the attention of the National Monuments Service was drawn to such a lease or claim of such a lease; and if his attention was drawn to establishing the Moore Street Advisory Committee. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25493/21]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the sequence involved in the purchase by the State of 14-18 Moore Street, Dublin 1; if NAMA or the State made the approach; when the first approach was made; the officials from the State bodies NAMA, National Monuments Service, his Department, the OPW and so on involved in the purchase; the cost of the purchase; when the purchase was made; the legal firms involved; and if a full Land Registry search was carried out to ascertain whether there were outstanding liabilities, claims or leases against the properties. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25494/21]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the OPW or the national monuments section of his Department will publish its plans in relation to the National Monument, 14-17 Moore Street Dublin, Dublin 1. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [25496/21]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will make contact with a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25235/21]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the sanctions that can and are being directed and applied to HAP landlords who fail or refuse to carry out necessary works on their properties or in the necessary time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [25236/21]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for the development of derelict sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [25249/21]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to transform commercial property on main streets into housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [25250/21]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the regulatory measures in place through local authorities or the Housing Agency under leasing arrangements; the payment and availability agreements through enhanced leasing in cases in which State funding has been provided to private operators and investors in relation to the provision of housing; the specific due diligence arrangements in place for these private organisations in receipt of funding to ensure value

for money, satisfactory corporate governance and efficient housing management services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25306/21]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the introduction of enhanced leasing; the private organisations that were involved in seeking the introduction of the enhanced leasing scheme; the analysis that had been made on the impact on the introduction of the enhanced leasing scheme, the delivery gap or target group that enhanced leasing was intended to fill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25307/21]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the monitoring arrangements in place to establish the scale of building sites and construction projects which were intended and planned for delivery of social and cost rental housing by approved housing bodies and have now subsequently been purchased by private investment funds and are no longer part of his pipeline of projects for social and cost rental programmes. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25308/21]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of financial return for private operators planned as part of his cost rental proposals in the Affordable Housing Bill 2020; and the regulatory, governance and due diligence arrangements he has planned for private operators to ensure viability and transparency of cost rental housing in cases in which they are not regulated by the housing Acts or the Approved Housing Body Regulatory Authority. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25309/21]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will request local authorities to be conscious of the needs of the disabled and visually impaired when facilitating the erection of tables and chairs associated with on-street outdoor dining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25313/21]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce measures to protect all nesting birds regardless of location or species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [25316/21]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 46 of 20 April 2021, if a local authority can write off and or write down the outstanding equity balance on a shared ownership agreement in circumstances of financial hardship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25322/21]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding that is available for Tipperary County Council for housing for members of the Travelling community; the funding that has been made available to County Tipperary under Traveller accommodation programmes in the past five years; the amount that has been spent by the council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25344/21]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grants are available for a house (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25348/21]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of talks between local authorities and Irish Water on the transfer of staff from the former to the latter; if he can give an assurance that all employment terms and conditions will remain the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25350/21]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if information (details supplied) will be provided. — Paul Murphy. [25351/21]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of live long-term leases for the most recent date available by lease type that is, mortgage to rent, repair and lease, standard long-term lease, enhanced long-term lease, Part V lease and so on; and the total estimated cost of these leases in 2021 for each category of lease in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25357/21]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of long-term leases active in each year since long-term leasing was introduced in 2009 to 2020, by lease type and location by local authority area; and the annual cost of each lease type for each year in in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25358/21]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the property price caps for the shared equity loan scheme; and the details of the methodology and data used in setting these price caps. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25359/21]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the affordable cost rental units funded under the cost rental equity loan scheme in 2021; and the location, approved housing body provider, purchase cost, cost rental equity loan contribution and expected entry level rent for each scheme in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [25360/21]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties that have been registered on a website (details supplied) in each year since it was established by county; the number of these properties that have been brought back into use in each of these years by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25398/21]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities that have put in place a vacant homes action plan as required by circular PL7/2017; if he has received feedback on the effectiveness or otherwise of these action plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25405/21]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional supports that his Department has made available to the respective local authorities to enable them to appoint vacant home officers; the number of such officers appointed by each local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [25407/21]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [25435/21]

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

\*267. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to allocate funding to an organisation (details supplied) in 2021 and 2022 in view of the recent announcement by the UK Government that it plans to implement an approximate 85% funding cut to the programme in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25194/21]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to increase Ireland's core contribution to an organisation (details supplied) in 2021 and 2022 in view of the recent announcement by the UK Government that it will cut £12 million from its core operating funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25195/21]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the recent decision by the UK Government to implement devastating funding cuts to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [25196/21]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if assistance will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25225/21]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the processing of applications for working holiday authorisations from the USA to Ireland has recommenced; if not, when the processing of such applications will recommence; if applications are currently being accepted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25283/21]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25432/21]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has conveyed to the British Government the absolute need to honour the commitments made in the Good Friday Agreement and in successor agreements taking into consideration recent commentary in Great Britain that persons involved in very serious crimes in Northern Ireland would be given an amnesty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [25492/21]

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

\*274. To ask the Minister for Defence if he plans to examine the current accommodation requirements of the Defence Forces given that An Garda Síochána are recruiting a head of estate management. — Sorca Clarke. [25171/21]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will establish a commission to consider gender quotas and equality of opportunity within the Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [25172/21]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which issues in respect of pay and conditions in the Defence Forces are resolved or are in the course thereof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4469/21]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which the strength of the Defence Forces has been augmented with a view to maintaining optimum strength; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4470/21]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on the implementation of the White Paper on Defence. — James O'Connor. [24906/21]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Defence his views regarding the position which will be adopted by Ireland at a European Council Defence Ministers meeting on 13 May 2021 regarding the US,

Canada and Norway joining a EU Military Mobility Project; if Ireland plans to participate in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25395/21]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Defence the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25427/21]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which adequate provision is being made for training opportunities throughout the Defence Forces in respect of the Permanent Defence Forces and the Reserves in line with international standards and requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25462/21]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women in each branch of the Defence Forces; the extent to which these numbers have fluctuated or are likely to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25463/21]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which Naval Service and Air Corps services are augmented on an annual basis with particular reference to the extent to which the European Union relies on the Defence Forces here to provide coastal surveillance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25464/21]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which the Air Corps continues to have available the necessary provisions to ensure an adequate search and rescue service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25465/21]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Defence the degree to which the Naval Service continues to be augmented in order to meet any existing or emerging requirements on Ireland's coasts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25466/21]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Defence if a plan is in place to ensure the retention of personnel throughout the Naval Service; the degree to which the service has suffered in this regard in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25467/21]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Defence if a plan is in place to ensure the retention of personnel throughout the Air Corps; the degree to which the service has suffered in this regard in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25468/21]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Defence if a plan is in place to ensure the retention of personnel throughout the Army; the degree to which the service has suffered in this regard in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25469/21]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which overseas deployment of Irish troops have been indicated or are expected in the foreseeable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25470/21]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Defence the degree to which the optimum strength of the Defence Forces is being met to date or is likely to be in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25471/21]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which he expects to be in a position to deal with the issues that have caused concern in the Defence Forces over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25472/21]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of promotional positions to be filled in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25473/21]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which the upgrading and or replacing of military equipment is expected to take place within the Army in the course of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25474/21]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which the upgrading and or replacing of military equipment is expected to take place within the Air Corps in the course of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25475/21]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons by gender who have retired from the Army in the course of the past 12 months; the degree to which replacement has been effected; the number of persons recruited in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25476/21]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons by gender who have retired from the Naval Service in the course of the past 12 months; the degree to which replacement has been effected; the number of persons recruited in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25477/21]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons by gender who have retired from the Air Corps in the course of the past 12 months; the degree to which replacement has been effected; the number of persons recruited in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25478/21]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will review the situation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25480/21]

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

\*299. To ask the Minister for Education if the promised new revised school transport system will be ready for September 2021 in order to eliminate the confusion of September 2020 (details supplied). — Richard O'Donoghue. [24601/21]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide assistance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25176/21]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Education the steps taken to meet the Programme for Government commitment to work to encourage increased participation in physical education in primary and secondary education. — Cathal Crowe. [25067/21]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the Programme for Government commitment to commence a free schoolbooks scheme pilot in September 2020 and pending a successful review of the pilot, expand the scheme to schools nationwide as resources allow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25070/21]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Education the status and details of the public health supports available to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [25071/21]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Education the status of each large-scale school building project in County Carlow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25060/21]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Education the supports in place for schools to run the 2021 leaving certificate and accredited grades process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [25061/21]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the degree to which children including those with special educational needs can safely return to the classroom with special emphasis on the safety of the children and teachers and keeping in place adequate measures to minimise the Covid-19 related risks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4471/21]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Education the arrangements likely to hold the 2021 leaving certificate or other evaluations for second-level students having regard to the 2020 experience and the conclusions reached thereafter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [4472/21]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address an issue on school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25193/21]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support the legislative changes that were recommended by the Oireachtas Committee on Education which included amending the Education Act to ensure that religious ethos cannot influence children's right to objective sex education and amending the Employment Equality Act to protect teachers from being disciplined for not upholding the religious ethos of schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25216/21]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Education if a student who is absent from school for the purpose of self-isolating due to having contracted or being suspected of being in contact with Covid-19, at the behest of the school or upon the advice of the HSE, which advice has been provided to the school, shall be deemed not to be absent from that school for the period concerned for the purposes of section 21 of the Education (Welfare) Act 2000; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [25224/21]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to teachers who are in the very high risk category and have received their Covid-19 vaccination and wish to return to work; the reason an organisation (details supplied) does not take full Covid-19 vaccination into account in the context of its back-to-work strategy for teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [25233/21]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Education the number of pupils who sat exams in November 2020 and who are expected to apply for third-level courses in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25261/21]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25278/21]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25280/21]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the buildings at a now-closed national school (details supplied); if they are to be let out to a third-party; if they will be open for use to the local community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25286/21]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be given DEIS status given the blow to the socioeconomic status of the area due to the wind down of a company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25320/21]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on progress to reform the qualifying criteria for DEIS given that schools in County Clare which should be classified in DEIS band 1 continue to be excluded for reasons outside their control; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25336/21]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Education the reason there are three school buses operating on the Kilcommon, Upperchurch to Thurles bus route; the reason all three buses are stopping at some bus stops; the number of students who are transported on each bus; the reason this cannot be coordinated to have one bus stop at each stop; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25347/21]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Education if the plans will be released for the July programme 2021; if a commitment will be given going forward that children attending special schools and classes will receive compulsory in-school provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [25377/21]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider providing funded Irish courses in the Gaeltacht regions during school term for transition year students commencing in the 2021-2022 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [25381/21]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Education if the continuation will be assured of the Carlisle and Blake award to teachers in primary schools and or to student teachers on an annual basis; the number of awards and institutions to which the award is made; and the name of all winners of the award from 1964 to date. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25386/21]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 92 of 6 May 2021, the status of plans to run an expanded July provision summer scheme in 2021; the details of the planned expansion of the summer scheme; if in-school provision will be available on the summer scheme to all children attending special schools and classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25394/21]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the information her Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on her Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25428/21]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is satisfied that the school building programme is sufficient to meet requirements in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25449/21]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Education if the number of places anticipated in the 2021 school building programme remains adequate to meet requirements in respect of all children at primary and second-level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25450/21]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the provision made for children with special needs teaching requirements is catered for in the 2021 school building programme; if changes are required in order to meet the demand at primary level throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25451/21]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the provision made for children with special needs teaching requirements is catered for in the 2021 school building programme; if any changes are required in order to meet the demand at second-level throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25452/21]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding the pupil-teacher ratio at all primary and second-level schools throughout the country with particular reference to population growth areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25453/21]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains confident that adequate provision has been made for the holding of exams at all second-level schools throughout the country in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25454/21]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Education if she expects to be in a position to intervene to support schools at primary and second-level currently experiencing classroom overcrowding or undesirable pupil-teacher ratios; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25455/21]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which plans are in place or being made to provide for the extra school places required in 2021 and subsequently given the anticipated intake from both primary and second-level schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25456/21]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which her Department can plan for adequate school places at primary and second-level in all areas throughout the country given the current forecast in respect of the intake over the next two to three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25457/21]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the number of special needs teachers provided for in the course of 2021 and subsequently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25458/21]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the number of special needs assistants provided for in the course of 2021 and subsequently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25459/21]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications for summer works schemes in respect of schools from County Kildare received to date; the extent to which she expects to be in a position to respond favourably; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25460/21]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that many of the texts and films on the NCCA on the prescribed list for the English curriculum in secondary schools here contain explicit graphic sexual content including sex between older adults and minors, bestiality and violence including torture and they focus on death in a macabre gratuitous way; her views on whether it would be appropriate to remove these texts from the curriculum in view of the fact that several items on the list have been previously banned from the curriculum in the UK and the USA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [25481/21]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the increasing concern of a shortage in places, long waiting lists and the number of students with no place identified in second-level schools in north County Dublin for September 2021; and the action she is taking to resolve the issues. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [25499/21]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Education the consideration that has been given to a moratorium on the reduction of teacher and SNA allocation numbers in any school in September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [25500/21]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the PPE grant for schools; if the third instalment has been made; if not, when schools can expect to receive this funding; and the level of funding provided by this funding in comparison to the first and second instalments. — Gary Gannon. [25502/21]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 176 of 25 February 2021, the status of the upgrade of existing payroll systems in her Department; and the status of online payslips given that posting payslips comes at significant cost as highlighted by the Oireachtas Committee on Public Accounts. — Gary Gannon. [25503/21]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Education if incidental school inspections including in-class teaching and learning inspections have resumed; if so, the date of resumption; her views on whether the actions of the inspectorate contradict circular 01/21; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25504/21]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will introduce legislation in relation to bullying following schools in Northern Ireland being legally required to record all incidents of bullying and alleged bullying from 1 September 2021. — Gary Gannon. [25505/21]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 558 of 10 March 2021, the number of schools taking part in the pilot workshops on well-being and trauma informed schooling; if the schools have been identified for the pilot; if therapists or counsellors will be made available to schools as part of this pilot; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25506/21]

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

\*344. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason notification of the expiry of public services cards is not being sent to card holders; if notification will be sent in advance of expiry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25177/21]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the basis on which medical practitioners who assess disability benefit claims on behalf of her Department are appointed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [25204/21]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if workers (details supplied) can still claim the pandemic unemployment payment for the loss of part-time work. — Louise O'Reilly. [25268/21]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a free travel pass due to their low income and the ongoing expense of attending frequent necessary medical appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [25321/21]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the target processing time for each scheme benefit and allowance scheme under her Department; when each target was last amended; the number of applications under each scheme in 2020 and the percentage achieved within the target time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25363/21]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for the Child Maintenance Review Group to report with its recommendations. — Claire Kerrane. [25364/21]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the tendering process will begin for the local employment service. — Claire Kerrane. [25365/21]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to take steps to reform and amend the means test for the blind person's pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [25373/21]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the advice for a person who has been refused a contributory pension due to the fact their contributions for working prior to becoming a homemaker cannot be located by her Department (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25408/21]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment will be phased out in 2021; if so, the way this will be done; the timescale for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [25409/21]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a carer's support grant appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Dublin; if the person can appeal the matter further; if there are any other payments they could apply for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25416/21]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the information her Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on her Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25439/21]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current services, schemes and initiatives made available to resettled refugees in order for them to be able to further their education and training and integrate into the labour market and the fabric of society (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [25483/21]

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

\*357. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to review rules regarding pay during maternity leave such as employer requirements to pay

persons a percentage of their salary during their maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25384/21]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further Parliamentary Question No. 87 of 29 April 2021, if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reconsidered for accommodation given that they did not leave voluntarily but rather to attend hospital and undergo major surgery to amputate a limb; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25239/21]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25426/21]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current services, schemes and initiatives made available to resettled refugees in order for them to be able to further their education and training and integrate into the labour market and the fabric of society (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [25484/21]

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

\*361. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider the plight of students who sat exams in November 2020 by accommodating these students' course preferences ahead of the class of 2021 given the difficulties they faced especially with some having their calculated grades reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25260/21]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the range of supports available for persons attending third-level education in particular for attending modular courses such as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [25222/21]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost of extending the same conditions to those studying for professional doctorate in counselling psychology as those in clinical psychology in terms of salary during training and a 60% fee reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25229/21]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, in the event that points needed are increased for third-level courses, he will make some arrangements for the class of 2020 who sat exams in November 2020 by facilitating their admission based on the 2020 points needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25262/21]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the resources can be provided to provide an additional veterinary studies centre in Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25312/21]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown of the 708 Irish and EU entrants to study medicine each year in each institution and course in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25375/21]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25433/21]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of expanding SUSI to graduate medicine entry if at a minimum 35% and maximum 45% of students of all graduate medicine students (details supplied) were eligible for some level of support from SUSI and a range of this support from lowest to highest level of support available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [25507/21]

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

\*369. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed to obtain citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25189/21]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Justice if the citizenship applications of front-line health care workers living in direct provision will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [25209/21]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans in place to reopen office facilities at Burgh Quay; the measures that will be put in place to allow persons in Dublin register their residency given its impact on the right of persons to work and to travel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25211/21]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of speeding fines issued across County Donegal in each of the years, 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the locations of the alleged speeding offences; and the time of day that the alleged offences took place in each instance in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [25227/21]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Justice if a list of the peace commissioners in each local electoral area in County Tipperary will be provided; and the number of peace commissioners appointed in each area in the past five years. — Martin Browne. [25244/21]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Justice if the processing of applications for student visa permissions for students who wish to commence third-level courses in Ireland in September-October 2021 has recommenced; if not, when the processing of such applications will recommence; if applications are currently being accepted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25284/21]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí trained in first aid and other first responder emergency care, respectively; if a copy of the Garda operational guidelines for members that are first on the scene can be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25369/21]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Justice when her Department will begin accepting new visa preclearance applications again after they were suspended on 29 January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [25376/21]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Justice the options available to a person (details supplied) who has difficulty providing the documentation for a naturalisation application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25387/21]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Transfer of Sentenced Persons (Amendments) Bill 2019 will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas in the current Oireachtas session in the context of a recent report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25410/21]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of the information her Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on her Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25436/21]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1453 of 21 April 2021, if she has been in contact with her counterpart in the Northern Ireland Executive and brought to her attention the new information that has been brought to light by a person (details supplied) into the failure by the RUC to provide intelligence to An Garda Síochána of a car stolen from Enniskillen, County Fermanagh on 28 December 1972 and the identity of the loyalist paramilitary who was in possession of the car which was subsequently used in the bombing of Clones; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [25486/21]

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

\*381. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Ireland enforces such a strict level of tolerance on TAC in hemp in comparison with other EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25352/21]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Health when prison officers will receive their Covid-19 vaccination given that all establishments across the prison estate are operating quarantine areas to deal with potential or confirmed cases of Covid-19 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [25175/21]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing four heart failure clinical nurse specialists per 150,000 population; the number of heart failure clinical nurse specialists currently in place; the number required to meet this target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25178/21]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Health the number of advanced nurse practitioners operating in heart failure service units; the costs associated with ensuring at least one advanced nurse practitioner in each heart failure service unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25179/21]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Health the funding required to ensure that all heart failure units have access to BNP testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25180/21]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Health the number of integrated care clinical nurse specialists in heart failure; the number that are in post; the costs of rolling this services out to each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [25181/21]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2125 of 21 April 2021, the options available to the family (details supplied) given the service recommended has a yearlong waiting list and the daughter requires assistance quicker than that timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25183/21]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to ensure that routine dental services are kept going and not stopped or delayed due to the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [25185/21]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [25186/21]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the matter of dentists no longer seeing patients with medical cards (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25188/21]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for the creation and placing of a recent advertisement for the recruitment of unpaid assistant psychologists to HSE services; and the number of assistant psychologists currently working in a voluntary capacity within the HSE. — Ciarán Cannon. [25190/21]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarification regarding the return of park runs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25191/21]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Health when home help will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [25198/21]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Health the status of betting shops (details supplied) under the reopening plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [25200/21]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital bed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25201/21]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25202/21]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Health if vaccinations against Covid-19 are available to approved driving instructors without underlying health conditions around Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [25206/21]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to enable pharmacists to administer Covid-19 vaccines in pharmacies; if there has been engagement with the pharmacy sector on this issue; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [25208/21]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding essential travel for overseas work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [25210/21]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to home help and homecare packages in each of the years 2015 to 2020; the funding allocated to direct HSE services, voluntary and non-

profit organisations and private providers for these services for the same years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25212/21]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Health if persons that are fully vaccinated but have not completed a seven day wait after their last dose will be expected to quarantine for the full 14 days in a mandatory detention facility upon entry into the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25213/21]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff working in his Department dedicated to the mandatory Covid-19 detention system from persons arriving in the State; the number of staff at each grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25214/21]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on legal fees in relation to defending the mandatory Covid-19 detention system for persons arriving in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [25215/21]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to enable a legal parental relationship to be established to both parents of LGBTQ+ families using surrogacy and other forms of assisted human reproduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25219/21]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Health when communities can hold drive-through bingo activities given that the country is opening up again; and when he expects this to happen. — Alan Kelly. [25221/21]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding critical skills employment permits for non-consultant hospital doctors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [25223/21]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has considered allowing pharmacists to participate in the national roll-out of Covid-19 vaccinations as vaccinators. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [25240/21]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will subsidise counselling psychologists in training in Ireland in a way similar to clinical psychologists in training are, that is, salary for work experience and fees subsidised in view of the huge benefit this would be to encourage more persons to study this area and alleviating the huge waiting lists for counselling services. — Patrick Costello. [25243/21]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for not vaccinating members of An Garda Síochána as front-line workers. — Seán Crowe. [25245/21]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the waving of mandatory hotel quarantine for persons who are vaccinated with Covid-19 vaccines not yet approved by the European Medicines Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25246/21]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with the NIAC on the review of age limit for vaccination in particular the inclusion of children in the 12 to 15 age group who are in the very-high risk category for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25247/21]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the attendance of expectant fathers at maternity services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25252/21]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2125 of 21 April 2021, the options available to a family (details supplied) given the service recommended has a year long waiting list and they require assistance quicker than that timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25255/21]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to pharmacists delivering vaccinations in local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25257/21]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address queries raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding pharmacists and their role in delivering Covid-19 vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25259/21]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses, consultants, doctors, administrators and HCAs respectively employed in Cork University Hospital from January 2020 to date by month in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [25265/21]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be any changes to the rules not allowing music or dancing at weddings as the economy reopens and as more persons are vaccinated. — Louise O'Reilly. [25267/21]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Health when it is planned to have spectators at outdoor amateur sporting events. — Louise O'Reilly. [25270/21]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Health if patients (details supplied) will be provided with bespoke arrangements for their Covid-19 vaccine. — Louise O'Reilly. [25272/21]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; if a place in a long-term nursing home will be provided for them in Listowel or Tralee, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [25277/21]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider expanding guidelines allowing pharmacies to participate in the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine enabling persons to be vaccinated by their local pharmacist; the way in which pharmacists will be used in the roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [25279/21]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Health if an independent inquiry will be set up into the deaths at a nursing home (details supplied) in County Louth in view the one year anniversary of the tragic losses at the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [25281/21]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Health the source of a recent HSE statement that there are 150 palliative care support beds in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25288/21]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Health the annual number of persons in south County Tipperary who require end of life care in a hospital environment; if he will provide the source of this data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25289/21]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Health the number of palliative care support beds that a population such as south County Tipperary should have based on best practice and the policy of the HSE and his Department; if he will provide the source of this data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25290/21]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Health the number and location of the existing palliative care support beds in south County Tipperary excluding Waterford or Dungarvan; if he will provide the source of this data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25291/21]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the two palliative care support beds in Tipperary town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25292/21]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Health if the delivery of care to palliative care in-patients is to be given by homecare teams in future; if this is considered best practice; if so, the source of the practice being defined as best practice policy by the HSE and or his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25293/21]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether two palliative care support beds will be sufficient to meet the needs of patients in south County Tipperary in ten years' time; if not, the areas from which the additional beds will be sourced from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25294/21]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans for the replacement of the second operating theatre in Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway which has been unavailable since September 2017; the timeline for when the new operating theatre will be fully operational; the analysis his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department have carried out into the impact of the delay in providing a second operating theatre on orthopaedic waiting lists at Merlin Park Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25295/21]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cross-border directive orthopaedic surgery referrals made in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the details of the countries to which these referrals were made; the number of cross-border directive orthopaedic referrals made in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of patients from University Hospital Galway; the details of the countries to which these referrals were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25296/21]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for accessing capacity for orthopaedic surgery in private hospitals in order to clear the ongoing backlog of patients on orthopaedic waiting lists in Merlin Park Hospital Galway, which according to a website (details supplied) as of March 2021 stood at 1,329 inpatients and 7,055 outpatients; the analysis his Department has carried out into the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25297/21]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 347 of 1 April 2021, if construction work has started to date on the temporary emergency department in Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25298/21]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 347 of 1 April 2021, the status of the feasibility report by the design team for the construction of a permanent emergency department and women and children's block at University Hospital Galway; when the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25299/21]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for planning permission for an emergency department at University Hospital Galway has been lodged to date; if this is the case, if planning permission has been granted to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25300/21]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans for new elective ambulatory facilities in Galway; if a site has been selected to date for same; if planning permission has been sought or granted for same; the timeline for when construction is expected to commence on these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25301/21]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 81 of 10 December 2020, the status of the business case for elective hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25302/21]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the human tissue Bill. — Alan Kelly. [25303/21]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Health the reason pharmacists are not being used to roll-out the Covid-19 vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [25304/21]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Health when pharmacists will be utilised as vaccinators as part of the national vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [25305/21]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Health the reason community pharmacists are still unable to vaccinate persons in their pharmacies; if he plans to utilise pharmacists in the vaccine roll-out; if so, when they can expect to be providing vaccines to persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25318/21]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Health when he will consider phasing out mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25326/21]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to lift Covid-19 travel restrictions for fully vaccinated persons travelling from critical tourism and business markets such as the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25328/21]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Health when persons fully vaccinated with a vaccine (details supplied) will be able to travel here without the need to enter mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25331/21]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Health the requirements regarding mandatory hotel quarantine for Irish citizens returning to Ireland from the UAE in July 2021 who have been working in the UAE and have been vaccinated there with a vaccine (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [25345/21]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allow the Covid-19 vaccination when administered to be documented on the World Health Organisation Recognised International Certificate of Vaccination to assist Irish persons who require the certificate in order to volunteer abroad (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [25366/21]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 vaccine roll-out for pregnant women will commence (details supplied). — Kieran O'Donnell. [25367/21]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Health if strong guidelines will be issued which will allow pregnant and labouring women to have a birth partner during scans, appointments and during the early stages of labour (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [25368/21]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Health when the report promised by the National Ambulance Service at a virtual meeting with public representatives recently into the optimum location for a further ambulance deployment base in Connemara, County Galway and the type of base that would be required will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25374/21]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Health if an indicative date will be provided for the approved opening of amusement parks nationwide; and the reason amusement parks remain closed while other outdoor attractions such as zoos, pet farms, heritage sites and play parks have been given permission to reopen. — Matt Shanahan. [25385/21]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to differences in funding support for clinical psychologists doctoral training compared to educational psychologists and counselling psychologists; the way he plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [25396/21]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outbreaks of Covid-19 that have been recorded in early childhood education and care facilities each month to date in 2021. — Sean Sherlock. [25400/21]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outbreaks of Covid-19 that have been recorded in prisons here in each month to date in 2021. — Sean Sherlock. [25401/21]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outbreaks of Covid-19 that have been recorded in direct provision centres in each month to date in 2021. — Sean Sherlock. [25402/21]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which each of the recommendations of the National Maternity Strategy have been implemented in full, in part or yet to be implemented; the date by which each recommendation not implemented in full will be implemented in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25403/21]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Health the number of alongside birth centres established pursuant to the National Maternity Strategy; the location of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [25404/21]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Health if guidance will be provided in relation to the number of guests entitled to attend a wedding service that is scheduled to take place in a hotel setting on 3 June 2021 to be in compliance with Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25406/21]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Health when the terms of reference will be published for the inquiry into the prescribing of sodium valproate during pregnancy which he committed to in November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25411/21]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a valproate stakeholder group which would report to his Department to address the ongoing concerns regarding women of childbearing age taking valproate and low awareness of the associated risks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25412/21]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Health the number of epilepsy specialist nurse posts; the number of these which are unfilled; the location of each post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25413/21]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women of childbearing age who are taking sodium valproate; the number of these who are on a pregnancy prevention programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25414/21]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of each of the recommendations included in the report of the sub-group community operations, which is part of the HSE's Valproate Response Project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [25415/21]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25434/21]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which his Department or the HSE have examined the use of air purification units in buildings or vehicles in line with the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions; if any examination has been carried out into the effectiveness of such units and the way they might best be deployed to assist in the defeat of Covid-19 as persons return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [25479/21]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a pharmaceutical trial at the Rotunda Hospital involving a drug called dilipan-S that is being contested as unethical by birth activists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [25482/21]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering exemptions from mandatory hotel quarantine for persons who have been fully vaccinated against Covid-19 with a vaccine (details supplied); if he will take into account that on 7 May 2021, the World Health Organization approved the vaccine as a suitable and recognized vaccine for protection against Covid-19; if he will discuss this matter at the earliest convenience with the National Public Health Emergency Team and the National Immunisation Advisory Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [25485/21]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarification on a matter in relation to the second Covid-19 vaccine for certain groups (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [25488/21]

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

\*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to promote the cultivation of hemp in order to meet Ireland's carbon sequestering targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25354/21]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment will be made in relation to outstanding moneys owed under GLAS3 to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25241/21]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the role hill farmers have to play in the management of uplands; his views on whether the management of the rewilding of uplands by hill farmers should take precedence over their ability to farm for produce; his plans in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [25276/21]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans and associated timelines to allow spectators to attend horse racing meetings during 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25332/21]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans and associated timelines to allow spectators to attend greyhound racing meetings during 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25333/21]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans and associated timelines to allow spectators to attend show jumping events during 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [25334/21]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to permitting the land that grows hemp to be eligible for the single farm payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [25353/21]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he plans to take to protect small food producers killing their own animals for meat, butchers and small abattoirs in view of attempts by the Food Safety Authority of Ireland to force them to pay for the full cost of follow-up inspections; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that such an application of charges will undermine Brexit commitments given by Government to support small food producers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [25356/21]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the scientific studies used to support the answer to Parliamentary Question No. 682 of 5 May 2021 regarding bird species which require foraging distances from 3km to 15km from forestry projects averaging seven hectares in size; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [25383/21]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1949 of 24 March 2021, if he will urgently take steps at a national level to give legal protection to the native Irish honey bee also known as *apis mellifera mellifera* and to take the necessary conservation measures to protect the species given confirmation by the European Commission that such national measures may be taken by the Government outside of the confines of the habitats directive (details supplied). — Catherine Connolly. [25417/21]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the information his Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on his Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25425/21]

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

\*479. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of the information her Department collates as per circular 20/2019 (details supplied); the date this report was issued; the location on her Departmental website on which it can be found; and the progress in relation to green procurement that has been made to date. — Mairéad Farrell. [25438/21]