DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Céadaoin, 19 Bealtaine, 2021
Wednesday, 19th May, 2021

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QUESTIONS
Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [24250/21]

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

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

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

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the EU social summit in Porto. — Neale Richmond. [26071/21]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the President of the European Commission. — Mick Barry. [26141/21]

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

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Policing Reform Implementation Programme office in his Department. — Alan Kelly. [26234/21]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme office based in his Department. — Bríd Smith. [26247/21]

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme office based in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26506/21]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme office based in his Department. — Paul Murphy. [26512/21]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme office based in his Department. — Mick Barry. [26519/21]
14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing, infrastructure and digital unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23895/21]

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

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic development unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25543/21]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing, infrastructure and digital unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26241/21]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26242/21]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing, infrastructure and digital unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [26244/21]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [26245/21]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing, infrastructure and digital unit of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [26248/21]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [26249/21]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing, infrastructure and digital unit of his Department. — Cian O'Callaghan. [26500/21]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met and will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [26501/21]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing, infrastructure and digital unit of his Department. — Gino Kenny. [26515/21]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing, infrastructure and digital unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [26520/21]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met. — Cian O'Callaghan. [26689/21]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the research funding initiative related to the shared island initiative of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23897/21]

29. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the Shared Island Dialogue of 9 May 2021; and the details of the next dialogues to be held. — Neale Richmond. [26070/21]

30. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26243/21]
31. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [26246/21]

32. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Gino Kenny. [26250/21]

33. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [26502/21]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality last met, and when it will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [26236/21]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that addresses matters relating to the arts and culture will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26507/21]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee which addresses matters relating to equality will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [26509/21]

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

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Resource Efficiency Action Plan for 2021 of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [26510/21]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Resource Efficiency Action Plan for 2021 of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [26513/21]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in Dublin’s north east inner-city initiative. — Mary Lou McDonald. [23898/21]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the north east inner city initiative. — Alan Kelly. [26503/21]

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

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

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

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the social partners. — Alan Kelly. [26235/21]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25544/21]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Reform Programme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25953/21]
48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the EU and international division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26505/21]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the EU and international division of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [26508/21]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the EU and international division of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [26511/21]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the EU and international division of his Department. — Gino Kenny. [26514/21]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Central Statistics Office (details supplied). — Mary Lou McDonald. [25545/21]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the resource efficient action plan for 2021 of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [26504/21]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on ensuring that funding schemes are in place, such as the long-term SBCI future growth loan scheme, for businesses in line with the reopening of society as per the announcement of 29 April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [26677/21]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason his Department will not provide for an independent and impartial investigation of allegations of pro-employer bias in the senior management of the State’s labour inspectorate as contained in protected disclosures from person (details supplied) made to the Director General of the WRC in 2015 and to the Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation in 2017. — Louise O’Reilly. [26728/21]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will encourage a bank (details supplied) to engage with the trade union representing its workers regarding industrial relations matters which are ongoing at the bank. — Louise O’Reilly. [26729/21]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if individual hairdressers are responsible for the cost of PPE equipment or their employer or owner of the hairdresser salon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [26822/21]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is considering a digital gaming sector tax credit similar to section 481, tax credit for film, television and animation; and if so, if he will ensure that the receipt of the tax credit will be based on a signed agreement from the recipient on the provision on quality employment which by definition would focus on eliminating low pay in the sector, providing secure contracts of direct employment, giving proper
pension provision and supporting employer engagement with trade unions. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [27025/21]

*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the approved critical work permits available currently for each sector; the process to add a profession or sector onto this list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27112/21]

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

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is a fish counter in operation by Inland Fisheries Ireland for recording salmon stock on the rivers Suir, Nore and Barrow; if so, if he will release the data recorded from these counters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26850/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of salmon drift netting licences that were not bought out under the compulsory buy out scheme introduced in 2007; the details of same by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26851/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of fishing licences issued in County Westmeath in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26815/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if funding will be sought to carry out works (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [26838/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding in each year provided for a just transition; the drawdown in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [26842/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of jobs that have been created in each county using just transition funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [26843/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons who have been provided with upskilling, retraining or further educational opportunities using just transition funding in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [26844/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the next just transition progress report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [26845/21]

*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress made to consider options available to identify those items of Departmental expenditure which support specific sustainable development goals as outlined in the Sustainable Development Goals National Implementation Plan 2018-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26875/21]
*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan will be rolled out for a premises (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27020/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport if the start date for a driving ban can be deferred (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [26694/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the Sligo rail freight yard is to let when the strategic rail review of the network has yet to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26704/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some local authorities including Meath County Council are not drawing down funding for the public charge point scheme as they are awaiting the publication of guidelines on EV charging from the CCMA; his views on whether this delay in producing the guidelines is causing serious problems for persons with electric vehicles who have shared or on-street parking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [27048/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to ongoing discussions taking place between CIE management and the membership of the CIE 1951 pension schemes; if he will intervene to resolve the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [26696/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports he now plans to implement to specifically aid taxi drivers in the coming period to overcome the impact of Covid-19 restrictions on their earnings and to enable them to restart their businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [26722/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct CIE to await the outcome of the High Court application in relation to the CIE 1951 pension scheme, which was lodged by the trustees of the scheme, before CIE make changes to the pension scheme. — Louise O’Reilly. [26723/21]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions being taken by his Department to facilitate Northern Irish transport managers working as transport managers for Irish haulage businesses to continue in their position (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [26735/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the discussions related to the CIE pensions scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26769/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the website of the Road Safety Authority is giving appointment confirmation dates in the near future for driver theory tests despite the service currently being suspended; if he will ensure the speedy resumption of these tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26773/21]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport if an extension to a licence for a further 12 months for a person (details supplied) can be reviewed. — Sean Sherlock. [26791/21]
*80. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will shortly introduce specific measures to support the aviation industry and those employed within the sector. — Robert Troy. [26799/21]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects to introduce the legislation for the regulation of escooters and ebikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [26807/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reconsider the usage of dash cams during driver tests in order that in cases in which a decision is appealed there is a record that can be used as evidence. — Robert Troy. [26830/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport if a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to medical examinations for a driver licence will receive a response. — Sean Sherlock. [26837/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver permit can be extended for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26858/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver test will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal to facilitate an offer of employment with the HSE as a front-line worker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26859/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport if the driver theory test will be reclassified as essential. — Sean Sherlock. [26891/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driver theory test will be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; if the test will be taken in Letterkenny, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [26908/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport if the change from NEDC emissions testing to WLTP will lead to an increase in motor tax for consumers. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27059/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport if driver theory tests remain suspended; if appointments for tests in the coming weeks are being cancelled; if these cancelled appointment slots are being made available for others to book and pay for; when he envisages that theory tests will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27076/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance if a pub availing of Covid-19 related financial supports such as the employment wage subsidy scheme or Covid restrictions support scheme will still be eligible to avail of some supports following a partial reopening of the business (details supplied); the financial supports that will be available to pubs leading up to and following reopening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [26829/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance if EU state aid approval for changes to the research and development regime in section 25 of Finance Act 2019 to better support the Irish SME sector has been granted; if State aid approval has issued; when he expects that he will make the order to give effect to the changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26702/21]
*92. To ask the Minister for Finance if EU state aid approval for changes to the key employee engagement programme in section 11 of Finance Act 2019 to better support the Irish SME sector has been granted; if State aid approval has issued; when he expects that he will make the order to give effect to the changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [26703/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Finance if the tax debt warehousing scheme will cease when the public health restrictions are lifted; the way changes to the scheme will be conveyed to businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [26832/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a schedule of the 11 sites that An Garda Síochána estates section evaluated as part of its preparation to relocate from the Harcourt Square, Dublin 2 buildings in 2014; the engagements his officials had with the management of An Garda Síochána and its estates section regarding the evaluation of these sites; and if a site (details supplied) on the Long Mile Road, Dublin 12 was discussed between his officials and An Garda Síochána as a favourable option. — Catherine Murphy. [27037/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason for his officials decision not to embark on the use of privately-owned lands to accommodate the new Garda building currently being constructed at Military Road, Dublin; and if he will provide the initial and final schedules of identified sites that displayed potential to acquire and built on. — Catherine Murphy. [27039/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of workers who have been transferred without their knowledge from a section 39 status organisation to a section 56 status which has had consequences for those workers earnings and conditions; when and the way in which this change was made; if it is intended to ensure that sufficient funding and resources are available for Tusla and section 56 workers to allow for the reversal of FEMPI era cuts that have applied to public sector and section 38 and 39 employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26737/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the approach being taken to ensure that the standard in Office of Government Procurement contracts remain in compliance with the core principle of proportionality specifically as it relates to the ownership of IPR in IT cloud service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [26820/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will extend the opening hours of the park and visitors centre at Oldbridge, County Meath which is in the possession of the OPW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [26856/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the methodology used to identify 11 potential sites that the OPW and An Garda Síochána evaluated in respect of planning for a new Garda building being constructed on Military Road, Dublin; the weighting and or scores that were given to each site; and if a schedule will be provided of the 11 sites initially identified for potential use. — Catherine Murphy. [27034/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW sought a valuation and made enquiries regarding the purchase of a site (details supplied) on the Long Mile Road, Dublin
12; and if he will set out the engagements the OPW had with An Garda Síochána in respect of this site. — Catherine Murphy. [27035/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a schedule of the engagements and or contacts the OPW made with An Garda Síochána in respect of an expiring lease on buildings at Harcourt Square, Dublin 2 throughout the course of 2013. — Catherine Murphy. [27036/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the engagements the OPW had with the Department of Justice in respect of the use of Thornton Hall as a potential site to be used for new Garda buildings; and if he will provide a schedule of correspondence between the OPW and the Department of Justice in respect of same. — Catherine Murphy. [27038/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW received any objections in respect of the decision to use the Military Road site from management and or the estates section of An Garda Síochána. — Catherine Murphy. [27040/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if Ireland has requested under Article 25(3) of the RRF Regulation to redact information relating to Ireland’s National Recovery Plan; if so, the nature of such redactions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [27100/21]

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

*105. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans from a tourism perspective and in conjunction with the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to provide a clear detailed roadmap for the reopening of the hotel and hospitality sector; her views on ensuring that moratoria are in place for tourism businesses and that funding schemes are in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [26678/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to a campaign in Wales that seeks to require both Welsh and English labelling on all products for sale in that jurisdiction; if such an initiative could be considered in Ireland to encourage the use of the Irish language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [26736/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a decision will be made on an application for a traditional music festival (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26760/21]

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

*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action his Department will take to address the water quality at Lilliput, County Westmeath which again has been found to be below standard. — Sorca Clarke. [26816/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the taskforce established by the Heritage Council to consider the future of the National Biodiversity Data Centre
will include public submissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26681/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider underpinning the work of and data held by the National Biodiversity Data Centre in legislation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26682/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress he has made on establishing a citizens’ assembly on biodiversity. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26683/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of additional biodiversity and heritage officers employed in each local authority by county since June 2020 to date in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26684/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he has taken to support biodiversity data collection. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26685/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional policies on supports for urban biodiversity and tree planting introduced by county June 2020 to date in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26686/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he received a copy of the Heritage Council review undertaken in 2019 to review the governance, operating and financial models underpinning the National Biodiversity Data Centre; if he will provide a copy of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26687/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of commercial rates valuation appeals awaiting a result in 2020 and to date in 2021; the average waiting time for such appeals; the measures he plans to put in place to alleviate the situation in view of a continuing high backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [26721/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to extend the period that a planning permission is valid for in view of the fact that construction works were restricted in 2020 and 2021 due to public health advice. — Catherine Murphy. [26757/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to amend the income limits set by the Social Housing Assessment Regulations 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [26801/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant residential properties in counties Longford and Westmeath on the vacant homes register in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [26813/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria which is applied after a property is registered on the vacant homes register. — Sorca Clarke. [26814/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to change the maximum grant limits of the housing adaptation grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26824/21]
*122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of funding under the multi-annual funding programme to proceed with the taking-in-charge of estates to every country in each of the past five years; the funding that has been provided to Tipperary County Council for the taking-in-charge of estates over the past five years; the number of bids from each country that have been refused funding over the past five years; the number of estates with applications to be taken-in-charge by Tipperary County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [26831/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of debt attached to the portfolio of land of each local authority in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [26836/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the housing need and demand assessment; and the household and new home completion targets for each local authority for the new county development plan process in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26863/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the price offered by NAMA to Dublin City Council and his Department for the purchase of land in the Poolbeg SDZ for the delivery of affordable homes; the discount on market price offered by NAMA in relation to same; and the reason his Department refused to provide funding to Dublin City Council to purchase the land. — Eoin Ó Broin. [26864/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a copy of circular 38/2020 will be provided (details supplied). — Pearse Doherty. [26901/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter regarding housing stock (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27075/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a programme (details supplied) in tabular form including project status spend to date and the estimated timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27110/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expenditure in each of the past ten years to date specifically devoted to affordable house building where the purchaser has unimpeded access to the market without the intrusion and competition of investment funds; the number of families housed by the local authorities in the same period; the number of local authority loans issued under the specialist disability accommodation or rebuilding Ireland scheme in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27114/21]

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

*130. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the Foreign Births Register will reopen; the length of the backlog; the length of time he expects it will take to clear it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26821/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the US Navy helicopter that landed at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnel on 13 May 2021, at approximately 9am and took off again at approximately 10.30am, was carrying weapons or munitions or was engaged in a military operation or exercise or engaged in intelligence gathering activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26839/21]
*132. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the most recent discussions he has had with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and the UK Foreign Secretary in relation to the need to have comprehensive investigations into the Dublin and Monaghan bombings of May 1974 as requested in motions passed unanimously in Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [27023/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*133. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 351 of 5 May 2021, the operational use that the Defence Forces have for this site. — Patrick Costello. [26803/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Defence if clarity will be provided in relation to a document (details supplied) regarding earnings in his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [26852/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*135. To ask the Minister for Education if the July Provision programme will be rolled out in 2021; and the way in which it will operate with particular emphasis on the way students whose school is not running the programme will be catered for. — Louise O’Reilly. [26730/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Education when school staff can expect to be paid for their work facilitating the supplementary programme. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26750/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Education the justification for the delay in payment of school staff for their work facilitating the supplementary programme earlier in 2021. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26751/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to increase the capacity and the number of pupils enrolled in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26761/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) is expected to increase the number of new pupils enrolling; if so, when this is expected to happen; the infrastructure her Department will provide; when it will be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26762/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be provided with two special educational needs classrooms and three general purpose classrooms that was previously agreed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26771/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Education if she will advise on an Irish language exemption for a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [26793/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the application of EU circular 0027/2016 and its potential equivalence to teachers in Ireland having worked on a voluntary basis in an Irish school with specific regard to the effect on pay scales; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26797/21]
*143. To ask the Minister for Education if work is underway to bring rural DEIS school funding in line with urban DEIS funding. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26854/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with behaviour analysts working in special schools as per the recommendation of the Labour Court of December 2019 to address issues with their employment agreements which are due to expire in seven weeks; if permanent positions will be secured for them in order to maintain and continue their work supporting the education in special schools of children with autism and complex special education needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26855/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to encourage schools who will not be taking part in the 2021 summer provision scheme to do so; if children who attend schools not taking part in the scheme can be accommodated elsewhere; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [26896/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [27051/21]

*147. Chun a fhafraí den Aire Oideachais ag eascairt as ceist 146, an 4ú Márta 2021, cathain a bheidh scoil (sonraí tugtha) i gContae Bhaile Átha Cliath in ann bogadh isteach san fhoirgneamh nua sealadach; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Gary Gannon. [27115/21]

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

*148. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the rules relating to requalify for jobseeker’s benefit and short-time payments will be suspended for workers, such as those at a company (details supplied), can have access to this support. — Louise O’Reilly. [26733/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to extending short-time work support jobseeker’s benefit for those that are currently in receipt of this payment and are due to be taken off the scheme given the fact that many that are in receipt of this payment work in industries which cannot return to full-time work due to ongoing public health guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26741/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports in place for persons that work in industries in which they have been placed on significantly reduced wages and working hours as a result of Covid-19 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [26742/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that moved from the pandemic unemployment payment to short-time work support jobseeker’s benefit since March 2020 to date; and the number of persons on short-time work support jobseeker’s benefit since March 2020 to date, by month in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [26743/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have been taken off short-time work support jobseeker’s benefit since March 2020 to date; and the number of persons accessing or being moved different social protection payments following after they have stopped receiving the benefit by type of payment in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [26744/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered implementing a pathway for those on the pandemic unemployment payment to go onto the back to work enterprise allowance to
support those on the pandemic unemployment payment that have started their own business during the past year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26745/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the options for those on the pandemic unemployment payment that want to apply for the back to work enterprise allowance; if they can apply for the allowance with the security of having their pandemic unemployment payment continue if their application is not successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26746/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the funding available for the school meals scheme in the 2021-2022 academic year; the number of schools that applied to the scheme for the coming 2021-2022 academic year; the number of those schools that applied in the lunch and dinner funding categories; and the number of those schools that were awarded funding in each category. — Seán Crowe. [26753/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether the lottery system that has been implemented in the school meals scheme is a blunt instrument that does not adequately recognise the individual needs of schools and the areas that they serve; if her attention has been drawn to two schools (details supplied) that both applied for funding to provide hot meals to students only for the senior school to be awarded such funding while the junior school was not; her views on whether this is acceptable; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [26754/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with a care support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [26756/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review of the case of a person (details supplied) can be carried out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26794/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to ensure that the forthcoming report and conclusions of the Pensions Commission will be appropriately gender proofed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [26827/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the contract of each participant on affected schemes such as community employment, Tús and the rural social scheme and so on as a consequence of Covid-19 restrictions in view of the disruption to the activities of employment activation schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [26828/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a pregnant and at high risk childcare worker can continue to be paid their supplemented employment wage subsidy scheme wage in cases in which they present a medical certificate to their employer but remain at home. — Kathleen Funchion. [26861/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the case of a person (details supplied). — Mark Ward. [27050/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the treatments available historically that are no longer available and currently available, respectively under the treatment benefit scheme across
each of the categories of care in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27064/21]

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

*164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of workers who have been transferred without their knowledge from a section 39 status organisation to a section 56 status which has had consequences for those workers earnings and conditions; when and the way in which this change was made; if it is intended to ensure sufficient funding and resources are available for Tusla and section 56 workers to allow for the reversal of FEMPI era cuts that have applied to public sector and section 38 and 39 employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26739/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Tusla counselling grant awarded to a school (details supplied) can be substantially increased to facilitate the number of students seeking counselling within the school. — Mark Ward. [26806/21]

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

*166. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider liaising with Irish third-level institutions on contingency plans for study abroad programmes that are due to begin in September 2021 in view of the fact that visa appointments at the relevant embassies are delayed (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [26679/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for the development of Cavan Institute as a hub for further education and training. — Niamh Smyth. [26700/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the implementation of a model (details supplied) for student well-being has been explored for Irish higher education institutions; if so, the estimated cost of the implementation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26720/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason apprentice electricians at GMIT are being requested to do their final exams in an exam hall in person; if this is in line with best practice to stop the spread of Covid19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [26724/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has received correspondence from an organisation (details supplied) regarding the launch of a domestic violence leave policy; and when it can expect a reply. — Louise O’Reilly. [26734/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the fees that a person (details supplied) will be expected to pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [26752/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding that has been allocated for spending on grants and supports and structural funding for
blue sky research in higher education institutions in each of the years 2019 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26818/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the future capital funding being provided to education and training board building and facility programmes with specific reference to the Mayo, Sligo and Leitrim Education and Training Board and the Mayo College of Further Education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27078/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1493 of 21 April 2021, the relevant legislation that has been changed; the changes to relevant legislation in Irish national law that have been enacted that has necessitated changes to information on the eJustice portal; the way in which the withdrawal of the United Kingdom from the European Union is relevant to this matter; the reason for the removal of the information given that two different reasons have now been given for the removal of information from the eJustice portal (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [26768/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Justice if the permanent relationship between persons (details supplied) will be recognised as a basis for naturalisation in the case of one of the persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26790/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Justice if required documentation in the case of a person (details supplied) has now been received in her Department which was sent by tracked international post; the steps now being taken to progress the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26795/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Justice when the scoping exercise into the investigation of the death of a person (details supplied) will be completed and published.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [26819/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address missing targeted applications under the single application procedure for international protection applicants by 46.4% for 2020 (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [26825/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address the decreased number of liquor licensing applications for 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [26826/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1107 of 28 April 2021, his views on whether most of the 4,500 hectares will not convert to planting given the length of time to obtain the approval which forces landowners to opt for other forms of income from the proposed area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26705/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason licensing targets are consistently being missed by over 50% given all the resources now available to the Forest Service
and the Forestry Appeals Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [26758/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address matters in relation to the purchase of new fishing vessels (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [26770/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reports or services that have been commissioned by his Department from consultants since 2016 to date; the awardee of the contract; the cost of the contract; the publication date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [26774/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has approved the resumption of point to point racing which is now taking place with large crowds in attendance; and if he will act to stop it in view of a Government request that it be discontinued under current Covid-19 regulations. — Paul Murphy. [26796/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of implementing the outstanding recommendations of his Department’s commissioned reports Steering A New Course 2006, Harnessing Our Ocean Wealth 2012 and Focusing The Future and Maximizing The Value of the Irish Seafood Industry 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26846/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a voluntary decommissioning scheme for fishing vessels and their owners who wish to leave the fishing sector of their own will; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26847/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of implementing the recommendations of the Review of the Organisational Capability of the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26848/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of implementing the recommendations of the 2017 report from the Independent Aquaculture Licensing Review Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [26849/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reflect the growing female participation in agriculture from 4% to 9% within the composition of boards working in the sector including the cooperative movement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27055/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of engagement and the rate of progress being made between the EU and Britain on a bilateral veterinary agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27058/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1991 of 24 March 2021, if he regards the GLAS and afforestation schemes as complementary schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27083/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1991 of 24 March 2021, the number of participants in GLAS that afforested a part of their
holding under the afforestation scheme in each year since the launch of the scheme in tabular form; the percentage of participants in the GLAS scheme that afforested a part of their farm under the afforestation scheme in each year since the start of the scheme; if he considers this a satisfactory complementary association; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27084/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1991 of 24 March 2021, if he plans to have a mandatory professional forester involvement in the proposed planting of trees initiative outlined in his response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27085/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1990 and 1993 of 24 March 2021, the percentage of the pillar 1 and pillar 2 funding of the new CAP which must be disbursed on agri-environmental measures; the amount per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27086/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1990 and 1993 of 24 March 2021, the cost-benefit analysis and all other associated studies which led to the decision of his Department that the forestry programme will be delivered entirely separately from the CAP strategic plan and will be subject to new state aid rules rather than the requirements of the CSP regulations; the way in which the private forestry sector including farmers will not be disadvantaged as a result of this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27088/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1989 and 1992 of 24 March 2021 the declared internal changes, training and increased assistance to ecologists in the preparation of files, improved IT resources for ecologists and other system improvements will deliver in files per week and projected percentage increase of output; the date from which this increased output will be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27089/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1995 of 24 March 2021, if he will confirm that his reply again only spoke to targets as opposed to the question asked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27090/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1995 of 24 March 2021, the percentage of the private sector licence requirement that has been issued in view of the fact that Coillte has already received nearly 100% of its licensing requirements for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27091/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1995 of 24 March 2021, if it is the case that his Department does not know the number of licence and scheme approvals it must issue in order to deliver on Government targets and industry requirements; his views on whether he should task his senior officials to determine these key planning metrics immediately with a short timeframe to revert with actualities rather than base assumptions and soft targets that his officials are incapable of delivering on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27092/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1990 and 1993 of 24 March 2021, the stakeholder organisations that have representation on both the CAP post-2020 consultative committee and the forestry policy group in tabular form; the
overlap between the representatives on both the CAP post-2020 consultative committee and the forestry policy group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27095/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1990 and 1993 of 24 March 2021, the engagement with the forestry sector to date given that his Department is also engaging bilaterally with the forestry sector on the CAP in tabular form; the persons from his Department and from the forestry sector that have been involved in such bilateral discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27096/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1990 and 1993 of 24 March 2021, if his officials have developed proposals to integrate afforestation into organic farming initiatives as part of the CSP in view of his confidence that the interlinkages are very much understood; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27097/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1015 of 10 March 2021, the length of time it took his Department to approve the licences comprising this 4,500 hectares; the length of time from application to approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27098/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1284, 1285, 1286 and 1287 of 31 March 2021, if his Department followed the Consultation Principles and Guidance as published by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform dated November 2016 particularly in regard to providing feedback as recommended on page 14 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27101/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1284, 1285, 1286 and 1287 of 31 March 2021, if he will publish the comments received from stakeholders as referred to in his reply on his Department’s website and make available the link to the published comments in his reply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27103/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1284, 1285, 1286 and 1287 of 31 March 2021, if he will direct his senior management to issue a circular to the industry clarifying the present position of the consultation process regarding the standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27104/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1284, 1285, 1286 and 1287 of 31 March 2021, the textual changes as referred to in his reply in a manner which will allow comparison with the original text in the standard in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27105/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1284, 1285, 1286 and 1287 of 31 March 2021, the date he informed the specific working group in the project woodland groupings of his requirement in relation to the standards for felling and reforestation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27106/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1284, 1285, 1286 and 1287 of 31 March 2021, if this deviation from the correct consultation process has occurred in previous consultation processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27107/21]
*210. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1284, 1285, 1286 and 1287 of 31 March 2021, if the board of project woodland is aware of the deviation from the correct consultation process in this instance; if he will bring the matter to the attention of the board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27108/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rationale behind individual stickers being placed on fruit such as apples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27113/21]

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

*212. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the refurbishment of a helipad (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27111/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the criteria that was used to determine the frequency of sailings when publishing the tender for a ferry service (details supplied); the details of the annual customer numbers availing of the ferry sailings for the past five years in tabular form; if there is scope to increase the number of ferry sailings to more than two return sailings per day; if an analysis can be provided on the way this compares with ferry services provided to other islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26862/21]

CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, 1 gCOMHAIR FREAGRA ÓBHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 20 BEALTAINE, 2021 QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 20 MAY, 2021

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares of new forestry planting targeted for 2021; the number of applications for felling licenses outstanding; and the expected timeframe to resolve the current backlog. — Matt Carthy. [26909/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of convergence rates which will form part of the new Common Agricultural Policy in the trilogue negotiations. — Holly Cairns. [26918/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement he has had with the mushroom and horticultural sectors on the changes to the harvesting of horticultural peat; and the provisions he is preparing to support the sector. — Martin Browne. [27066/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress to date of the Beef Taskforce; the timeline for the completion of commitments given to the Taskforce; the steps he is taking to implement the measures proposed by this Deputy and unanimously adopted by Dáil Éireann on 26 September 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26493/21]
5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the financial supports his Department provides to a club (details supplied); and if multiannual funding for this community service will be provided. — Mark Ward. [26949/21]

6. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered amending the sheep welfare scheme in the interests of ensuring animal welfare as a result of the continued depression in wool prices. — Sorca Clarke. [26927/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received for his results based environmental agri pilot programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [27011/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the development of a new forestry strategy for Ireland as recommended in reports (details supplied); the timeline for the finalisation of the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26986/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a financial support for the inshore fishing sector that have had to deal with a significant reduction in fish prices as a result of Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [26979/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for banning mink fur farming; and the current population of mink in such farms in Ireland. — Paul Murphy. [27019/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of his engagement with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage concerning the request by associations (details supplied) for structures to enable developers to interact with inshore fishers concerning offshore renewable energy projects. — Holly Cairns. [26914/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will undertake a comprehensive analysis of feedlot figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27006/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to support the mushroom industry and other horticultural sectors in view of ongoing challenges including accessibility of horticultural peat. — Matt Carthy. [26911/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that will be implemented to deal with the backlog in forestry felling and planting licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26987/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason farmers in the organic farming scheme were excluded from the Rural Environmental-Agli Pilot Programme. — Holly Cairns. [26917/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the sources of funding of the Results-Based Environment-Agli Pilot Project; if he will review the payment rates for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26494/21]
17. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if prior to March 2021 Coillte has been able to provide generic non-site specific harvest plans with their felling applications; if this has been accepted practice between Coillte and his Department; the number of applications submitted and processed in this manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27065/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he plans to take in the next CAP to address the longstanding issues of the forgotten farmers. — Pearse Doherty. [27043/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made with the granting of felling licences given that there has been a large backlog for years now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [26516/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will intervene in the milk price crisis in a company (details supplied) and facilitate proper discussions between the suppliers affected and the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26442/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the recent introduction of dairy caps by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [26931/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress of the coastal townhall meetings; the status of the feedback received to date; the actions he plans to take to support coastal communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27005/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to address the concerns that have been raised in respect of the GAEC 2 proposals further to the adoption of a Private Members’ Motion on 22 April 2021. — Pearse Doherty. [27042/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason cattle are routinely transported across long distances for slaughter. — Thomas Gould. [26932/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the office of the food ombudsman will be given statutory power to enforce the Competition Acts for the protection of primary food producers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27008/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to assist family farms and to ensure their viability into the future; the new schemes that will be available for climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [27004/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to assist family farms and to ensure their viability into the future; the new schemes that will be available for climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26491/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of felling licences approved in each of the previous 12 months; the number of appeals and applications lodged within this timeline; the number of applications yet to be processed; the measures that are being taken
to deal with the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [27003/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department plans to conduct consultations with farmers, farming communities and relevant environmental stakeholder groups in relation to the sector’s role and contribution to meeting Ireland’s greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets under the EU Green Deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [27013/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the GAEC 2 proposal in the new CAP; if he will guarantee that this land continues to be viewed as eligible agricultural land under CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26495/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to making resources available in order that all farmers that have applied to the REAP scheme which opened in the past number of weeks for applications and had by its closing date 11,000 applications from farmers will be accepted into the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27026/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that adequate alternative provision is being made for Irish exports abroad to compensate for any losses arising from Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26973/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports put in place for inshore fishers whose capacity to fish is restricted by the different stages of the preparation and construction of offshore renewable energy projects. — Holly Cairns. [26915/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the need for Irish agri-food processing companies to diversify from their dependence on the UK market in a post-Brexit era; his views on new market and value added opportunities for Irish food produce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [26941/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce legislation to ensure primary producers are paid costs plus a margin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27007/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding proposals for uplands and commonage in the CAP negotiations; and if he will give an assurance to protect the income of hill farmers. — Dara Calleary. [27009/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to support the mushroom and broader horticultural sectors in view of ongoing challenges as a result of Government policy pertaining to the sector. — Darren O’Rourke. [26925/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the new market possibilities and value-added opportunities for Irish food producers in the post-Brexit era given the dependence of the Irish agri-food sector on the UK market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [26783/21]
39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his Department continues to ensure the future of the agri-food sector in the aftermath of Brexit and notwithstanding carbon reduction targets; the degree to which he has identified opportunities for the meeting of such targets while minimising the impact on production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26974/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the impact of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement on food exports to the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26467/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the provision of pier and other coastal defence funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [26929/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an analysis has been carried out by his Department on the relationship between the value of entitlements and stocking density on livestock farms; if so, the result of this analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26488/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has a strategy to develop a biomass sector to provide farmers with another income stream; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [26924/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the ongoing imposition of the four movement and 30-month rules by meat factories on primary producers; and the steps he will take to address such to ensure that farmers can receive a fair price for their produce. — Sorca Clarke. [26926/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the work of his Department to promote trade diversification for Irish food exports post-Brexit to the rest of the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26466/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has considered the possible impacts of the further concentration of ownership of the meat processing industry here on small farmers. — Paul Murphy. [27017/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements he has had with other Departments to ensure that designations under the critically important EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 will involve full consultation with farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26943/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the planned expansion of the dairy processing industry here. — Paul Murphy. [27015/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the impact of Covid-19 on the processing of licence appeals in his Department. — Pa Daly. [26921/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered the introduction of a ban on below cost selling in the beef sector; and if he plans to take action to address same to ensure that farmers can receive a fair price for their produce. — Brian Stanley. [26923/21]
51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to allow flexibility in the implementation of the BEAM 5% nitrogen reduction criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26492/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the involvement his Department has had with regard to the economic and sustainability impact assessment of the Mercosur trade agreement. — Mark Ward. [26981/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the review of the potential demand in international markets for wool-based products; the terms of reference of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26985/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department is undertaking to ensure that provisions for farm safety and farmer well-being are being incorporated into the formation of the next Common Agricultural Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [26784/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to establish an independent regulator for the meat industry to address instability in the sector. — Paul Murphy. [27018/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions being taken to deal with the long delays in granting felling licences. — Danny Healy-Rae. [26595/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the BTB incidence rate among Irish herds in 2021; if he expects the annual incidence rate to rise again from 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27012/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans by his Department to bring a company (details supplied) and An Taisce together to identify issues of concern and deliver an outcome to progress this project without any further delay given the importance to the local economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [26707/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to improve the felling licence process here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [27010/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 995 of 11 May 2021, the reason an organisation (details supplied) claims the information requested is not available given its own website appears to contain the requested information, that is, the litter number per dog; if he will request the organisation to provide the information given its statutory obligation under section 26 of the Greyhound Racing Act 2019 to keep and provide such information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26976/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made in creating a racing stud book to cater for the racing greyhound as per the objective set out in the Strategic Plan 2018 of the Irish Greyhound Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26977/21]
62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure that as many eligible persons as possible that applied for the Rural Environmental-Agri Pilot Programme will be accepted on to the scheme. — Holly Cairns. [26916/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the negotiations with his EU counterparts to secure a fair burden sharing of the fish quota loss that has arisen from the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27056/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated turnaround time in relation to applications for BEEP-S; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [26922/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine 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]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of negotiations by his Department on accessing the South Korean market for Irish grass-fed beef produce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27027/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that there is adequate processing capacity in the dairy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26975/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans sanctioning the building of a deep-water pier in Ros a’ Mhíl soon in order that it can be built before the planning for the pier runs out in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [26489/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the full State and EU funding that will be available to the fishing industry to implement the recommendation that will come from the Seafood Taskforce; and the estimated amount of funding available. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [27057/21]

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

70. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures in place or planned to improve access to further and higher education and training for learners with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [26970/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 1484 of 24 March 2021, if his attention has been drawn to the shortfall in skilled mental health staff both here and internationally (details supplied) which is preventing the HSE from progressing the recruitment of clinicians for eating disorder teams; if he will raise this issue with the Higher Education Authority with a view to expanding the number of places available in this subject area in third-level institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [26944/21]
72. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to provide ring-fenced funding for the provision of additional courses in third-level colleges in cases in which the tuition would be through the medium of Irish to ensure there will be sufficient persons available with third-level qualifications to meet the likely requirements of the Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25445/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason third-level students here are required to pay the highest fees in the EU; his plans to address this inequality before the next academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26990/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress made by students participating in local training initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [26785/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the roll-out of rapid antigen testing in third-level colleges which will facilitate the return of students to on-campus learning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26441/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the Wexford campus for the Technological University of the South-East; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [26938/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he has advanced his proposals for the maximisation of achievement and the attainment of various targets identifiable through the mission statement of his Department; the degree to which the efforts to date are in consort with already identified requirements in the academic, technological, scientific and innovative areas with a view to ensuring the broadest and highest educational opportunities in order to better compete nationally and internationally for job placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26955/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures in place to provide additional protection for those living in student-specific accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [26961/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to improve the working conditions for PHD researchers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26992/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans in place for development at Letterkenny Institute of Technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26714/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress on ensuring broader access to third-level education for persons with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25560/21]
82. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase the funding for mental health supports for third-level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26982/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science 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. [25447/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the technological university for the south-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [26937/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether limiting access to higher and further education is anachronistic; if he will consider establishing open access to third-level education for all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26996/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the proposals he has to increase co-operation on an all-Ireland basis in the provision of further and higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26957/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the success to date of pre-apprenticeship courses in opening up opportunity to a wider range of possible participants. — Richard Bruton. [25559/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the new technological university will be legally established to create Athlone and Limerick institute of technology; his views on the measures needed to ensure the towns of Thurles and Clonmel, County Tipperary will prosper as university towns; the regional assistance that will be needed to facilitate the new designations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [26136/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the name he plans to apply to the new LIT and AIT technological university; the process undertaken by the project team; the consultation process to arrive at the proposed agreed name which he rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [26959/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to clear the backlog of persons on waiting lists for off-the-job apprenticeship training; when he expects the backlog to be cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27000/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the SUSI grant disregard of €4,500 for students who did holiday work will be given for those students who were on the pandemic unemployment payment as there was no work since 2020 due to Covid-19 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [26517/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he has had with third-level Institutions to ensure that 2020-2021 first-year students
who have not attended their courses due to distance learning can have on-campus accommodation options available to them for next year given that they have not had the opportunity to make connections with their peers and seeking accommodation will be more difficult; the measures being taken to consider the ongoing mental health and well-being issues these students will continue to experience due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26994/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address an anomaly in the SUSI grant scheme in circumstances in which a student applies initially as a dependent of their parents but subsequently gains a council tenancy and lives independently of their family. — Brian Stanley. [26711/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress regarding the implementation of the Framework for Consent in Higher Education Institutions: Safe, Respectful, Supportive and Positive: Ending Sexual Violence and Harassment in Irish Higher Education Institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [26972/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way the safe-pass course has been delivered during Covid-19 restrictions; the roadmap for delivery as restrictions ease; if the cost to the participant has increased; and if so, if costs will be returned to pre-pandemic rates. — Mark Ward. [27046/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional supports will be put in place for new technological universities which may have commenced during Covid-19, such as the Munster Technological University, to move to on-campus learning in the upcoming term if the circumstances surrounding Covid-19 allow for such a move; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [27029/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the work he is undertaking with third-level institutions to ensure the full return to campus of students for the academic year 2021-2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [26712/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the situation in 2020 in which many students who sat the leaving certificate in previous years were pushed out of their CAO course preference due to grade inflation; and the steps he has taken to ensure that these students are not disadvantaged in accessing third-level in 2021. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [26940/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase the rate of students in areas of high deprivation going onto third-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [26983/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the review of the student grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26945/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions he plans to take to tackle the backlog of apprentices on waiting lists to access the State
provided training they need to advance in their apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27001/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his role in the decision to grant technological university status to Athlone Institute of Technology and Limerick Institute of Technology; his plans for this new technology university, including their campus based in Ennis, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [26133/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the 18 new apprenticeship programmes will come on stream in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [26965/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number and range of new apprenticeships; the number of further apprenticeships which are now in the pipeline; and if he has identified any barriers in the development of these new opportunities. — Richard Bruton. [25558/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the application for a technological university for the south-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26709/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports he will make available to the Limerick Institute of Technology to develop its campus at Coonagh. — Cathal Crowe. [26718/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there has been an increase on the cost for participants in the safe pass course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [27045/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the roll-out of the Action Plan for Apprenticeship 2021-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [26964/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the most up-to-date information on the Connacht Ulster Alliance technological university application. — Marian Harkin. [26953/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the Ulster Connacht Alliance application for technological university status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26991/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the reform of the SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [26960/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if alternative access schemes such as HEAR and DARE will also be reviewed further to the SUSI review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27068/21]
113. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of his engagements with Dundalk Institute of Technology regarding technological university status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27002/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to deal with the ongoing issues relating to pay and conditions of adult literacy tutors; and when nationally agreed if full-time contracts with incremental salary scale will be in place for these tutors following a recent Labour Court recommendation. — Marian Harkin. [26954/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the Connacht-Ulster Alliance and it’s proposed application for technological university status for the west and north-west; if his Department had discussions regarding the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [26939/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider funding to support early career researchers in Ireland with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [27067/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure third-level students can return fully to in-person learning and experiences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [25561/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science 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]

119. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he remains satisfied that progress in expanding higher educational opportunities to date is sufficient to facilitate an upsurge in economic activity post-Covid-19 and as a result an increased need for third and fourth-level technical academic graduates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26956/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the commitments in the Action Plan for Apprenticeship 2021-2025 to promote access in apprenticeship for traditionally under-represented groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [26971/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures in place or planned to provide an enhanced campus experience for third-level students for the 2021-2022 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [26968/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the criteria and income thresholds for SUSI grants to ensure that each family qualifying for the working family payment is deemed eligible for a fee and maintenance SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [26933/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider a graduated special rate for SUSI grant applicants who have at least 365 days continuous Department of Social Protection payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [26934/21]
124. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the SUSI review; if the new criteria for the scheme will be available to students making their applications in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26440/21]

125. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the SUSI review; if the new criteria for the scheme will be available to students making their applications in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [26440/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress made under the National Adult Literacy Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [26969/21]

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Covid-19 on engagement, retention and progression in the further education sector as recommended in a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26999/21]

135. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has met with UCC or MTU to discuss the possibility of locating a campus on the northside of Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [26935/21]

136. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if an anomaly in the SUSI grant scheme will be addressed in circumstances in which a student applies initially as a dependent of their parents but subsequently gets married during the period of their third-level education but is still assessed as a dependent of their parents. — Brian Stanley. [26710/21]

137. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way the distances for adjacent and non-adjacent third-level SUSI grants are set; his plans for a review of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [26993/21]

138. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many potential students are blocked from accessing affordable third-level education due to their immigration status such as unaccompanied minors, children of immigrants working here and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26713/21]

139. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the work by his Department to extend the Erasmus plus programme to students in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26125/21]

140. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the backlog of apprentices on the waiting list for off-the-job training will be cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26989/21]

141. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration has been given in the recent review of the SUSI process to resolving the difficulties for SUSI applicants who are estranged from their parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [26787/21]

142. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to increase the proportion of dedicated research funds that are provided annually towards blue skies research to ensure that Ireland attracts and retains top scientists in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [25446/21]

143. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to update the SUSI review process and potentially increase the current income thresholds and eligibility criteria for grant applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [26786/21]

144. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he is taking to address additional demand for university course places later in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [26946/21]
145. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of nursing and midwife places on undergraduate courses in the 2021-2022 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26988/21]

146. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to restore the SUSI adjacent distance payment to 50km; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26781/21]

147. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to develop and support further and higher education in County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [27030/21]