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

1. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the timeline for the roll-out of the Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 strategy as promised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28239/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which the €5 million fund to support the development of Ireland’s first national network of remote working hubs will work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [28176/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the specific measures in place to address the issue of vacant and derelict buildings in rural towns and villages; the financial supports and incentives that are in place to assist persons with renovating and revitalising buildings in these areas; her plans to improve same as per the commitment in Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [28240/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when SICAP funding will be increased to its 2008 level at €84 million given that current funding is at 50% of this amount. — Paul Donnelly. [28312/21]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if it is planned to provide a second tranche of funding for LIS roads in 2021; the discussions she has had with the Department of Transport in relation to possible co-funding of this programme by that Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27880/21]

6. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the date of the last meeting of the Mobile Phone and Broadband taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27830/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there has been progress in the in relation to the multi-annual funding of community projects. — Paul Donnelly. [27959/21]
8. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when SICAP funding will be increased to its 2008 level of €84 million given that current funding is at 50% of this amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27971/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports provided by her Department for the maintenance and enhancement of community facilities; the way in which local community groups may access this funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [27985/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the roll-out of an integrated national network of 400 remote working hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27969/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of her work towards remote working as per the Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 document; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27844/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which her Department has continued to monitor and identify areas throughout the country deficient in adequate modernisation and development to meet modern day challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27944/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when her Department will publish its islands policy and strategy to support island and coastal communities; the areas of focus that are being prioritised within the strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27972/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has had any engagement with Irish Water in relation to wastewater treatment plants in rural Ireland. — Sean Sherlock. [27976/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration will be given to extending the local improvement scheme to areas of Cork city which were formally Cork county and should not be disadvantaged as a result of the boundary change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [27833/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress to date in reviewing the CLAR areas based on the 2016 census of population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [27984/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the key initiatives she is taking or has taken in the past 12 months to support just transition in rural and community developments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [27885/21]

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

19. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when her Department will publish the rural proofing model which underpins the Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27968/21]
20. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her proposals for the new CLÁR programme. — Matt Carthy. [27955/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the progress of broadband connection points; the typical time from installation to connection; the delays in the progress to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27948/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of digital hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27949/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the mechanism to be deployed to deliver on the commitments in Our Rural Future-Rural Development Policy 2021 to 2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27831/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the support her Department is providing to cater for the demand for outdoor recreation infrastructure which has become ever more apparent during Covid-19. — Alan Dillon. [27879/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expected closing date for applications to the town and village renewal scheme; the way in which local persons and community groups may put forward possible project proposals; when it is envisaged that funding allocations will be granted in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [27986/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the provisions being implemented to deal with digital poverty in disadvantaged areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27970/21]

27. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cad é stádas an bháid farantóireachta nua atá saincheaptha d’Oileán Thoraí; cén uair a bheidh an báid réidh le seoladh; an mbeidh sí sásta cruinniú a bheith aici le muintir an oileáin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [21491/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025; and the measures that have been implemented. — Sean Sherlock. [27977/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her proposals for the new Leader programme. — Matt Carthy. [27956/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the rural digital connectivity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27947/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason larger counties with larger CLÁR areas are limited to making the same number of applications as much smaller counties with smaller CLÁR areas; if an imbalance against CLÁR area residents in the larger counties is recognised; her plans to review this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [27953/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a grant or support is in place to assist residents in Bridgetown, County Cork in petitioning the local authorities to apply for
localised flood relief in the area and to strengthen the local community group. — Thomas Gould. [27988/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is considering extending the provisions in the status of the Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 with regard to revitalising rural towns and villages; the measures that have been implemented to cover urban villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [27990/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to press for digital hubs throughout the country in both urban and rural areas presently deficient in investment in jobs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27945/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which communities can make submissions as part of Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 towards creating digital hubs and shared workspaces; the funding and assistance being put in place by her Department in this regard; the awareness campaigns that are being planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [26789/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress to date in reviewing the CLÁR areas based on the 2016 census of population; the expected date for the conclusion of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [27983/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the supports she has created for community organisations to recover from the Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27845/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of funding supports available for community gardens or community allotments in rural towns and villages (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28000/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there will be a review of CLÁR funding regions following the current round of funding. — Sean Sherlock. [27975/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to expand the funding for local community development committees based on population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [27989/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the role of her Department in the formulation and implementation of the remote working strategy and national hub network. — Alan Dillon. [27878/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has examined ways to address rural isolation and loneliness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [27954/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the new policy for the islands; when she expects it to be finalised; the number of occasions the interdepartmental committee for the development of the islands has met to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27957/21]
44. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the development of Caladh Mór pier on Inis Meáin; the status of the preparation of a simulation model of the harbour by the National Maritime College of Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27958/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there has been funding implemented solely to cover the cost of funding and upskilling within community projects. — Paul Donnelly. [27960/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to expand the community service programme to ensure that more persons who are distant from the labour force get an opportunity of gainful employment and to stimulate new social enterprises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27881/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is working with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to address the specific housing challenges being faced in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27946/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of community hubs and hot desks that have been supported and developed through funding by her Department over the past 12 months; the usage activity within such hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [27884/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her engagement on the National Broadband Plan; and the number of remote hubs that are currently in operation or under construction supported by the State. — Sean Sherlock. [27973/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a facility (details supplied) is suitable for funding under the rural regeneration and development plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [27997/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider a project (details supplied) for funding under the next round of the rural regeneration and development plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [27996/21]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFÁ QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on whether it will take longer for the travel agent sector to recover due to the current restrictions on international travel and ongoing uncertainty; if existing supports will be maintained to account for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [27460/21]

*53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if recognition will be given to the fact that when sales recommence for travel agents they will be taking in deposits which will be passed on immediately thus giving these businesses no commission income to pay
overheads; if this will be factored into business supports made available to this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [27462/21]

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will propose the waiving of intellectual property rights for Covid-19 vaccines at the World Trade Organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [27749/21]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the quantity and value of arms and dual use equipment exported by Ireland to Israel each year for the past ten years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27875/21]

*56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if ratification of the ILO Convention C190 Violence and Harassment in the Workplace requires amendments to domestic legislation; if so, the type of legislative amendments that will be required; and if not, if he plans to ratify the Convention. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27961/21]

*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if figures regarding grants from Enterprise Ireland awarded to a company (details supplied) in 2020 and to date in 2021 will be provided. — Claire Kerrane. [28050/21]

*58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will publish the economic and sustainability impact assessment by his Department of the EU-Mercosur trade deal. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28053/21]

*59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the legislative agenda pertaining to content moderators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [28109/21]

*60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28116/21]

*61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he expects future details in relation to the extended eligibility of the small business assistance scheme for Covid to be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28230/21]

*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he expects the micro-enterprise assistance scheme to be relaunched through the local enterprise offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28231/21]

*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount spent by his Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28300/21]

*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to reopen applications for work permits for dairy farm assistants in early 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28350/21]

*65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the investment made by his Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28844/21]
*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when works will be carried out by the OPW on the wall on the bridge in Ballylooby, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28156/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to ban all single-use plastic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27471/21]

*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has received reports on the enforcement against illegal dumping activities in Dublin; and the progress being made in addressing the problems in particular at a large illegal dump in Dublin 17. — Richard Bruton. [27562/21]

*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the 2021 funding allocation and progress being made on the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [27670/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address matters (details supplied) regarding cyber security at hospitals and healthcare systems in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [27689/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a public investigation will be carried out into the HSE cyber-attack following the example of the British Government and will the findings be published pertaining to the preparedness and response of the HSE to the cyber-attack. — Peadar Tóibín. [27690/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the investment made by his Department in each year in cyber security for the past ten years and State agencies under its remit. — Peadar Tóibín. [27691/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of grant funding paid out under the warmer homes scheme in 2020 and to date in 2021 to homeowners in County Tipperary; the amount paid for buildings which are not privately owned homes during the same period; the average waiting period for an application under the scheme; the reason for the increase in waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27698/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date on each of the measures outlined in the implementation plan of actions set out in the current National Cyber Security Strategy; the measures that are presently behind the timeline set out in the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27911/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 156 of 11 May 2021, when the proposals to strengthen the enforcement regime of the Commission for Communications Regulation will be published; the reason that these proposals have been in draft form for the past two years; if the proposals will strengthen enforcement in the area of both mobile and broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27916/21]
*76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the ban of the importation of fracked gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27963/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of a broadband connection for a location (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [27964/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the case of persons (details supplied) will be expedited with regard to obtaining an eircode given the fact that these persons have been waiting a substantial period of time for same. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [28045/21]

*79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28117/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a licence for the exploration of oil and gas will be sold from its holder to another entity; the impact on a licence for the exploration of oil and gas when the company which holds the licence is sold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28179/21]

*81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of premises that will have broadband installed under the National Broadband Plan by county; the percentage of these homes that have been surveyed to date; the percentage of these homes in which broadband has been installed under the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28227/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has had engagements with satellite companies on broadband connectivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28228/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will publish a report (details supplied) which examined the costs of decarbonisation up to 2050; his views on the importance of publishing the report while the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Bill 2021 is progressing through the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28232/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the remediation of the illegal dump at Whitestown, County Wicklow; the timeframe for the completion of remediation; the cost of the remediation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28242/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount spent by his Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28301/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has discussed the need to provide travel agents with continuing business supports with the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment
given the ongoing challenges the sector is facing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [27463/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the grant payment for taxi drivers that purchase an electric vehicle is made months after the purchase of same; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that this imposes a financial barrier on this scheme for most drivers that cannot meet the total upfront cost and then wait for a grant refund; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [27468/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that taxi drivers that install a taxi meter in a new vehicle void the warranty of that vehicle; his views on whether this is a serious issue for taxi drivers that purchase a vehicle that subsequently has mechanical issues but they are then not covered by the manufacturer’s warranty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [27469/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase the wheelchair accessibility of the taxi fleet; the impact this has on taxi drivers that purchase a non-wheelchair accessible taxi now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [27470/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to cuts to Bus Éireann routes 51 and 51x services in Galway and the impact this will have on staff and students at GMIT; if it will be ensured that these services are retained at the current level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27476/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter regarding a Bus Éireann route (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [27492/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport if he considers the driver theory test centres to be essential services; and when the driver theory test centres will reopen. — Paul Murphy. [27493/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will give consideration to removing the necessity for back taxing of vehicles particularly those in sectors which were affected by the Covid-19 restrictions and were unused during the period of lockdown. — Niall Collins. [27498/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Transport when the National Transport Authority plans to roll-out the new Transport for Ireland branded signage and updated timetables in all counties including Limerick and Tipperary given that Covid-19 restrictions are being eased (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [27511/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Transport if retired members of the CIÉ 1951 pension scheme were afforded any consultation or right to vote on the proposals recently agreed; if we will agree to meet their representatives to discuss their concerns on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27525/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Transport if the 1951 pension scheme for CIÉ workers is in compliance with minimum funding standard rules; his plans to meet with CIÉ representatives to discuss the crisis in this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27526/21]
*97. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the maintenance of the Wexford to Waterford railway line; if he plans to maintain the previous maintenance schedule that had been in place in recent years; if it will be ensured that this section is included in the strategic rail review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27573/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek assurances from the CIE group that it will not engage in discussions or make any changes to the pension 1951 scheme until the outcome of the High Court application made by the trustees of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27579/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will introduce best practice reporting guidance for road collisions as recently adopted in the United Kingdom (details supplied). — Neasa Hourigan. [27583/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Transport the numbers of NCT failures per test centre; the main reasons for failure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27588/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Transport if the 1951 superannuation pension scheme for CIE workers is in compliance with minimum funding standard rules; if he plans to meet with CIE representatives to discuss this crisis in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27589/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason CIE excluded the non-union members from a vote on LCR22297 when it confirmed that would not be the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27590/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Transport if the 1951 superannuation pension scheme for CIE workers is in compliance with minimum funding standard rules; if he plans to meet with CIE representatives to discuss this crisis in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [27591/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason CIE excluded the non-union members from a vote on LCR22297 when it confirmed that would not be the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [27592/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason CIE states that the 1951 superannuation scheme is €800 million in debt when the trustees have confirmed it is 102% of the minimum funding standard. — Gino Kenny. [27652/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that CIE has not used contingent assets to repair the deficit in the 1951 superannuation scheme balance sheet as per the 1994 agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [27653/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that CIE’s property portfolio is only valued at €750 million or peppercorn value as per its 2019 financial statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [27654/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to information that sets out that the 1951 superannuation pension scheme for CIE workers is compliant with minimum funding standard rules; his plans to meet with CIE representatives to discuss issues surrounding the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [27663/21]
*109. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 200 of 13 January 2021, if he will provide an update on the introduction of the speed limit appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27677/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of theory tests that have been carried out since March 2020; the level of payments made to a company (details supplied) for the operation of the theory test service since March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27699/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of candidates that took a driving test in both test centres in Clonmel, County Tipperary from January to April 2021; the pass rate in both centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27700/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that theory tests cannot currently operate; the reason that theory tests are still being cancelled; if a company (details supplied) has carried out a risk assessment on all of the test centres which have sufficient social distancing and screening to allow tests to proceed; the efforts being made to immediately reduce the waiting lists for theory tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27701/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Transport if theory test centres are currently open; if the processing of the backlog of theory test application forms on hand has commenced; if so, the estimated time it will take to clear these backlogs; if not, when it is planned to open them and resume full service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [27748/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional measures will be implemented as a matter of urgency to deal with the major backlog in applicants awaiting theory tests; if he will take into account that the majority of non-essential businesses and services have reopened since 17 May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27753/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the work carried out to date in respect of reducing speed limits within and surrounding residential housing estates (details supplied); the amount of funding in respect of 30km per hour speed limits his Department has provided since 2015 to date in 2021; and the breakdown of housing estates in County Kildare that have erected funded signage in their locality. — Catherine Murphy. [27771/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to review further the impact that lower speed limits can have as part of a national roads policy in the context of carbon emissions and climate targets. — Catherine Murphy. [27772/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a date set for the resumption of driver theory tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27780/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Transport the facilities that exist for driver licence renewal for persons that do not have the capabilities or facilities to renew online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [27800/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Transport if the 1951 superannuation pension scheme for CIÉ workers is in compliance with minimum funding standard rules; if he plans to meet with CIÉ representatives to discuss the crisis in relation to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27809/21]
*120. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that CIÉ excluded the non-union members from a vote on LCR22297 when the company confirmed that would not be the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27810/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale for the disparity between the fares charged to Bus Éireann passengers and Dublin Bus passengers, when taking into account journeys of the exact same distance. — Pat Buckley. [27814/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that the National Transport Authority has failed to use a radius method for the selection of fares that are being offered within Cork county instead of the chosen routes which would supply equality of access to fares and encourage greater use of public transport post-pandemic. — Pat Buckley. [27815/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the next stop audio project that the National Transport Authority undertook to deliver as part of the findings of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport report on the Accessibility of Public Transport Services for People with Disabilities which has yet to be delivered across Bus Éireann services. — Pat Buckley. [27816/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the National Transport Authority is instructing Bus Éireann to operate its new low floor coaches on specific routes, while not operating them in cases in which there is a known requirement. — Pat Buckley. [27817/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority has engaged with the groups that represent mobility impaired persons that require the use of a wheelchair to ensure that the fleet being purchased is fit for purpose and not just compliant with international standards which have not kept pace with the development of powered wheelchairs. — Pat Buckley. [27818/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority has engaged with a committee (details supplied) to avail of its unique knowledge regarding the needs of disabled customers across the public transport network. — Pat Buckley. [27819/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of bus stops nationwide that are wheelchair accessible. — Pat Buckley. [27820/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of drivers and supervisors that have been trained in the use of wheelchair lifts on high-sided coaches as classified by the National Transport Authority. — Pat Buckley. [27821/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the National Transport Authority with regard to its funding of a transport training centre for the disabled community by an organisation (details supplied). — Pat Buckley. [27822/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport if an assurance will be given that a person who may have declared a conflict of interest will remove themselves from discussions for funding for the planned transport training centre for the disabled community. — Pat Buckley. [27823/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport the costs incurred by the National Transport Authority as a result of respraying Bus Éireann liveried buses and coaches to their own livery; and the breakdown for same in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Pat Buckley. [27824/21]
*132. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement the National Transport Authority had with local authorities nationwide with regard to Part 8 redevelopments of towns and villages in order to ensure that wheelchair accessible bus stops are included in the design process. — Pat Buckley. [27825/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason he has failed to commence a competition to fill the post set aside for persons with disabilities within the National Transport Authority; and when the recruitment process will commence. — Pat Buckley. [27826/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the roll-out of the Leap card on the Cork to Mallow rail service. — Pat Buckley. [27828/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons currently on the waiting list for the standard driver theory test; the mechanisms being put in place to alleviate this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [27871/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the search and rescue helicopter service contract. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27908/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will investigate the reason CIÉ has failed to honour the 1994 agreement in relation to retired members who have had not had an increase since 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27909/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 191 of 11 May 2021, if a revised submission in respect of a roads project in County Kerry will be expedited given the strategic and safety elements involved in the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27920/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 188 of 11 May 2021, if the Road Safety Authority will re-examine the option of bilateral licence exchange with the best performing US states as an initial step towards improving the scenario for returning Irish emigrants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27924/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide clarity on the position of drivers who will reach 70 years of age shortly in relation to the extension of their driver licence; if they will be contacted individually to confirm that the validity of their licence has been extended; and if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty of contacting and obtaining e-mail replies from the National Driver Licence Service in relation to such queries. — Róisín Shortall. [27925/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to introduce legislation to extend the duration of learner driver permits in view of the delay in driving tests; if so, when this will occur given it is urgent that learner drivers are permitted to continue driving within the law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ó Cuív. [27931/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport when driver theory tests and driver tests are expected to resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27980/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of supervision by either his Department or the Road Safety Authority of individual vehicle testing centres; the nature of this supervision; if the supervision involves random inspection of tested vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [28022/21]
*144. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason CIÉ continually inform the public that the 1951 superannuation scheme is €800 million in debt when in fact the trustees have confirmed it is 102% of the minimum funding standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [28029/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason CIÉ has not used contingent assets to repair a deficit in the 1951 superannuation scheme balance sheet as per the 1994 agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [28030/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request from CIÉ the reason its property portfolio is only valued at €750 million or peppercorn value as per its 2019 financial statement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [28031/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport if arrangements have been made in relation to the development of 2 Grand Parade, which is adjacent to the Luas Charlemont stop in the context of the development of the MetroLink south; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [28035/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of work being carried out in relation to the issuing of driver licences to applicants for international protection that is, asylum seekers which is currently not permitted; the date for the implementation of policy change on this matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [28096/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that airline companies have recently changed their terms and conditions to avoid giving refunds for flights that have had their departure times changed by more than four hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28100/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport when an alternative driver theory test will be given to a person (details supplied) as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28101/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport when an alternative driver theory test will be given to a person (details supplied) as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28106/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will liaise with a company (details supplied) to request the company to review its decision to withdraw to service and crew from Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [28107/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport when driving theory tests will resume; the measures his Department will be taking to clear the backlog of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28110/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applicants currently awaiting a driving theory tests in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28111/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28128/21]
*156. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he has had with the RSA and NDLS to resolve the ongoing issue due to Covid-19 restrictions that have resulted in the current backlog of driver test appointments and driver theory test appointments; when the roll-out of the online theory test will be available to all category A, B and W applicants; the number of applicants it is planned to test each month from now to September 2021 in these categories; the number of new applicants in these categories for both driver test and theory test in County Cork in the preceding 24 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [28146/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to review the recent decision by Bus Éireann to reduce services on the 51/51x route between Galway and Cork; if this decision took into account that demand for bus services will likely increase as more sectors open up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28148/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport if a vaccination shuttle service is being considered for County Galway as there is only one vaccination centre in the county and many persons in rural areas are finding it difficult to get the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28149/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason driving theory testing centres are still closed despite the Road Safety Authority stating it is confident it can run the service safely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [28150/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of exemptions granted in each month of 2020 and to date in 2021 permitting the carriage of munitions of war on planes landing in Ireland; the airports in which these planes landed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28158/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport the militaries that received exemptions to land in Irish airports carrying munitions of war onboard in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28159/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene in a superannuation dispute (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [28162/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for a driver theory test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [28177/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will seek an assurance from CIÉ that it will await the outcome of the High Court application by the trustees of the 1951 pension scheme before engaging in further discussions on the scheme. — Joe Flaherty. [28241/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount spent by his Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28311/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the €80 million announced to support the aviation sector; the funding allocated to each programme under this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28366/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the applications for funding or financial support made by airlines during the Covid-19 pandemic; the funding or financial support provided to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [28367/21]
*168. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed roadworks for the N28 Cork to Ringaskiddy Road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [28385/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed roadworks for the M20 Cork to Limerick motorway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [28386/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 399 of 21 April 2021, the reason the Road Safety Authority has not responded to this question; the action he proposes to take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [28528/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the investment made by his Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28853/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason purchasers of newly completed houses at Loreto Wood, Cavan, County Cavan are unable to avail of the help to buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28047/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Questions Nos. 235 and 236 of 11 May 2021, the criteria applied in concluding that the Revenue Commissioners programme of investigations with a view to prosecution has achieved a considerable level of success and is an effective deterrent to tax evasion and fraud. — Ged Nash. [27485/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 284 to 287 of 28 April 2021, the number of convictions that related to income tax, value-added tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, capital acquisitions tax or stamp duty, respectively in each of the years 2011 to 2020. — Ged Nash. [27486/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the ratification by Ireland of the Council Decisions (EU, Euratom) 2020/2053 of 14 December 2020 on the system of own resources of the European Union and repealing Decision 2014/335/EU, Euratom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [27488/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance the action Ireland has taken on foot of the European Commission recommendation of 14 July 2020 (C(2020) 4885 final) on making State financial support to undertakings conditional on the absence of links, up to the beneficial owner, to non-cooperative jurisdictions for tax purposes, so-called black-list jurisdictions, pursuant to point 7 of the recommendation; the information he has already provided to the Commission regarding measures taken to implement the recommendation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [27489/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance if the end date for the employment wage subsidy scheme is set. — Sean Sherlock. [27490/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has had with banks that made mortgage drawdowns conditional if in receipt of the employment wage subsidy scheme. — Sean Sherlock. [27491/21]
*179. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to deregistering a vehicle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27517/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the repayment of the employment wage subsidy scheme to a person (details supplied); his views on whether this was a bona fide application which would have serious knock-on effects for apprenticeships if payment was disallowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27524/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the official State recognition of partners that have been long-term cohabiters but are not yet married; the position regarding financial assistance and tax credits available to a person in such a situation upon the death of partner prior to marriage; his plans to examine the issue further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [27530/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance if a bank (details supplied) held a banking licence prior to 2008; and if so, the date on which a licence was granted to the bank by the Central Bank. — John McGuinness. [27576/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance if the growth and stability pact prevents the Government from borrowing to build houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27610/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the help-to-buy scheme to include previous homeowners whose relationship or marriage has broken down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27621/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of civil servants that are paid less than the living wage; the estimated cost of increasing their pay to the living wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27623/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of meetings the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment sub-group on insurance reform has held since July 2020; the dates of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [27671/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the effectiveness of the partial relief from carbon tax that applies to biomass products; if a review has taken place on the effectiveness of the measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27681/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance the rate of tax on housing rental income paid by investment corporations for the past seven years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27696/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a person (details supplied) is not eligible for the Covid restrictions support scheme; the options available to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27702/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a statute of limitations for penalties or prosecutions on financial institutions for misconduct or breach of regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27757/21]
*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans in any upcoming finance Bill to allow VAT on electricity for disabled electric vehicle use to be claimed back; if not, if he will request the Revenue Commissioners to allow same as an interim measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27769/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual volume and value since the introduction of the partial relief from carbon tax that applies to biomass products in tabular form; if a review has taken place on the effectiveness of the measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27798/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the operation of the DD1 drivers and passengers with disabilities scheme; the number of applications approved; the cost to the Exchequer by engine type, that is, diesel, petrol, electric and hybrid and other in each of the years the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [27806/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance the supports available to qualified applicants purchasing an electric vehicle under the DD1 drivers and passengers with disabilities scheme, in particular the treatment of VAT with regard to diesel and petrol vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [27807/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance if there have been changes made to the Disabled Drivers and Disabled Passengers (Tax Concessions) Regulations 1994 in view of the Supreme Court decision of June 2020 (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [27902/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider the connected party eligibility criteria for EWSS in an instance in which the connected party is a registered apprentice, but had not been on the payroll and paid at any time between 1 July 2019 and 30 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28033/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a provision for purchasers to avail of the help-to-buy scheme in instances in which the development company has not registered for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28048/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a qualified adult State pension to the spouse of a person (details supplied) is taxed as their income; if this income can be withdrawn from their tax assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28051/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagements he has had regarding the potential to provide a carbon tax waiver for registered agricultural and forestry contractors; when he plans to implement such a waiver; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28054/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if a person purchasing wine online from another EU member state must pay excise duty on the purchase; if so, the rate; and the documentation that is required by the purchaser. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28056/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether any new tax incentive for the game industry should at least include a similar requirement to the film sector tax credit introduced in section 481 of the Finance Act 1997 which requires employers to commit to providing quality employment before availing of the tax credit. — Paul Murphy. [28102/21]
*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28118/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the research used to support the increase in stamp duty to 10% in the context of bulk buying housing; the way the research was sourced and from whom; the parameters that were used; the other taxation measures that were considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [28164/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance the section or subsection of the Finance Act 2001 that grants the Revenue Commissioners VRT enforcement officers the power to offer and accept payment of a compromise penalty when the Revenue Commissioners have not received a notice of claim as specified by section 144(3)(a) of the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28181/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of VRT warnings, detentions, seizures and compromise penalties in each of the years 2015 to 2020, in tabular form as outlined under sections 141, 144 (3)(a) and 153 of the Finance Act 2001; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28182/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the communication by the European Commission on business taxations published on 18 May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28238/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent by his Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28302/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will quantify the employment wage subsidy scheme and temporary wage subsidy scheme supports given to a company (details supplied) since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28344/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will include fibromyalgia under the primary medical certificate scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28357/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a copy of the advice given that the new 10% rate will provide a really significant disincentive to bulk purchases in relation to the new 10% stamp duty on houses and duplexes. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28365/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the investment made by his Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28845/21]

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

*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the Office of Public Works plans to support the cultural and historical events in Kells, County Meath to mark the 1,500th anniversary of the birth of St. Colmcille; if they will ensure that St. Colmcille’s House in the town is open and accessible and is resourced with a paid tour guide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [27480/21]
*213. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent on external legal services by the HSE in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [27503/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will commit to achieving a living wage for low paid civil servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27624/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of persons that received a waiver under sections 52(4) of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012, for the abatement of a public service pension within the past five years; the breakdown by Department and grade of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [27737/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide votes 1-45 of the revised estimates for Budget 2021, including all budget headings, subheadings and their respective allocations including current, capita and total voted expenditure in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28103/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28123/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the efforts by the OPW to secure a site for a new Garda station at Carndonagh, County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28172/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent by his Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28485/21]

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

*220. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when allocations will be announced for the sports capital grant in 2021; and if the size of the allocation for each county has been decided. — Richard Bruton. [27561/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is an application process or established criteria to be considered following the recent announcement in relation to considering proposals on the holding of a limited number of pilot live events for arts, culture, sport and live entertainment indoor and outdoor; if so, the person or body to which expressions of interest should be submitted to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [27667/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if consideration has been given to publishing the 1926 Census earlier than the proposed date of January 2027 in the Decade of Centenaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [27669/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when Irish dancing classes and events will be permitted to return as it is a form of sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27673/21]
*224. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way an event organiser (details supplied) in County Tipperary can apply or obtain a licence to hold a limited number of live events in the arts and culture sector either indoor or outdoor; if there is an application process or established criteria to be considered under the recently proposed scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27684/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to permit live performances at weddings further to the recent meeting between Departmental officials and an association (details supplied); if proposals are currently being considered to permit the resumption of live performances at weddings from 7 June 2021 subject to the epidemiological situation and public health advice available at the time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27686/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the release of a grant to a sports club (details supplied) in County Kildare; if same will be communicated to the club; and if there are outstanding issues for the club to address and or resolve in respect of documentation. — Catherine Murphy. [27935/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her officials have finalised the administrative arrangements for the music entertainment business assistance scheme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27940/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a road map with confirmed dates will be provided for the resumption of live indoor music events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [27941/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of her Department and all agencies under her remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28127/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if wet pubs are eligible to receive funding under the outdoor seating and accessories for tourism and hospitality services schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28175/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount spent by her Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28310/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when new operating guidelines for the sectors of the hospitality industry scheduled to reopen from 7 June 2021 will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28347/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address concerns in relation to the lack of facilities catering for camper van and mobile home related tourism (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [28358/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a decision has been made on an application for the Fáilte Ireland adaptation grant by a business (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28369/21]
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*235. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will appoint a restaurant representative and pub representative to the Tourism Recovery Oversight Group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [28377/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the names of persons or sectors who were appointed by Fáilte Ireland to the tourism recovery taskforces (details supplied). — Imelda Munster. [28378/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if outdoor cinemas are permitted to operate along with other outdoor amenities from 29 May 2021; if not, the rationale for this sector to continue to be closed while other outdoor amenities remain open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28389/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the investment made by her Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28852/21]

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

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a specific plan to tackle family homelessness in the forthcoming Housing for All strategy; if the key issues and suggestions made in a strategy by an organisation (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28410/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses completed under the pyrite scheme; the average payment to date; the highest payment under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [27466/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if persons in residential addiction treatment are considered housed in terms of open social housing applications. — Thomas Gould. [27518/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if persons in residential addiction treatment can still avail of the HAP scheme for a property for the duration of their stay. — Thomas Gould. [27519/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if HAP is stopped or paused for persons in residential addiction treatment. — Thomas Gould. [27520/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has assessed the request by an organisation (details supplied) for a family homelessness strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [27532/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the advance planning by the LDA will be affected by the process of reviews of city and county development plans which are now under way and which are unlikely to be completed before 2023. — Richard Bruton. [27563/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the names of the members of the independent working group to examine the issue of defective housing; the qualifications of
each; the remuneration they are to receive for their work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27564/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the dates that the independent working group to examine the issue of defective housing have met to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27565/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the agenda for each of the meetings of the independent working group to examine the issue of defective housing that have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27566/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the terms of reference of the independent working group to examine the issue of defective housing is to be signed off and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27567/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the terms of reference of the independent working group to examine the issue of defective housing include a review of the current financial assistance scheme for the remediation of damaged dwellings due to defective concrete blocks also known as the MICA redress scheme. — Thomas Pringle. [27568/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the resources available to local authorities to enforce short-term letting regulations; his plans to provide additional assistance in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27580/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the examinations he has undertaken in relation to extending the right to vote to Irish citizens abroad in Presidential elections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27581/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review into the housing adaption and housing aid local authority grants will be carried out; if the review will include the amounts local authorities can allocate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27584/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have the discretion to allocate a fixed price for the replacement of windows or doors under the housing aid grant; if this figure is set by his Department given that the total figure for a grant is €8,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27585/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of leases that Kildare County Council has entered into for the provision of housing in the county over the past three years; the number of houses these leases involved; the location of each within the county; the cost of these leases.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27586/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of leases that Kildare County Council has signed up for social housing that are not yet occupied; the location of these leases; the number of houses; the cost of these houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [27587/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to introduce online voter registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27612/21]
*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of outdoor staff employed by each local authority in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27613/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current average wait time to be accepted on to the housing list in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27614/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current expected wait time on the housing list in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27615/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the particular challenges in relation to accessing housing that those whose marriage or long term relationship has ended are experiencing; his plans to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27616/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons on the housing list for County Kildare approved for HAP but not in receipt of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27617/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports his Department will provide to non-homeless persons that may be approved for HAP but are unable to find accommodation that will accept same or that is within the threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27618/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of housing assistance payments that have been paid out to private landlords in County Kildare since the payment was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27619/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of rental accommodation scheme payments that have been paid out to private landlords in County Kildare since the payment was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27620/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme to include previous homeowners whose relationship or marriage has broken down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27622/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons registered as homeless over the past ten-year period from 2011 to 2021, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [27658/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital investment allocated to social housing over the past ten-year period, 2011 to 2021, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [27659/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social houses affordable or council built over the past ten-year period 2011 to 2021, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [27660/21]
*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of acquisitions or takeovers of private rentals that have been repurposed as social and or council houses over the past ten year period 2011 to 2021, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [27661/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding acquisition funding for 2021; when the local authorities will be in receipt of these funds; if there is a possibility of emergency acquisition funding as there are many persons in County Clare that are facing evictions due to their landlords wanting to sell the property and the county does not have funding to acquire properties at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [27662/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of housing assistance payment paid to investment corporations since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27695/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports his Department is providing to Dublin City Council and South Dublin County Council in its master planning of the Ballymount industrial estate site between the Red Cow and Bluebell. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27731/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide statistical information (details supplied) in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27732/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if statistical information in relation to the allocation of funding will be provided (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [27734/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 705 of 21 April 2021, the estimated cost of upgrading all developer provided water infrastructure in the 566 residential developments. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27735/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when applicants for the position of appointments to the National Oversight and Audit Commission will be notified as to the outcome of their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27770/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grants or assistance available for those that need to adapt their home for medical needs but are over the income threshold to apply through the local authority. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [27811/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the impact the 2040 planning framework will have on house building in rural Ireland; his further views on whether this is appropriate to home building in rural communities given the rising house prices and the worsening housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27873/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if right of way legislation due to come into place on 30 November 2021 will be delayed due to extended closures of the Land Registry and solicitors’ offices due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27900/21]
*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 328 of 5 May 2021, the number of the 60 new conservation rangers being recruited presently that will be assigned to Killarney National Park; if a timeframe for the recruitment process will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27903/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the HAP spend on landlord payments from 2016 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [27932/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will commence a review of part M of the Building Regulations 2010 to include specifications for liveable accommodation which provide appropriate accessibility as required by persons with varying levels of mobility in accordance with the lifetime adaptable housing design criteria (details supplied); if he will introduce planning regulations in order that 7% of all houses should be built to be fully wheelchair accessible while the remaining 93% of new houses are designed and constructed to follow and apply lifetime adaptable housing design criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [27939/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the MICRA and pyrite remediation schemes for counties Donegal and Mayo given the difficulty applicants to those schemes are experiencing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27942/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the issues in relation to local authorities acquiring construction materials from companies that previously provided materials with MICRA. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27943/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of State expenditure on housing in each of the years 2014 to 2020; and the proportion of taxpayer expenditure on housing which is defined as off-balance sheet in each of the years in question and not calculated as part of overall Exchequer debt in both cash terms and as a percentage of the overall expenditure on housing in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28011/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of expected State expenditure on housing in each of the next five years; and the proportion of taxpayer expenditure which is budgeted to be spent on housing which is defined as off-balance sheet in each of the years in question and not calculated as part of overall Exchequer debt in both cash terms and as a percentage of the overall expenditure on housing in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [28012/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to extend the Shannon–Erne waterway to the Erne estuary-Atlantic coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28036/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 303 of 24 February 2021, if a full breakdown will be provided of the funding provided to Donegal County Council for housing in each of the years from 2016 to 2020; the amount that was spent on building, leasing, HAP, RAS and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28104/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28121/21]
*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to expand on the six demonstration projects on the community connection to wastewater networks scheme; if he will provide details of the conclusions drawn from the six projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [28157/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of the reconstruction loan scheme will be completed. — Sorca Clarke. [28173/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and value of paused applications currently due to the review of the reconstruction loan scheme by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [28174/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding or grants are available to provide financial assistance for a person (details supplied) to have a ramp installed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [28296/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent by his Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28305/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to carry out an investigation into alleged planning irregularities regarding Wicklow County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [28342/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has carried out an assessment of the number of vacant standalone properties in the country; the breakdown of same by county; if he will give consideration to the introduction of a home renovation grant to encourage owners of rundown standalone properties to renovate them and bring them back to use; his views on whether such a scheme would have benefits in terms of housing stock available for purchase and lease and for local economies; his further views on whether current schemes such as repair to lease, housing aid for older people and SEAI grants are restrictive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [28345/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to extend the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme to include first time buyers undertaking substantial renovation works on second-hand properties; his plans to extend supports to first time buyers who are unable to receive full mortgages from banks in circumstances in which the first time buyer is seeking to purchase a second-hand property in need of substantial renovation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28348/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties that have been acquired that were once listed on a website (details supplied) and other short-term letting websites since July 2020 as reported in an article. — Eoin Ó Broin. [28355/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the work of the Departmental senior officials' group that was set up to examine further regulation for short-term letting platforms as reported in an article (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [28356/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the discrepancy between wheelchair accessible housing and Cork County Council standards which
currently do not allow for larger mobility aids such as wheelchairs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [28372/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses obtained by Dublin City Council in 2020. — Denise Mitchell. [28381/21]

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

*303. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 425 of 18 May 2021, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the OSCE Election Observation Mission to Armenia is headed by an Irish citizen; if, in view of this he will review the decision not to deploy any Irish election observers to these elections especially those observers that are vaccinated against Covid 19; if he will now give active consideration to nominating experienced Irish election observers from the current and previous rosters that have experience of elections in Armenia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28403/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to replace the 2018 election observation roster; if any preparation work has been done on this to date; if Department officials have been in formal contact with the Public Appointments Service seeking them to organise a professional recruitment competition; if the existing roster can be increased to take account of observers that no longer wish to travel internationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28404/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 425 of 18 May 2021, if he will explain the reason that insurance premiums are being paid for election observers when no Irish election observers have been deployed for over a year; if, in view of zero deployments he will seek a rebate of premiums paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [28405/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to urgently support the population of Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [27523/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts he can undertake to raise awareness through the EU of the plight of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27740/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to make the Covid-19 vaccine more available to persons in less developed countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [27899/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 435 of 18 May 2021, the dates and the particulars of each occasion on which he has summoned the Chinese Ambassador to meet with him from 14 June 2017 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [27923/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 413 and 425 of 18 May 2021, the process by which a person became head of the OSCE Election Observation Mission to Armenia (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [27966/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has responded to the invitation from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe to send election observers to Armenia
ahead of the June 2021 general election there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [28032/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to an aircraft; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28046/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding providing medical aid to Nepal which is currently experiencing a severe crisis due to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Pa Daly. [28052/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28119/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will advise on a matter raised in correspondence in relation to foreign birth registration (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [28180/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount spent by his Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28303/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if the person’s documents are in the Irish Consulate in San Francisco or in the Passport Office, Dublin. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28351/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the recent meeting of the United Nations Security Council. — Neale Richmond. [27999/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the investment made by his Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28846/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*320. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will establish a helpline to assist victims of sexual abuse in the Curragh Camp area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27611/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of contracts for certain Defence Force workers to allay concerns regarding their contracts post-2022 (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [27666/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount expended by his Department on the procurement of commercial flights for all Defence Forces troop rotations over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [27738/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide details of the evaluation of cost savings by his Department associated with the procurement of an airlift capability for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [27739/21]
*324. To ask the Minister for Defence if a US military transport plane landed at Baldonnel Aerodrome on 18 May 2021 to refuel; if so, the locations the aircraft was travelling to and from; and if the plane was carrying weapons. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27786/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will seek to have the plaque at the monument to the Defence Forces in Merrion Square, Dublin 2 amended to correct the misspelling of the word emanate which appears as eminate. — Patrick Costello. [27857/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Defence the companies which supply helmets and uniform equipment to the Defence Forces; and the amount spent on this equipment per year for the past ten years. — Martin Browne. [27874/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Defence if a ship (details supplied) was in Irish waters on 13 and 14 May 2021; if the vessel had permission to pass through Irish waters; if so, the distance it passed off the west coast at the time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27919/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Defence if an aircraft (details supplied) enroute to Israel landed at Baldonnel Aerodrome; if these type of flights are facilitated often at Baldonnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [27921/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Defence if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28114/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount spent by his Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28298/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Defence the investment made by his Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28842/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*332. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated timeline for the progression of the Education (Student and Parent Charter) Bill 2019; and when this will be before Dáil Éireann at second stage. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27508/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education the status of work to move school secretaries from being paid through the board of management ancillary grant to under her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27516/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the discrepancy between the symptoms being used to advise Covid-19 self-isolation in schools among pupils and the advice being offered to the general public (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [27528/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 150 of 13 May 2021, when her Department last engaged with school authorities in the Midleton Carrigtwohill school planning area with regard to post-primary school places for September 2021; the number of students still on waiting lists for a secondary school place in the area at the time of that engagement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [27538/21]
*336. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the absence of SNAs as staff representatives from school boards of management nationwide; if there are particular reasons for SNAs not being represented on boards of management; her plans to actively include SNAs on boards of management; if her Department compile information on the composition of boards; if so, the number of SNAs and school secretaries on such boards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27572/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education if the plans will be released for July programme 2021; and if a commitment will be given that children attending special schools and classes for whom the programme was originally devised will receive compulsory in-school provision that is not dependent on the buy in of staff. — Mairéad Farrell. [27575/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education the outcome of the STAR pilot project undertaken in Tuam, County Galway, as developed from the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021; the findings of the pilot project; if consideration has been given to further roll-out; if a new strategy will be developed post-2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [27577/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education the provisions in place for students sitting the junior certificate in 2022 given that they lost 12 weeks from school in 2020 and only returned to school after Easter 2021; her views on whether these students have not been part of the conversation given that priority was given to leaving certificate students; the steps she will take to reassure students and their families following the significant disruption by clearly outlining supports for this cohort; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [27651/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education the basis for the new school design guide for sanitary facilities (details supplied); the steps that have been taken to consult with stakeholders including schools, students, parents and NGOs in relation to the new policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [27668/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education if the staffing appeal for the 2021-2022 academic year for a school (details supplied) will be considered on the basis that a loss of a staff member would result in the overcrowding of 12 pupils in a 25.08 metre sq. classroom making social distancing very challenging to implement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27678/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education if the staffing appeal for the 2021-2022 academic year for a school (details supplied) will be considered on the basis that a loss of a staff member would result in the overcrowding of 20 pupils in a 63 metre sq. classroom and 19 pupils into a classroom of similar size, both scenarios making social distancing very challenging to implement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27679/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education when leaving certificate computer science as a subject will be fully implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [27714/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of a new building for a school (details supplied); the timeline for submission of a planning application to South Dublin County Council for a purpose built school on the school site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [27736/21]
*345. To ask the Minister for Education if the staffing appeal for the 2021-2022 academic year for a school (details supplied) will be considered on the basis that a loss of a staff member would result in the overcrowding of 26 pupils in a 45 metre sq. classroom making social distancing very challenging to implement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [27754/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the significant inequalities in pay, conditions and pension and other entitlements facing many school secretaries. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [27812/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education if a grant will be sanctioned for a school (details supplied) for additional two classrooms and a special education teacher room to cater for the current demand within the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [27846/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education if an application for an exceptional review has been considered for a school (details supplied) in County Longford to enable it to provide a special needs assistant to an incoming junior infant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [27912/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education if schools are required to inform parents and guardians when notifying them that a child has been placed on a waiting list for admittance due to oversubscription; if a provision exists to request a review in writing by the board of management of the decision within 21 calendar days from the date of the original decision; if a provision exists following the outcome of the review of the board of management that a further right exists to make an appeal to her under section 29(1)(c)(i) of the Education Act, 1998; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [27979/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 321 of 13 May 2021, if she will direct her officials to contact the four institutions referenced in her response in order to secure the information not readily available and to make this information available as requested in the original question. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28024/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be included in the upcoming DEIS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [28026/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a permanent site for a school (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28092/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with the staff and parents of a school (details supplied) in relation to a suitable site for same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28093/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of her Department and all agencies under her remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28115/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special schools that provided a July provision summer programme in 2019 and 2020 respectively. — Sean Sherlock. [28152/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education the status and timeline on the provision of details from her Department to schools to enable them to plan for July provision in 2021. — Sean Sherlock. [28153/21]
*357. To ask the Minister for Education if parents that paid for school transport on the Upperchurch/Kilcommon to Thurles bus route in recent weeks can be informed as to the period of time the tickets paid for are covering in view of the fact these parents are yet to receive confirmation from Bus Éireann as to duration of the tickets and have failed to receive a response from Bus Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28155/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has a budget for the purchase of tablet devices (details supplied) for secondary schools in 2021; if this budget will ensure all pupils have access to such a device; if the use of such devices is now routine and compulsory in secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28163/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 164 of 12 May 2021, when the work will be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [28165/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a site comprising approximately 1.7 acres at Murphy Barracks, Ballincollig, Cork that was set aside in 2003 for her Department for a Gaelscoil. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28166/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education when a newly built school (details supplied) is likely to open for students. — Joe Flaherty. [28234/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education when the details of the July provision will issue to schools (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [28235/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent by her Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28299/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made on sending feedback and approval to a school (details supplied) considering that its revised stage 1 preliminary design report was submitted in December 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [28346/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education if the recently announced extended summer provision scheme will make it possible as in previous years for children with autism to avail of two weeks in-school provision followed by an additional two weeks provision in their own home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28370/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education if the number of SNAs will be increased in Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [28384/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider allowing for developing schools to be reprofiled in 2021 as was originally planned following on from the staffing schedule for primary schools for the 2021-2022 school year (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [28390/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applicants and successful candidates who availed of the pilot scheme to assist leaving certificate students who suffer bereavement of a close relative during the exam period in 2019. — Gary Gannon. [28391/21]
*369. To ask the Minister for Education the investment made by her Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28843/21]

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

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if respite grants for the past two years are due to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [27481/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider providing free travel cards for persons with epilepsy during the period in which they are disallowed from driving; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27505/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when PPS numbers will issue to persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27506/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on raising maternity benefit to €350 weekly over the lifetime of the Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27514/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the free hot school meals programme to all DEIS schools and all other schools that request to participate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27515/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the official State recognition of partners that have been long-term cohabiters but are not yet married; the position regarding financial assistance and tax credits available to a person in such a situation upon the death of partner prior to marriage; her plans to examine the issue further; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [27529/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of visually impaired persons in receipt of the blind pension; and if consideration will be given to removing or amending the means test associated with the pension. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27569/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way a visually impaired person can exist and contribute in the State as an artist; and the way a visually impaired person can develop, grow and live as a professional artist here. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27570/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of audits of visually impaired persons in receipt of the blind persons pension that were carried out in 2018 and 2019; and the reason these audits were necessary in circumstances in which all recipients of the pension have very limited financial means. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27571/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reintroduce arrangements in which persons on an invalidity pension could get permission to work part-time, known as an exemption, for rehabilitative or therapeutic purposes and keep their full social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27625/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to help vulnerable migrant job seekers, including asylum seekers, to access the workplace; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27665/21]
*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the situation in which those that live in close proximity to windfarms and receive compensatory payments from the private operators then have these payments deducted from their pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [27675/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if community employment schemes will be extended further beyond July 2021; if contract extensions will be provided to persons aged over 55 that are due to finish community employment placements in July 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [27683/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has received a report (details supplied) if so, the timeline for the publication of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [27796/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the initiatives being undertaken in her Department in relation to addressing food poverty; the research or scoping exercises being undertaken; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [27799/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that children whose carers that have been allocated a free travel pass have not themselves being allocated a free travel pass; and the estimated cost for implementing such a process. — Pat Buckley. [27827/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the work placement and experience programme announced as part of the July jobs stimulus is due to commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27829/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools that provide school meals by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27847/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of primary schools that provide school meals by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27848/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of post-primary schools that provide school meals by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27849/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of special schools that provide school meals by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27850/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of alternative education settings including youthreach and related schemes that provide school meals by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27851/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of schools that provide school meals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27852/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of primary schools that provide school meals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27853/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of post-primary schools that provide school meals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27854/21]
*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of special schools that provide school meals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27855/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of alternative education settings including youthreach and related schemes that provide school meals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27856/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools that provide hot school meals by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27860/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of primary schools that provide hot school meals by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27861/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of post-primary schools that provide hot school meals by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27862/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of special schools that provide hot school meals by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27863/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of alternative education settings including youthreach and related schemes that provide hot school meals by county in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27864/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of schools that provide hot school meals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27865/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of primary schools that provide hot school meals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27866/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of post-primary schools that provide hot school meals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27867/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of special schools that provide hot school meals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27868/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage of alternative education settings including youthreach and related schemes that provide hot meals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [27869/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons still awaiting pandemic unemployment payment arrears payments; the average time persons wait for a payment to be made; and the number of successful reviews upon request by month since April 2020, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [27901/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position of employees in her Department who are seconded to other agencies during their work life; the way their salaries are treated for the purposes of pension contributions and entitlements; the reason a person (details supplied) who has been seconded from FÁS and then to her Department has had a high portion of their salary treated differently in relation to superannuation contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [27904/21]
*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an employee (details supplied) in her Department who is on secondment to a separate agency for extensive periods of time still enjoys the benefits of being an employee of her Department; if they have the right to initiate the employee grievance procedures of her Department as do other employees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [27905/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the poverty impact assessment of reduced jobseeker rates for 18 to 24 year olds as committed to in the Social Welfare (No. 2) Act 2019; and when the assessment will be published. — Claire Kerrane. [27913/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an example of the way the disability allowance means test operates step by step in circumstances (details supplied); and the maximum figures for the spouse’s employment that are possible under the means test under such circumstances which would still entitle the disability allowance applicant to the maximum rate of disability allowance and at least €1 of disability allowance per week. — Róisín Shortall. [27930/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the avenues of assistance that are available to a self-employed person, paying S class contributions if they find themselves out of work for a period of time due to ill health or injury. — Robert Troy. [27937/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is the community welfare officer who decides the location in which any item should be purchased following the assessment of quotations from applicants for funds; if the payment for any such items goes from the applicant or from the officer; if there is a recommendation and requirement that such items should be purchased locally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27962/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will publish a report by a company (details supplied) on the cost of disability before the end of May 2021; if not, the timeframe for publication given its importance to budget planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28013/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when research into the cost of disability in the State carried out by a company (details supplied) will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [28014/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a school (details supplied) is not included in the hot meals scheme unlike other schools in the area; if she will instruct her Department to include the school in the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [28017/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the negotiated proposals for gratuity payments for community employment supervisors and community employment assistant supervisors will also be available to supervisors on the rural social schemes who are also without pension provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [28021/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) is no longer eligible for an incapacity supplement as an increase to their disablement benefit pension; the reason this has resulted in such a significant reduction in their payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [28023/21]
*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the rate of State pension (contributory) awarded to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reviewed following the award of home caring credits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28105/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of her Department and all agencies under her remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28125/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will further extend community employment scheme placements that are due to end to allow participants to complete courses and training they missed due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28192/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if community employment scheme eligibility will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28193/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the formal procedure in place for setting up a recovery plan over a period of time in respect of substantial Covid pandemic unemployment overpayments; the length of time customers have to repay the overpayment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eamon Ó Cuív. [28264/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent by her Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28309/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of jobseeker’s allowance; and the number who are on a reduced rate. — Claire Kerrane. [28343/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost of increasing each weekly social welfare payment to meet the minimum essential standard of living as detailed by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will provide this information with regard to the current base rates and minimum essential standard of living rates by contributory and non-contributory social protection schemes in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [28379/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average revenue net weekly pay for current recipients of casual and short-time social welfare benefit schemes by scheme in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [28380/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a report (details supplied) has been completed and submitted to her Department; if the delay in receiving the report will cause a delay in the publication of the report; and the date the report will be made available. — Gary Gannon. [28388/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the investment made by her Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28850/21]

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

*430. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the campaign and document from an organisation (details supplied) for the Government to issue a specific family homelessness strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27513/21]
*431. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to address funding concerns in relation to the business in the community Ireland EPIC programme raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27664/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of funding allocated to Traveller and Roma initiatives; the expenditure within same in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27724/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a significant time difference between when HIQA reports (details supplied) are shared with their service providers and when they are shared with their service users; if he is satisfied with such delays; if it is possible that all relevant stakeholders of such facilities will be informed of HIQA recommendations at the same time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [27797/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the disability capacity review and the report by a company (details supplied) on the cost of disability will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [27910/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the expected timeline for the roll-out of the baby box programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27914/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will publish the outcomes of the consultations by his Department which concluded on 9 April 2021 on the operation of a paid leave scheme for victims of domestic violence. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27926/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the target month in 2022 for the full commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Róisín Shortall. [27927/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when responsibility for disability matters will be fully transferred from the Department of Health to his Department; the specific functions and areas that will be transferred; the specific budget that will be transferred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27929/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason he, through statutory bodies such as the HSE and Tusla, continues to make Irish children wards of court and to send them abroad at the cost of €400,000 per child, per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [27981/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who are currently under out-of-state care after having been made wards of court and emancipated from the care of their family; and the amount such out-of-state care incurs as a cost to the State per year. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [27982/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason force majeure was not allowed in respect of early years payments for dates a service (details
supplied) in County Kerry which had to close due to a significant Covid-19 outbreak; if the decision will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [28034/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the allocation and expenditure for Traveller and Roma initiatives in each of the years 2016 to 2020, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28097/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of funding allocated to Traveller and Roma initiatives in 2021; the expenditure to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28098/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for developing a successor to the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017-2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [28099/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28113/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will prioritise the opening of a refuge in Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin for persons who are at risk of homelessness due to domestic abuse given that there is currently no provision in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [28167/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of measures taken at a centre (details supplied) to mitigate against the risk of Covid-19 transmission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [28318/21]

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

*448. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of student accommodation that is publicly owned developments; the percentage of student accommodation that is privately owned developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [28154/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the buildings that have been purchased by Dundalk Institute of Technology from 2010 to 2016; the cost per building; the current status of each building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [27450/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when training centres that run short, part-time courses will be able to reopen for training purposes again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [27467/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [27500/21]
*452. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to increase funding supports for psychology doctoral students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [27521/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of funding needed to update the research framework to operate with PhD candidates as full employees of their institutions as opposed to as students receiving grants or stipends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27533/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider allowing social care students that are working in care settings and also studying to use these qualifying paid work hours as required work placement hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [27535/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the list of traditional apprenticeships and new apprenticeships, respectively which are now available for participation; and the number of places on each for participation. — Richard Bruton. [27558/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the areas in which further new apprenticeships are in development; and the planned number of places on each. — Richard Bruton. [27559/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the approach he plans to take to develop a central hub in which applicants for apprenticeships and employers in the relevant sectors could be matched off; and the way in which he plans to attract employers to use such a hub that might have used less formal routes of recruitment before. — Richard Bruton. [27560/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he received correspondence from a person (details supplied); his views on whether it is fair that SUSI recipients availing of experience within their placement schools would have their special rate grant removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [27582/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will instruct University of Limerick to engage meaningfully with students in seeking a resolution relating to the cancellation of the international trips for students for respective masters courses due to the Covid-19 pandemic and to refund costs to students for flights, transfers, accommodation and food; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27685/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the dropout rate across universities for first-year students commencing in 2020; the steps he is taking to support students that may be struggling with online learning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [27765/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons on the vocational training opportunities scheme by ETB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27782/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the length of waiting lists for the vocational training opportunities scheme by ETB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27783/21]
*463. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated costs or savings to the State of removing the criteria of being in receipt of social welfare payment for at least six months for accessing the vocational training opportunities scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27784/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional tutors that have been hired to teach apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27785/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason students from Ballyfermot College of Further Education that have spent two years on a higher national diploma advanced production and design course and want to continue onto a BA hons visual media (game design) are not eligible for the SUSI grant in order to undertake the degree course (details supplied); and if the anomaly will be addressed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [27906/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending the SUSI grant scheme to include online and part-time higher education courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [27928/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of first-year enrolments in general and psychiatric nursing at the Mayo campus in GMIT in each year since the courses began; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27965/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider developing an apprenticeship programme for barbers to complement the recently announced apprenticeship programme for hairdressing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [28037/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review a matter (details supplied) in relation to CAO registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28108/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28120/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person can apply for a SUSI grant based on the financial status of a family member (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [28151/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount spent by his Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28304/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the investment made by his Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28847/21]
*474. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a naturalisation application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27426/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice when the case of a person (details supplied) will be reconsidered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27428/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice when the processing of long stay visa applications will be resumed (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [27472/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider an exemption on citizenship applications fees for long-term Irish residents that are citizens of EU and EEA member states or the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [27473/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27487/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a visa in the case of persons (details supplied); if an application will be treated as an emergency application given the worsening situation in Nigeria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27495/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice when an appeal decision will issue in relation to visas granted to two workers (details supplied) which were subsequently refused by the Irish Embassy in New Delhi. — Seán Canney. [27496/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount spent on external legal services by An Garda Síochána in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [27503/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice if a change of status from stamp 3 to stamp 4 can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27504/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice when a visa application will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27507/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice the position in relation to the plan to build a new Garda station for the Coolock district. — Richard Bruton. [27556/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice the approach being developed for intensive engagement to divert young persons from the risk of slipping into the drugs environment in pilot areas known as green towns; and the experience of successes from such projects to date. — Richard Bruton. [27557/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedures in place in relation to the Property Services Regulatory Authority in dealing with official complaints that are lodged with the authority; the number of complaints received by the authority in each of the years 2015 to 2020, in tabular form;
the number of those complaints that are still live; the number now fully closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [27593/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to delays in the State’s forensic laboratories; her plans to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [27608/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Justice the date on which her Department is working towards to introduce hate crime legislation to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27672/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Justice when a visa application (details supplied) under the EU Directive 2004/38/EC will be determined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [27674/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Justice the position in relation to the delays in the issuing of probate from the Probate Office. — Richard Bruton. [27676/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Justice when the processing of join family visa applications will resume; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [27752/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Justice if an appointment will be facilitated to update stamp status in the case of a person (details supplied) who has attempted to make an appointment to no avail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27781/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested and charged under Part 6 of the Criminal Justice Act 2006 in each of the years of 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27802/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of successful convictions obtained for the offence of criminal damage in Garda J district in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27803/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of successful convictions obtained for the offence of violent disorder in Garda R district in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27804/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to domestic abuse intervention unit in DMR north as of 17 May 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [27805/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Justice if An Garda Síochána will be recruiting in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27872/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the outbreak of Covid-19 in Mountjoy Prison; the way the prison is being managed with respect to limiting the spread of infection; the way the outbreak is affecting prisoners access to facilities; and when prisoners will receive Covid-19 vaccinations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [27876/21]
*499. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service will resume processing short stay C visas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [27898/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is satisfied with the level of compliance by persons who are subject to the requirements of Part 2 of the Sex Offenders Act 2001; the number of notifications received from other jurisdictions or from Interpol regarding the travel of convicted sex offenders to Ireland during the period 2009 to 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [27918/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for transfer from overseas into Ireland received to date in 2021; the number of applications for inward transfer under consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [27938/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 667 of 18 May 2021, if she will provide copies of all emails and hard correspondence received from an association (details supplied) seeking a statutory instrument to enable its annual conference to proceed. — Catherine Murphy. [28027/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application can be expected to advance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28049/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of her Department and all agencies under her remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28122/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vacancies by job title in the Office of the State Pathologist; the estimated full year cost of filling each of the vacant posts in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28184/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons currently on a panel waiting for recruitment into An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28185/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vacancies by rank in the Garda band in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28186/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars attached to the Garda national immigration bureau that are aged over 12 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [28187/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount spent by her Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28306/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of the Multi-Unit Developments Act 2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [28349/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason a person (details supplied) has not received any update on their citizenship status despite the fact their relative of comparable circumstances and
who submitted their application after this person has already been granted status. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [28368/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to amend section 30 of the Data Protection Act 2018 to prevent targeted advertising to children or to produce a similar piece of legislation with the same purpose; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [28383/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Justice the investment made by her Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28848/21]

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

*514. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the European Commission has stated its intention to initiate infringement proceedings against Ireland and other north western waters member states over their failure to ensure adequate monitoring and control of the landing obligation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27447/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will support the mandatory use of on-board CCTV on all vessels at high risk of non-compliance with the rules of the Common Fisheries Policy during the negotiations on the EU Control Regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27448/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will object to the proposal by the European Parliament to increase the margin of tolerance for a broad range of EU fisheries which would legalise the underreporting of catches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27449/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there has not been a significant increase in the issuing of private licences for the weeks ending 16 April, 23 April, 30 and 7 May 2021 when over this same period Coillte has only issued seven felling licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27451/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a definition of Coillte felling and private felling based on the forestry licensing dashboard as presented by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27452/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte submits a licence application and they are not the landowner but act as an agent for the landowner, if the data gets presented as Coillte or private on the weekly dashboard when the licence is issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27453/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of licences issued with ecology input from June 2020 to date in 2021, by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27454/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Department was consulted in the drafting or at any point prior to the introduction of SI No. 45 of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [27455/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 476 of 13 May 2021, the way all forestry projects in Ireland will impact on the whooper swan,
the Greenland white fronted goose and the barnacle goose, given the fact these bird species breed and nest in Greenland and only winter remotely in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27456/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 476 of 13 May 2021, the way forestry projects irrespective of type, size and location will impact on hen harriers considering the low and sparse population of the species, and given the fact that in parts of Ireland it is proven hen harrier numbers have increased in landscapes where forestry exists of different ages and rotations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27457/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Coillte licences on average an ecologist processes in a week; the number of private licences on average an ecologist processes in a week for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [27459/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the metrics used by his Department in setting a target of issuing 4,500 licences for 2021; the way that figure meets industry demand; the consequences to the industry for failure to reach 4,500 licences given the fact that only 1,100 are issued to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [27478/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 965 of 11 May 2021, the number of ecologists and inspectors involved in issuing 1080 licences in 2021 which is up 11% on the previous year; the number of ecologists and inspectors involved in issuing licences for that equivalent period in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [27499/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to recognise the importance of animal welfare and provide additional resources to monitor welfare standards by increasing the veterinary presence available on all live export consignments to third countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [27512/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Statutory Instrument was signed to give the Minister of State responsibility for forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27540/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the current senior inspector in forestry was appointed to that position; the length of time the person was given the role as senior inspector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27541/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Forest Service has written to every licence applicant whose application has exceeded the number of days without approval explaining the cause for delay in accordance with the charter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27542/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a circular is issued by the Forest Service, if the Forest Service inspector has to certify sites in accordance with the latest circulars issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27543/21]
*532. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a Forest Service inspector can advise and or instruct a felling licence applicant that the Forest Service inspector will not approve a felling licence unless that applicant submits a forest road application for the same site as the felling licence application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27544/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 962 of 11 May 2021, if the number of hectares outlined by the Forest Service in each of the yearly planting programmes for the past five years are based on the area shown on the form two certified species map; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27545/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 963 of 11 May 2021, if his previous answer is accepting that the screening process was not carried out correctly in relation to the case outlined (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27546/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 964 of 11 May 2021, the exact number of direct ecologists working with the Forest Service on a full-time basis; the person or body that employs the 12 other full-time ecologists that are not assigned civil service grades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27547/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 965 of 11 May 2021, the reason he states that he expects output of licences for May to be higher when the dashboard for the week ending 7 May 2021 noted that the Forest Service had only issued 36 licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27548/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 966 of 11 May 2021, if the Forest Service sought expert advice to make these changes to procedures and practices or if all changes were introduced by the Forest Service headed up by the senior inspector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27549/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 967 of 11 May 2021, if a person (details supplied) is the project manager for Project Woodland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27550/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the forest service advised Coillte to withdraw any forestry licence applications at any point in recent years; if this did happen, the reason behind this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27551/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm under what the GPC category did the forest service approve and grant-aid Coillte/Bord na Mona to plant disused peatlands with native species; if he will confirm whether or not the same scheme is available to every landowner in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27552/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will refer the forest service to the Public Accounts Committee in order to assess whether it is value for money for the Irish taxpayer, given the current state of the forestry sector when it comes to timber supplies and
the backlog of licence applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27553/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the frequency that grading machines in each of the Department approved meat plants were calibrated by Department staff in 2020 and 2021 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27554/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown, summary of any of the faults, discrepancies that were detected following inspections or calibration checks of grading machines in Departmental approved meat plants in 2020 and 2021 to date; the actions taken to remedy the problems; if sanctions were handed out by his Department to the meat plants involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [27555/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will write to each applicant that has lodged an application under the existing ash dieback reconstitution and underplanting scheme and inform them of the contents of circular 5 of 2021 and the way it will affect their individual application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27703/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will instruct his officials to organise information and training events for the industry on the existing ash dieback reconstitution and underplanting scheme particularly given the recent new rules associated with the scheme contained in circular 5 of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27704/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will instruct his officials to organise information and training events on the existing ash dieback reconstitution and underplanting scheme for forest owners seriously impacted by both the ash dieback disease and the contents of circular 5 of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27705/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm his continued confidence and support for the existing ash dieback reconstitution and underplanting scheme; his views on whether the scheme as currently constituted allowing for the new rules in circular 5 of 2021 is fit for purpose; if it has his full support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27706/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of applications under the ash dieback reconstitution and underplanting scheme that have been approved since the launch of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27707/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the target for approval of applications by number and area under the existing ash dieback reconstitution and underplanting scheme before the end of December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27708/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he sought a report from a qualified professional on the potential health and safety issues associated with harvesting and recreational activities close to or beside dead and dying ash, both plantations and roadside trees
impacted by ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27709/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current impact of ash dieback; the rate of spread across the country; and the position of his Department as to the viability of ash trees in forests and individual trees infected by ash dieback. — Michael Lowry. [27710/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current information on the incidence of rot and decay in trees infected with ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27711/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a Forest Service inspector or inspector of his Department has raised concerns over the practicality or operational feasibility or expressed any negative concerns to senior management within his Department on the existing ash dieback reconstitution and underplanting scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [27712/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the initiatives he has taken and proposes to take to develop new markets for the Irish pig farming sector; if he has met with relevant stakeholders on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [27728/21]

*555. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason another office (details supplied) has been set up in relation to unfair practices and corruption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [27808/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if progress has been made on the establishment of an interdepartmental group with regard to exotic animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [27813/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry licence applications with his Department on 1 March 2021; the number of forestry licence applications with his Department on 31 March 2021; and the number of forestry licence applications with his Department on 10 May 2021. — Jackie Cahill. [27870/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an application by a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [27897/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports he will provide to registered agricultural and forestry contractors in view of the important role they play in Irish farming and the increased costs they have encountered in recent times. — Matt Carthy. [28055/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of his Department and all agencies under his remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28112/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when and the reason an appeal by a person (details supplied) was unsuccessful given the requirement for early slaughter due to a TB outbreak and the difficulty this outcome poses with BEAM compliance; if his Department corresponded directly with farmers in the BEAM scheme who had a TB outbreak outlining options available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [28178/21]
*562. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is putting mechanisms and plans in place to protect indigenous scallop fishers after the October Brexit deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [28194/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the decision to weigh fish at the location they have been landed will be reconsidered given there are no facilities available to carry out same (details supplied); if his officials will discuss the matter with the fishing industry in order to find a workable solution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [28233/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount spent by his Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28297/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is providing financial assistance to farmers who are managing flood prevention infrastructure arising from land reclamation measures under the Irish Land Commission initiatives of the past. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [28340/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding will be allocated specifically for the support and development of horse and pony racing here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [28352/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will release the file requested by the agriculture appeals office for a person (details supplied) who has an appeal submitted since 25 February 2019; the cause of the delay in having this file released to the appeals office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [28354/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures being taken to ensure equine welfare is prioritised within his Department. — Thomas Gould. [28359/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of equine seizures that were recorded in Cork city and county. — Thomas Gould. [28362/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the investment made by his Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28841/21]

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

*571. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be allocated for local improvement schemes to city councils for rural roads within city boundaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [27475/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if Mitchelstown, County Cork is being considered as a remote working hub. — Sean Sherlock. [27483/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will address the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [27531/21]
*574. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider decentralising her Department to a regional location as an indication of the commitment by the Government to the Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025 policy document; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [27574/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which her Department continues to assess the emerging needs of urban and rural communities throughout the country with a view to responding specifically as required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8308/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which she continues to monitor the needs in urban and rural communities throughout the country as accentuated by Covid-19 or other issues; the extent to which her response to specific deficiencies is guided by information; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [8309/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the timescale for decisions on the 2021 community development pilot programme applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26239/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of funding provided for the community development programme in 2021; the range of activities and community development that will be supported under the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [26240/21]

*579. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on the Ballymun a Brighter Future Report (details supplied) published in March 2021; and if she will meet stakeholders involved in the report. — Paul McAuliffe. [17151/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her progress to date on the commitment on page 85 of the Programme for Government to Expand the Dublin North East Inner City Model to other comparative areas experiencing disadvantage; and if the Ballymun - A Brighter Future report can be included in this model. — Paul McAuliffe. [18419/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 745 of 18 May 2021, if she will outline the differential in the guide price for this service versus all other island services funded by her Department; the reason the guide price for this contract is so low; her views on whether the low guide price is prohibitive to companies putting on more than the minimum outlined service; if her attention has been drawn to the restrictions to island living as a consequence of this minimum outlined service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [28094/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is a policy of data back-up in the operations of her Department and all agencies under her remit. — Sean Sherlock. [28124/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 2097 of 24 March 2021, if her Department has made recent introductions between local authority broadband officers and satellite companies in relation to broadband connectivity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [28229/21]
*584. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount allocated by her Department for urban and rural development and renewal purposes in the past three years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28272/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount allocated by her Department for urban and rural development and renewal purposes in the past three years to date in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28273/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department has ongoing dialogue with the relevant authorities and bodies to ensure the appropriate response in terms of investment by her Department in such areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28274/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to examine progress in addressing the issues threatening urban or rural communities for whatever reason; her response to date and proposals in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28275/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the beneficial impact to date arising from financial support allocated by her Department to statutory and or voluntary groups throughout the country in cases in which communities might experience social and or economic deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28276/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department continues to address towns and villages and communities throughout urban and rural Ireland with a view to dealing with economic deficiencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28277/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she continues to take to encourage economic investment in social supports to encourage investment in jobs and services nationwide leading to increased economic activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28278/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she has engaged with the various communities nationwide to address deficiencies in infrastructure or services with a view to enhancing the potential of all parts of the country to make a contribution in terms of economic activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28279/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department continues to revitalise all parts of the country urban and rural with a view to enhancing the ability to contribute to an evenly spread development in terms of jobs and investment nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28280/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent of monies allocated under the town and village renewal scheme to County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28281/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent of funding available through the Leader programme nationwide and in County Kildare in particular in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28282/21]
*595. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which the community development division of her Department has continued to engage with various local communities nationwide and in County Kildare throughout the past year; the extent to which successful focus has been applied to the various needs and requirements detected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [28283/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount spent by her Department on external professional legal services in 2014, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [28308/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider including stay-at-home parents returning to the workforce in the eligibility criteria for roles on the community services programme that are currently reserved exclusively for persons returning to the workforce following receipt of a social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [28353/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the investment made by her Department and State agencies under its remit in each year in cyber security for the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [28849/21]

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CHUN AN TAOISIGH: TO THE TAOISEACH.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if a report on the ESRI and shared island unit publication into economic and social opportunities for increased cooperation on a Shared Island. — Neale Richmond. [27998/21]

2. 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]

3. 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]

4. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [26243/21]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [26246/21]

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

7. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [26502/21]
8. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the shared island unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [27887/21]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if the joint research programme of his Department and the ERSI on The Economic and Social Opportunities from Increased Cooperation on the Shared Island will include an analysis of the potential benefits of increased cooperation in third-level education and the actions necessary to facilitate that co-operation. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27950/21]

10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that addresses matters relating to equality last met. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28337/21]

11. 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]

12. 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]

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

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality last met; and when it will next meet. — Mick Barry. [27888/21]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Resource Efficiency Action Plan for 2021 of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28338/21]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the north east inner city initiative. — Gary Gannon. [28387/21]

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

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

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

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Resource Efficiency Action Plan for 2021 of his Department. — Mick Barry. [27889/21]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Resource Efficiency Action Plan for 2021 of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [27890/21]
24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest engagement with the social partners. — Cian O’Callaghan. [28339/21]

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

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

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service. — Alan Kelly. [27891/21]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with the social partners. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28066/21]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Reform Programme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28373/21]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Reform Programme. — Paul Murphy. [28375/21]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Reform Programme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [25953/21]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Reform Programme. — Alan Kelly. [27892/21]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international and European Union division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28067/21]

34. 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]

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

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

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

38. To ask the Taoiseach if legacy issues were discussed during his recent meeting with Prime Minister Johnson. — Brendan Smith. [27628/21]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if the need to implement in full the Stormont House Agreement was discussed during his recent meeting with Prime Minister Johnson. — Brendan Smith. [27629/21]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the British Prime Minister. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27635/21]
41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the UK Prime Minister. — Neale Richmond. [27647/21]

42. To ask the Taoiseach the outcome of discussions he has had with the British Prime Minister with regard to the impact of Brexit, the Northern Ireland Protocol and the degree to which all parties have seen possibilities for resolution of outstanding issues arising from Brexit. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27952/21]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the statement of strategy of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [27636/21]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education last met; and when it will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [27895/21]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education last met, and when it will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [27951/21]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 last met; and when it will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [27893/21]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health last met; and when it will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [27894/21]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress to date by his Department in its development of a well-being framework for Ireland. — Mary Lou McDonald. [28068/21]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on any engagements with the CSO with regard to the rescheduling of Census 2021. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28374/21]

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