Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

1. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he is taking to support the aviation sector (details supplied); the discussions has he held with the Minister for Health and members of NPHET regarding the use of serial antigen testing to aid the sector’s recovery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [32822/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the ten-year rule for taxis acknowledging the severe financial pressure taxi drivers remain under as a result of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [32823/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts he is undertaking to expand access to rail services for south County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32228/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the ongoing review of the Navan rail line; the date on which the review will be completed; the date on which the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [32459/21]

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5. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends including the western rail corridor from Athenry to Claremorris as a project in the forthcoming revised National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31517/21]

6. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding that was provided by his Department to Monaghan County Council towards the maintenance and resurfacing of local and regional roads in 2020; and the proposed allocation for 2021. — Matt Carthy. [32042/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the infrastructure projects of Killeagh and Castlemartyr bypass and the Cobh Access Road under the Review of the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [32133/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to clear the backlog of driver theory tests and driver tests due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31926/21]
9. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans in place to introduce a part-time tax saver commuter ticket in the wake of the Covid pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32428/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of and position regarding the filling of the vacancies on the Taxi Advisory Committee. — Cormac Devlin. [32456/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene and engage with a company (details supplied) to ensure that no worker at Cork Airport will be laid off for ten weeks at the end of 2021. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [31850/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to reallocate capital funding within the estimate of his Department in circumstances in which there is a slower than projected expenditure to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [32406/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for sector specific supports for the taxi industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31503/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport the financial supports he will put in place to ensure the recovery of Cork Airport. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [31851/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport the way a determination will be made regarding the development of the series of small bypasses he has spoken of in recent times; his views on the level of priority that will be given to the section of the N24 around Tipperary town in this regard; his plans to continue to engage with the population of Tipperary town on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [32430/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to offers made for the removal and scrappage of the MV Alta wreck in Ballycotton County Cork; if so, if these offers have been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [26930/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport if customers who purchased an annual commuter tax saver ticket for 2020 and who were subsequently provided with an extension of it to the middle of 2021 will now be provided with an extension to the end of 2021 in view of the fact that for many customers, if they have followed public health advice will have been working from home since the start of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32429/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the significant discrepancy in the reported funding level of the CIÉ 1951 scheme; if his attention has further been drawn to the fact that it was reported on 28 May 2021 that the scheme was 93.8% funded at 1 May 2021 and six days later on 3 June 2021, it was reported that the scheme was 92.3% at the end of April 2021 (details supplied); if he will ensure the accurate figures are reported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [32461/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the inconsistencies in pricing for regional public transport services whereby public service obligation fares are more expensive than Expressway fares and whereby shorter local routes which are more often used by commuters are costlier than longer regional routes; if he plans to raise the pricing anomalies with Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [32122/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide multi-year CAPEX funding to enable Shannon Airport to navigate its way out of the current crisis; if he will also provide a fixed euro
amount per passenger to subsidise airport charges for airlines as this type of funding is needed to
grow traffic; if it will be ensured that provision is made to establish a regional route marketing fund
administered by Tourism Ireland on a multi-annual basis for Shannon Airport, as the restoration of
Ireland’s air services is essential to connect the mid-west and western regions of Ireland to global
markets which drive the industrial, tourism and international service sectors; and if he will make a
statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [31116/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric cars that have been sold in Ireland
in each of the past three years and to date in 2021; and if a target has been set on the number of
electric cars to be sold here by the end of 2021 and over the course of the next three years. —
Peadar Tóibín. [29377/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which capital projects such as the N26 can
help to enhance regional accessibility in the west of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the
matter. — Dara Calleary. [32449/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the provision of a new DART service to
Hazelhatch and Celbridge on the Kildare line as part of the DART plus programme; and if he will
make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [32204/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has examined the possibility of extending the
DART+ south west project as far as Sallins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James
Lawless. [32451/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to make cycling and walking safer on existing
rural roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32411/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made in in making the LocalLink service
more accessible to persons with disabilities, including expanding the geographical and temporal
span of services and ensuring all services are fully wheelchair accessible. — Holly Cairns.
[32408/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider piloting a free public transport scheme;
and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31502/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the problems still
facing many hauliers with Transport Manager CPC qualifications (details supplied); his views on
whether this residency requirement undermines the Common Travel Area rights of citizens to be
able to live and work freely on these islands; if he will work with his counterpart in Northern
Ireland to address this and seek approval from Europe to remedy this if necessary; and if he will
make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [32458/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport the role of private security companies in policing within
the transport infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny.
[27641/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which plans are afoot or in hand to restore
air passenger transport activity to pre-Covid levels; if antigen testing or air purification treatment
systems can or will be used in the furtherance of this objective; and if he will make a statement on
the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32415/21]
31. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which she expects traffic vehicular volumes to return to pre-Covid levels or short thereof; if adequate provision is being made to ensure the smooth flow of traffic to and from the city to facilitate business and commerce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32414/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the code of practice for greenways; the potential limitations of their development including the impact on biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [32402/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 78 of 26 May 2021, if his attention has been drawn to a proposal by Iarnród Éireann to fix the Barrow Bridge on the Waterford to Rosslare rail line in the closed to rail position later in June 2021; the potential damage this may do to the bridge; and if he will request that this proposal is deferred until the strategic rail review is completed. — Steven Matthews. [32401/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has set targets for modal shift from private vehicles in cities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [31583/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Programme for Government commitment to work with local authorities and appropriate agencies to continue to develop an integrated national network of greenways to be used by commuters, students, leisure cyclists and tourists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [21811/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the disruption and cancellation of public bus services in the Waterford region and the associated impacts on public transport users; if he has plans to work with Bus Éireann and TFI to restore services to their usual schedule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [32121/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport the way the closure of bus routes across the country align with the need for more public transport to reduce dependency on cars and carbon emissions in line with Ireland’s climate action goals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [29426/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the goals of an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the Ballybrophy Limerick line; and his further views on the adequacy of monthly supports being made available for the X8 bus route. — Martin Browne. [32431/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of expanding and developing Bus Éireann services in Cork City and more specifically the consideration that is being taken on direct public transport links from Ballincollig to the various industrial estates in the city and hinterland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [32434/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport the potential of commuter rail to allow regional cities to grow in a sustainable manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [32142/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the northern ring road. — Thomas Gould. [32435/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the progress of the cycleway and pedestrian way at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32404/21]
43. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Narrow Water bridge project; the recent engagements he has had in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32426/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is examining to reduce dependency on cars in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31923/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which the western rail corridor can help to decarbonise transportation in the west of Ireland, helping the State to reach its climate action goals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [32450/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will expand the nine year rule requiring taxis to be younger than nine years and consider a temporary extension of this (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [32437/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport if further much needed funding will be allocated in 2021 for the non-national road network if there is a capital funding reallocation within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [32407/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to extend the ten year rule for taxi drivers in view of the severe impact that Covid-19 has had on the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [32403/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the ongoing talks with a company (detail supplied) to broker a rescue package; if he will report on his efforts to secure the reinstatement of the Shannon Airport base, strategic routes from Shannon to Heathrow, New York and Boston and commitments in relation to Shannon-Heathrow slots as part of this deal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [31115/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 47 of 24 March 2021, the status of the roll-out of park-and-ride facilities for Galway city; the number and locations of all sites identified to date from which to operate park-and-ride services; the status of the public consultation process for the cross-city link and Dublin Road BusConnects corridors; if an application for planning permission been made in this regard to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32124/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to fast-track procurement for and delivery of transport infrastructure projects in the north-west to boost regional development, employment and connectivity in response to Brexit and the impact of Covid-19 in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [29515/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to act upon the recommendations of the recent report of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Transport on decarbonisation and public transport; if the process of examining the provision of free public transport will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32212/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 47 of 24 March 2021 and his comments in Dáil Éireann on the same date, his plans to bring forward the review of the Galway Transport Strategy, in particular the promised feasibility study for light rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32123/21]
54. To ask the Minister for Transport his engagements with trade unions, employees and the management of a company (details supplied) in relation to proposed changes to work practices and the arrangements for the temporary closure of Cork airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32416/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to decarbonise Ireland’s passenger rail fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31506/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the reopening of closed train stations including the Avoca train station in County Wicklow to increase access to public transport and reduce car dependency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [31815/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the development and provision of funding for the section of the Grand Canal Greenway from the 12th Lock to the Hatch Pub Bridge near Hazelhatch; if additional funding will be made available for this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [32203/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of local and regional road infrastructure in counties Cavan and Monaghan. — Niamh Smyth. [22864/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of the DART underground; the timeline to its completion; the estimated benefits that it would bring to the greater Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [32452/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed extension of the LUAS line to Lucan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31711/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he will put in place to address the backlog in driver theory tests. — Matt Carthy. [32043/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the plans to extend the DART northwards to Balbriggan. — Louise O’Reilly. [32248/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a timeline in place for when work will begin on the Cork commuter rail corridor following the recent announcement of funding of €185 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [31857/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the measures he is taking to support the taxi industry and taxi drivers and assist its recovery following Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31410/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether the increase in freight services between counties Mayo and Waterford further demonstrates the need for the western rail corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32445/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure the safety of passengers on the DART. — Louise O’Reilly. [32247/21]
67. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding and his views on the job losses and reduced wages affecting workers in the aviation sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31505/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Transport the proposals his Department is working on in conjunction with the NTA on the Action Plan for Rural Development to work with rural communities to assess and implement improvements to existing rural transport routes and develop new rural transport routes as necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [32433/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Transport if rapid antigen testing will be put in place in order to accommodate the opening of international travel over the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [31856/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to disparities in sustainable transport access in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [32436/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Transport the rail projects in Connaught included in the present National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31518/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding and status of the chairperson of the Shannon Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [32427/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport when a new chairperson to the board of the Shannon Group will be appointed. — Cathal Crowe. [32119/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the latest report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Environment and Climate Action on the topic of emissions from the transport sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [32141/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to proposed changes to routes operating out of Clontarf garage as part of the proposed BusConnects plans and that the proposed rostered and schedules connected with this first phase of BusConnects represents a severe diminution of drivers existing rosters and schedules; if it is not the intention of Government or the NTA to use the BusConnects plans to introduce changes to drivers’ existing rights or conditions without prior agreement; if he has or plans to meet with workers’ representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32211/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the implementation of the EU Covid Digital Certificate in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31925/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made with the R312 from Castlebar to Bellacorrick; the status of the new bridge on the R312 as it passes Glenisland; if additional funding will be committed to projects on the R312 to improve road safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31758/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions he has held with public transport operators to discuss measures to curb antisocial behaviour on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [32460/21]
79. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider implementing a moratorium on the issuing of new taxi licences for 2022 recognising the need for existing taxi drivers to resume full-time work after the pandemic. — Patrick Costello. [32438/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Transport his engagements with trade unions, employees and the management of CIÉ in relation to the underfunding in the company’s pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32417/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Transport the preparations his Department has taken to date regarding the EU digital Covid certificate; the expected timeframe for introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32425/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with travel agents and 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. [32457/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the progress of the Bandon southern relief road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32405/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Transport the way the clear public interest justification has been solicited or assessed further to his statement in response to a previous Parliamentary Question (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32423/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Transport the way he plans to restore routes and air connectivity to Shannon Airport. — Cathal Crowe. [32120/21]

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

87. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to install new bus shelters in County Cork in the next year. — Holly Cairns. [32409/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Programme for Government commitment to develop coastal greenways and off road cycle routes, such as the East Coast Greenway. — Cormac Devlin. [32455/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Limerick northern distributor road continues to be considered a key infrastructure project that will be progressed as a priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [32424/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Transport if there will be any free public transport days over summer 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31924/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the use of Covid-19 antigen testing as part of efforts to support the Irish aviation industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32410/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the proposed extension of the DART to Lucan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31712/21]
93. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied that the potential to develop shared use of motor vehicles and bikes is being adequately facilitated in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [31582/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Transport the impact of recent aviation decisions on regional connectivity; the measures in place to safeguard connectivity especially at regional airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [32454/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding and if a copy will be provided of the detailed design works in relation to MetroLink as it relates to Estuary Court, Chapel Lane, and Ashely Estate in Swords, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [31504/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of and position regarding the daily intermodal freight train from Ballina to Dublin Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32444/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the A5 motorway project; and when the work is set to commence. — Mairéad Farrell. [31887/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to expenditure on specific Covid-19 supports for the taxi industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [32392/21]

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

99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will commit to doubling capital expenditure in order to solve the housing crisis in view of the recent report by the ESRI which calls for same. — Mairéad Farrell. [31883/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans he is putting in place to increase capacity in relation to a recent report by IFAC which highlighted concerns that capacity issues were likely to stymie efforts to hit to the current capital expenditure targets. — Mairéad Farrell. [31884/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the continuance of the Northern Ireland planned health scheme formerly the cross Border directive will be placed in law here (details supplied); and if funding has been allocated to the long-term continuance of the scheme in addition to that of the cross Border directive which forces patients to travel to mainland Europe for treatment. — Michael Collins. [32820/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to the increased capital expenditure set to take place in the coming years and the current delays in commencing capital projects, his views on and if he favours investing in a State construction body or an expanded role for the Office of Public Works.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32592/21]
Chun an Aire Caiteachais Pheoblí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to unwind professional fee cuts that were imposed on barristers during the period 2008-2011 who are instructed to prosecute criminal cases on behalf of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [32469/21]

104. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Caiteachais Pheoblí agus Athchóirithe an bhfuil i gceist aige dlúis a chur le hearcú tuilleadh státseirbhíseach chuig an státseirbhís, a bhfuil cumas acu oíbhriú tríd an dá theanga oifigiúil, á chur forálacha an Bhille leasaíthe Teangacha Oifigiúla atá faoi bhráid an Oireachtais faoi láthair san áireamh; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31515/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for the development of a shared public sector or Government data centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [32337/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if capital expenditure was on or within profile at the end of May 2021; if he expects expenditure to come in on profile in 2021; if not, if he has received requests for a reallocation of funding; if such requests will be supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [32351/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the Civil Service Renewal 2030 Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31971/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if public expenditure for 2021 is within profile; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [32332/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to review the provisions of the Public Service Pensions (Single Scheme and Other Provisions) Act 2012. — Jim O’Callaghan. [32331/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has studied the ESRI study which suggests that Exchequer investment could be increased by 50% provided borrowing is confined strictly to capital purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [31586/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way his Department is pursuing equality budgeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32361/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the shared data services centre outlined in the Recovery and Resilience Fund will be publicly run and not contracted out to a private provider. — Mairéad Farrell. [31888/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to direct a proportion of the proceeds of the carbon tax towards climate focused measures in the agri-food sector. — Holly Cairns. [32352/21]
114. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the lessons he has learned in the course of the pandemic with regard to maintaining staffing levels in key areas of the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31412/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his role in setting the salary level for the Secretary General of the Department of Health; if he is satisfied that the new salary is justified; and if he has concerns that the increase in salary for this position will lead to further pay claims in other Departments. — Matt Carthy. [32040/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to engage with trade union representatives advocating a four-day working week; if he will consider such a proposal for the civil and public sectors; if he has examined similar proposals in other jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32214/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the work his Department has undertaken to date to deliver on the plain language requirement on all public service communication as referenced in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32344/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to enhance freedom of information legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32343/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the changes that will be made to the scheme for secretarial assistants in the Houses of the Oireachtas to recognise the evolution of the secretarial assistant role in Dáil Éireann and Seanad Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31919/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the monitoring mechanisms employed by his Department regarding the costs associated with the national children’s hospital; and the final estimated cost of this project. — Matt Carthy. [32041/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the proposed work placement experience programme as cited in the National Recovery and Resilience Plan; his plans to ensure that participants of the programme are appropriately remunerated under the proposed scheme; if he will engage with a union (details supplied) on the design and governance of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32346/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the key measures under Priority 1 of the National Recovery and Resilience Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32208/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the analysis his Department has carried out into the question of ensuring that local elected representatives will be covered by protections for whistleblowers under the forthcoming legislation transposing the EU whistleblowing directive into law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32126/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works has any plans for the refurbishment of Naas Courthouse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [32338/21]
125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the fines or sanctions that are issued to those involved in providing and building with defective concrete blocks to assist in funding the grant schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31922/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress of the Office of Public Works refurbishment of Carlow courthouse railings. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [32330/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will be moving to avail of the PEACE PLUS funding to promote North-South co-operation; the European funds that are currently being targeted; the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [32467/21]

128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the promotion of the green and social procurement agenda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32345/21]

129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for the retrofit of public office accommodation. — Barry Cowen. [32340/21]

130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of and position regarding a number of tranche one schemes within the Eastern Flood Risk Management Plans specifically, Loughlinstown, Deansgrange and the Old Connaught / Wilford flood schemes. — Cormac Devlin. [32484/21]

131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on a recent Fiscal Advisory Council report (details supplied) which states that the Government has failed to deliver on its commitment to publish a credible medium-term strategy with SPU 2021, that the recent SPU is based on poorly-founded medium-term spending forecasts and does not incorporate major policy commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32347/21]

132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to a disparity in funding allocations across several Departments between areas in Cork city; and his plans to address this. — Thomas Gould. [32468/21]

133. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which he plans to further facilitate remote working for public sector workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [32333/21]

134. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether all contracts for capital works laid out in the National Development Plan should be required to contain social clauses which require contractors to hire a certain proportion of their staff from the live register and create a certain number of apprenticeships. — Thomas Gould. [31969/21]

135. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when flood remediation works to be undertaken by the Office of Public Works will commence at Springfield, Clonlara, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [32137/21]

136. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the revised National Development Plan 2018-2027 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [32336/21]
137. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the most recent estimate for the cost of removing the requirement for staff in the public service to work additional hours which were introduced on foot of the Haddington Road Agreement in 2013. — John McGuinness. [32341/21]

138. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for Sceilig Mhichíl for the 2021 season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32348/21]

139. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there are new plans in place for the decentralisation or relocation of public sector jobs from Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [32334/21]

140. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he is engaged in discussions to agree revised principles for a new higher education staffing agreement to update the current employment control framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32471/21]

141. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 1 June 2021, his views on the fact that there are no penalties included in the National Broadband Plan; if his attention was drawn to this fact when the contract was signed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [32271/21]

142. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will initiate a review conducted by the OPW in conjunction with An Garda Síochána to investigate if the former Garda station on Tubbermore Road, Dalkey could be utilised by An Garda Síochána for the purposes of a base for a dedicated public transport unit or other divisional unit due to its proximity to the DART line. — Cormac Devlin. [32483/21]

143. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress of the Office of Public Works project at Carlow castle. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [32329/21]

144. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department have identified any particular tendencies in the context of public spending, current or capital, including any inflationary elements which may require any corrective measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32391/21]

145. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position in relation to remote working arrangements for civil servants and other public sector workers; if the results of the recent survey among civil servants in relation to remote working will be taken on board by his Department in the months ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32213/21]

146. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will conduct a study into the possible operation of a four day week in the public and civil service and in particular will his Department examine the experience of other jurisdictions that have adopted such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [32470/21]

147. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of approving the Crossmolina flood relief scheme; when final approval is likely to be granted to allow the scheme proceed to tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31853/21]

148. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW will be taking on a management role at heritage sites currently operated by Shannon Heritage in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [32138/21]
149. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has received a report from the Department of Health on the most recent cost estimate and timescale for the completion of the new National Children’s Hospital. — John McGuinness. [32342/21]

150. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the National Recovery and Resilience Plan which he published in May 2021 will help in Ireland’s just transition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [32339/21]

151. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of and position regarding the overpayment of rent at the Miesian Plaza; the contacts which his officials have had with the landlord over the past three months; and when he expects to recoup this overpayment. — Róisín Shortall. [32464/21]

152. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the completion of the flood relief scheme in Skibbereen and Bantry, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [32353/21]

153. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current position in relation to the flood alleviation scheme for Crossmolina, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [32335/21]

154. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Brexit Adjustment Reserve. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [24136/21]

155. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on gender balance on State boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32360/21]

156. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on additional holiday entitlements for workers in the public sector who were frontline workers during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32463/21]

157. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of Ireland’s National Recovery and Resilience Plan submitted to the EU’s Recovery and Resilience Facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31970/21]

158. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department will carry out an audit of flood prevention embankments and other infrastructure to establish the potential that such infrastructure holds for adaptation to walking and cycling infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32349/21]

159. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 1 June 2021, if his position on the National Broadband Plan has changed or remains the same as outlined in correspondence (details supplied) of 1 April 2019; and his views on the statement in the reply which outlines that the National Broadband Plan is significantly behind schedule. — Brian Stanley. [32272/21]

160. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on follow-up trade union and worker engagement planned following the publication of the Civil Service Employee Engagement Survey 2020 COVID-19 Remote Working Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [32462/21]
161. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason for the below living wage starting salary for secretarial assistants under the scheme for secretarial assistants in the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31918/21]

162. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of flood defences in the Spanish Arch and docks area of Galway city; the details of any public consultation taken to date or planned in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [32125/21]

163. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason his Department has chosen to propose a once-off gratuity for the community enterprise scheme supervisors and assistant supervisors as opposed to the pension scheme recommended by the Labour Court in 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [32045/21]

164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the expenditure on good causes undertaken by the National Lottery over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32358/21]

165. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when it is intended to announce the details of the revised National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [31516/21]

166. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cumulative additional expenditure undertaken to support the economy and society during the Covid-19 pandemic to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32359/21]

167. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he remains satisfied with regard to public expenditure levels in the current year to date; if any particular concerns have arisen which may require specific attention now or at a later date; if all Government Departments and their subsidiary bodies continue to operate within the criteria laid down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32390/21]

168. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if engagement has taken place with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on extending the pyrite remediation scheme to counties Mayo and Donegal; his plans to consider expanding the pyrite remediation scheme or increasing the funding made available under the defective concrete blocks grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [32061/21]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the action that has been taken to find replacement employers in view of the impending closure of two pharmaceutical companies in the Baldoyle industrial estate, Dublin 17; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [32531/21]
*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of job coaches currently employed with specific responsibility for enabling disabled persons access the labour market; the number of job coaches employed; the cost for the relevant Department or State agency to recruit a job coach; the amount allocated for his Department to spend on job coaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [32556/21]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will advise on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32577/21]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to bring forward legislation to implement the recommendations of the Supreme Court ruling in Zalewski vs. Adjudication Officer and Others in relation to Workplace Relations Commission hearings; and the timeframe within which he plans to do so. — Paul Murphy. [32591/21]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32611/21]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32628/21]

*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32645/21]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under his Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32696/21]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32715/21]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32737/21]

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

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter relating to the NBI roll-out (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32588/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning
of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32612/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32629/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32646/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a response will issue to a query raised regarding carbon sequestration (details supplied). — Michael Ring. [32684/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under his Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32693/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of progress made towards the Annual Transition Statement for 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32703/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown of the cost per school for retrofits under the pathfinder scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32705/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of replacing the lapsed energy poverty strategy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32707/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32716/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 231 of 24 March 2021, when the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32731/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32738/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the projected roll-out of the National Broadband Plan for counties Cavan and Monaghan for 2021; the measures that will be implemented to offset the delays that have occurred in this roll-out to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [32791/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the sector specific supports for the aviation sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [32547/21]
*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of two submissions made on behalf of former employees of the Irish Aviation Authority regarding changes in their superannuation scheme; when his Department will be in a position to make a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [19322/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the roll-out of electric vehicle charging points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [29417/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the process under which sea air rescue services are intended to be procured in 2023; if there is a review into the operation of the previous contracts; if the Defence Forces will have a role in its future operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [25106/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene and engage with a company (details supplied) to ensure that no worker at Cork airport will be laid off for ten weeks at the end of 2021. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [30185/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the current supports for the taxi industry detailing plans for further supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [30203/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made with the N5 Ballaghaderreen to Scramoge Road project given that it should form a key part of the mid-term review of the National Development Plan 2018-2027; when the project will reach final approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31759/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the progress of the Strategic Rail Review and work to support the expansion of railway investment including commuter services in urban areas and also regional services such as the Western Rail Corridor. — Alan Dillon. [32453/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the action that can be taken to prevent the hijacking of aircraft and passengers en route between two EU states. — Bernard J. Durkan. [29217/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the 41 new diesel ICR carriages ordered by Irish Rail in 2020 and the 2020 tender process to order up to 600 electric and hybrid battery carriages and their planned use on the Maynooth rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [32541/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the potential for funding for the subsidisation of children’s PCR and antigen testing inbound and outbound at airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [32550/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will make funding available to enable PCR and antigen testing at airports in line with the digital Covid certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [32551/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the capital expenditure and operational expenditure supports for 2022 for Cork and Shannon airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [32557/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether the Public Spending Code requires that the Metrolink Preliminary Business Case to Beechwood, which has been submitted to
Government by the NTA, cannot be approved until the main alternative option (details supplied) has been appraised. — Paul Murphy. [32594/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if further consideration has been given to the introduction of a three-day week taxsaver commuter ticket in view of the clear and evident change in working patterns over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [32596/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered a review of the nine-year rule in regard to the taxi industry; and if older vehicles having passed a strict NCT test could be permitted to operate as taxis. — Paul Murphy. [32598/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify a matter (details supplied) regarding driver theory tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32601/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32623/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32640/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32657/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Port of Dublin is not accepting container trains to and from the west of Ireland; if, he plans speaking to the board and management of the port in relation to this matter in view of the fact that container trains are the most environmentally efficient way of carrying these goods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32673/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be given a date for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32683/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under his Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32691/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32727/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32749/21]
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*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he remains satisfied that the currently proposed extension of DART facilities to north County Kildare sufficiently addresses the needs of the towns such as Naas, Sallins, Celbridge, Hazelhatch as well as Kilcock, Maynooth, Leixlip and Confey having regard to the various concerns expressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32757/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport when work on the upgrading and the electrification of the Maynooth rail line is likely to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32758/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects commuter rail passenger numbers to increase when the lines are upgraded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32759/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied regarding the adequacy of health and safety adherence for the north County Kildare commuter rail passengers given the necessity to remain standing for some journeys; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32760/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase the number of carriages serving the north County Kildare rail commuter routes or alternatively increasing the frequency of trains thereby improving the service for commuters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32761/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects to be in a position to assist the aviation sector post-Covid given the pressures experienced by airlines in recent times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32762/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if the use of high quality air purifiers has been considered as a means of reducing the potential spread of Covid-19 throughout the transport sector including air, rail and bus transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32763/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if he remains satisfied that travel reduction targets for the transport sector in general continues to be attainable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32764/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of capital investment in the transport sector for the foreseeable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32766/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the progress made to date on establishing a greenway from Leixlip to Maynooth along the royal canal; if he will provide the amount funded and or granted to that section in 2021; and if he will confirm if that section will be designated as an official greenway on the Dublin to Galway national cycle route. — Catherine Murphy. [32783/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of providing a rebate directly to airlines of all Dublin Airport charges and air navigation charges as recommended in the Taskforce for Aviation Recovery report from July 2020. — Darren O’Rourke. [32793/21]
*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of providing a common fixed amount per passenger to regional airports; as recommended in the Taskforce for Aviation Recovery report from July 2020. — Darren O’Rourke. [32801/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport if the level of funding awarded to Tipperary County Council will be increased ahead of the next three year roadworks programme in order to assist the Council’s roads development to promptly improve the road network which has been ranked as 29th out of 31 local authorities by the National Oversight and Audit Commission for road condition. — Mattie McGrath. [30932/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32613/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32630/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32647/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason persons in receipt of the carer’s tax credit who have a small income, including the carer’s allowance are not allowed the extra €26,300 income at 20% which is normally allowed for two married persons or persons in a civil partnership who have two incomes thus diluting the benefit of the carer’s tax credit considerably; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [32672/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32717/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32739/21]

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

*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of positions remaining unfilled by clerical officer, executive officer and higher executive officer level in the Civil Service in County Waterford; if his attention has been drawn to the impediment to the swift filling of these positions in County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [32555/21]

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*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will examine the matter of pay for public defender barristers who currently due to cuts from 2008 to 2011, are paid in line with rates set in 2002 whilst State solicitors who work on the same cases are paid at rate fixed as a result of pay restoration in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [32878/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on the newly launched Civil Service Renewal 2030 plan. — Neale Richmond. [29419/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to introduce new legislation to deal with whistle-blower allegations. — Brian Stanley. [27838/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to reform protected disclosure regulations. — Brian Stanley. [27839/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the approval of the Crossmolina flood relief scheme; when the scheme will be approved to proceed to tender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [32062/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil servants on special Covid-19 leave at the end of 2020; the number at the end of May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32543/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of unfilled positions in the civil service in Waterford; the number of positions available at each grade from competition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32599/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32618/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32635/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32652/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current situation of and plans for the implementation of pay restoration for criminal barristers similar to that already implemented for State solicitors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [32659/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of the costs associated with the establishment and maintenance of gov.ie. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32685/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a review has been conducted into the way gov.ie adheres to the web content accessibility guidelines and the National Disability Authority IT accessibility guidelines; and if he will share the outcome of that review. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32686/21]
*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of plans to bring the gov.ie website up to date with web content accessibility guidelines. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32687/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the length of time gov.ie has been in beta phase of development; and when it will move out of beta phase. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32688/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of action 6a of the Climate Action plan; the costs involved to complete same and to publish the methodology. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32690/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under his Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32700/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32722/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32744/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which FEMPI restoration has been completed across all income brackets throughout the Public Sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32770/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which his Department monitors inflation in the construction sector with particular reference to the impact on the delivery and cost of major capital health projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32771/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which reform throughout the Public Sector continues to be an option in achieving good value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32772/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if reform in the context of public procurement can be used as a means of producing better value for money in respect of State projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32773/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to the belief that public procurement policies here are a major obstacle to achieving parity with other European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32774/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of incidences in which his Department has had to intervene to ensure good practice, better value for money and faster, more efficient delivery of public projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32775/21]
*262. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which his Department have identified projects least compliant with the principal of achieving good value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32776/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which the public expenditure to date in 2021 is in line with budgetary expectations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32777/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if particular Government Departments or their subordinate bodies are shown to be less than compliant with public expenditure and reform guidelines; if so, if corrective steps have been taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32778/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to introduce further reforms with a view to achieving better value for money for the Exchequer and ultimately the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32779/21]

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

*266. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding allocated to the sports capital programme 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [32527/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the projects that have been successful in their application to the large scale sport infrastructure fund in 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [32528/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the large-scale sport infrastructure fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [32529/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on the removal of the ban on guided tours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [32566/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the cost of holding the test concert in the Iveagh Gardens on 11 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32604/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the Office of Public Works provided the use of the Iveagh Gardens to the National Concert Hall for free; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32605/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of HSE public health staff who worked at the test concert in the Iveagh Gardens on 11 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32606/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount her Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of
January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32622/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount her Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32639/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount her Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32656/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline her key policy achievements in her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32726/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way in which her Department and agencies under her remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32748/21]

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

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress in relation to the defective concrete blocks grants scheme for counties Donegal and Mayo. — Alan Dillon. [32475/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he anticipates initiating any actions or reform with a view to ensuring that the housing market is tilted in favour of the provision of affordable housing accommodation to first time home seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32780/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if provisions will be made to extend the pyrite remediation scheme to counties Mayo and Donegal; if his Department has engaged with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31852/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the recent changes to household means policy 2021 issued in April take into account recent changes in circumstances; if not, if the net average income average over the past 52 weeks applies without discretion.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [32523/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a change in a person’s financial circumstances due to the impact of Covid-19 can be taken into account when assessing income criteria; if not, if the previous 52 weeks nett income must be considered. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [32524/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the discretion councils can apply when assessing income limits regarding the qualifying criteria for inclusion on the social housing list. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [32525/21]
*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide additional financial support under the pyrite remediation scheme to help homeowners cover the cost of initial investigative tests for pyrite; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [32533/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the changes that have been introduced with respect to the regulation and monitoring of product standards for building blocks since the publication of the Report of the Expert Panel on Defective Blocks in 2017; the measures put in place to ensure that the widespread use of such defective blocks in counties Donegal and Mayo will be prevented in the future; and the role the National Building Control Office now has with respect to ensuring the highest possible standards for building blocks and all other construction material used in residential housing developments. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [32560/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Ministerial consent regarding the wastewater treatment plant in Arklow County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [32568/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding declaring a housing emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32571/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way a form 5 application by a person (details supplied) can be progressed in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32595/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32616/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32633/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32650/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an application by a company (details supplied) will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32667/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under his Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32699/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current and capital funding allocated to the National Biodiversity Data Centre. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32706/21]
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*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32720/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32742/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking in response to the need for accelerated archaeological studies of Doon Point, County Kerry which is under threat from coastal erosion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32753/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to ensure that Garrylucas bog, County Cork is designated as a natural heritage area immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32754/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) considering that the application was received by the passport office some time ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32597/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32614/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32631/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32648/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under his Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32697/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32718/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32740/21]
Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*306. To ask the Minister for Defence the steps he will take to investigate the serious allegations of sexual abuse in the Defence Forces over the years made in writing to him by former members of the Defence Forces. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [32578/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Defence the responsibility he has to help sexual abuse victims who were abused when they were members of the Defence Forces; and if he or the Defence Forces authorities have a duty of care for such victims, male or female; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [32579/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Defence the correspondence his office has received from a person (details supplied) in the past five years; the action that has been taken on foot of the serious allegations contained in same; if he or his officials passed the files and correspondence on to An Garda Síochána for investigations or to the Defence Forces Ombudsman; and if so, if he enquired as to the stage at which the investigations into the allegations by An Garda Síochána or the Defence Forces Ombudsman are at. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [32580/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces authorities investigate allegations of sexual abuse within the Defence Forces themselves or if they refer them to An Garda Síochána for investigation in all cases. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [32581/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32609/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32626/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32643/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32713/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32735/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*315. To ask the Minister for Education the options open to students wishing to pursue third-level studies overseas in view of the fact that leaving certificate results will not be available until 3 September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32522/21]
*316. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a planning application (details supplied) adjacent to existing school and proposed school campus; if her Department has considered making an offer to purchase this site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [32532/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of ensuring there is a defibrillator in every primary school, secondary school and special school. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [32534/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure that there is a defibrillator in every school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [32538/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education if there funding is currently available for schools to apply to purchase a defibrillator. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [32539/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to accommodate leaving certificate students who experience a medical emergency such as a seizure immediately before or during their exam, are unable to complete their exam and wish to re-sit that exam within the same exam cycle or before such a time that CAO offers are issued. — Emer Higgins. [32546/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education if planning permission is not required to erect pre-fabs in a school (details supplied); the regulation under which it is considered exempt; if her Department has sought a section 5 declaration from Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to confirm the exemption if this is the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [32558/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education if primary schools will continue to receive grant funding to cover the additional financial burden of cleaning and sanitary work during the Covid-19 pandemic in the 2021-2022 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32565/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the issue described in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32585/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 295 of 3 June 2021, the length of time it will take to secure a school placement for a student (details supplied) for September 2021 with particular reference to the fact that many of the schools which could accommodate the student and their needs are already oversubscribed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32589/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education the amount her Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32610/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education the amount her Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32627/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education the amount her Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32644/21]
*328. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the report on the compulsory use of electronic devices at a school (details supplied); if the findings of the report will inform her policy on the use of electronic devises at secondary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32662/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education the full budget allocated by her Department in each year since 2010, to secondary schools for the purchase and use of devices by students such as a device (details supplied) and tablets, laptops and so on or other forms of devices in tabular form. — Bríd Smith. [32663/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has a policy or plans to adopt any proposal on the usage of electronic devices in secondary schools; her views on the issue of which device should be preferred for junior certificate students; if a uniform approach will be implemented across all schools; and if a uniform platform such as the use of applications (details supplied) will be adopted by her Department; if not, if such choices will be left to individual schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32664/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce a grant aid scheme for parents in schools that enforce a compulsory use of device policy (details supplied) especially in schools in deprived areas and with low income households; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32665/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education if she has examined a study (details supplied); if the study and other studies will inform her policy on the advance use of electronic devices in schools especially given concerns regarding their use in aiding and hindering study and life skills; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32666/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education if she is considering making the provision of basic first-aid techniques mandatory across schools nationwide in view of recent events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32668/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education if it is planned to include CPR training on the curriculum at second-level; if it is planned to take measures to increase the knowledge of CPR training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [32669/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under her Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32695/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown of the cost per school for retrofits under the pathfinder scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32704/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to survey Dungarvan and the wider west County Waterford area to ascertain demand for a non-denominational primary school in the area; if Dungarvan or west County Waterford have in the past been identified by her Department as potential areas for the development of a non-denominational primary school; if they are currently designated as such; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32709/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline her key policy achievements in her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32714/21]
*339. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which her Department and agencies under her remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32736/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education when the SEC will recommence the extensive review how to support students experiencing exceptional circumstances during their State examinations following on from the interim pilot measure in 2019 for students who suffered bereavement close to or over their examinations; when this review will be completed; and if the interim measures will continue to be offered while the review is taking place. — Gary Gannon. [32785/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to reports in the media that the leaving certificate orals were not up to standard this year; if candidates who seek an appeal will be provided with a full transcript of the oral interview or just a transcript of their own voice; and if the guidance from SEC to oral language interviewers was issued on 23 March 2021, three days prior to examinations commencing. — Gary Gannon. [32787/21]

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

*342. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration is being given to providing a free travel pass to persons who lose their driver licence due to a diagnosis of epilepsy or breakthrough seizures. — Emer Higgins. [32542/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the continuation of the pandemic unemployment benefit for the aviation sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [32548/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current position on pension provision for community employment supervisors following the recent negotiations with the relevant unions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [32658/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons with disabilities currently availing of the training support grant that was introduced in 2020; and the breakdown of groups of disabled persons that are applying for the grant. — Joan Collins. [32535/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount of funding allocated for the training support grant; the courses or training opportunities for which the grant has been used; and her plans to increase the amount of the training support grant in Budget 2022. — Joan Collins. [32537/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the vote headings and sub-headings for her Department in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [32544/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will allow taxi drivers aged 66 and over to receive for the pandemic unemployment payment as part of the support package announced for the small public service vehicle Industry on 9 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32600/21]
*349. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for a carer’s allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32602/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount her Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32620/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount her Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32637/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount her Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32654/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 423 of 5 May 2021, the action that has been taken to ensure that those receiving pension payments overseas are no longer subject to bank charges in recognition of the reduction these charges cause to pension payments as a result of recent charges which were not in place before; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32677/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline her key policy achievements in her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32724/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the back-payment period for late pension claims beyond the six-month limit for extenuating circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32732/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which her Department and agencies under her remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mínchearbhaí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32746/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will define what is considered a good reason for not making a social welfare claim within the time limit; if she will consider not knowing about eligibility for the payment to be a good reason for women not in control of their household’s finances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [32756/21]

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

*358. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a payment for parents who have to take unpaid leave to mind their children that have to isolate due to having or being a close contact with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32755/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning
of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32608/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32625/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32642/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under his Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32694/21]

*363. 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. [32708/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32712/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32734/21]

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

*366. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention been drawn to the steep increase in on-campus student accommodation costs in UCD; if he has had any engagement with UCD or the university’s student union on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [32786/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans for on-campus learning for third-level students for the upcoming academic year; if this will be a matter for each individual college or university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32526/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to obtain additional college places for the 2021-2022 academic year given the rise in CAO applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [32549/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to bring into line retirement ages for employees of third-level universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [32559/21]

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*370. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on the return of English language schools in view of the reopening of international travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [32567/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Irish students are being charged additional fees for the Scottish graduate-entry medicine programme based in the University of St. Andrews and the University of Dundee which contradicts the memorandum of understanding on the common travel area; the steps he will take to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [32583/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of the supports and grants and so on that are available for qualifying students from this jurisdiction accepted to study for primary teaching through Irish at a school (details supplied); the details of the qualifying conditions that apply; the level of grant aid available; and if other relevant information will be provided. — Matt Carthy. [32593/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32615/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32632/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32649/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to prohibit universities charging up to €14,000 for on-campus student accommodation; the engagement he has had with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in the context of rent cap legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32660/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties which will be caused for students who sit the HPAT exams if the results are not released before the CAO course change option is closed; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that HEAR and DARE eligible students will be particularly affected; if he can report on the date for release of the HPAT results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [32675/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under his Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32698/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32719/21]
*380. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32741/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the steep increase in on-campus student accommodation costs in UCD; his views on whether this will be a barrier for those that wish to study in the university; if he has had engagement with UCD or the university’s student union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [32784/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost to the Exchequer of restoring the grant adjacency rate to 24km; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32788/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending the SUSI grant to all level 6 further education and training courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32789/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending the SUSI support for postgraduate courses to cover the full cost of fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32790/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of plans to regularise the terms and conditions of adult education tutors employed by education and training boards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [32472/21]

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

*386. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is possible to reclaim a relative’s War of Independence firearm if it was surrendered to An Garda Síochána in the 1970s. — Thomas Gould. [32572/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary No. 174 of 19 May 2021, the reason Ireland has failed to provide the information relating to procedural time limits on the eJustice portal after more than three years; the actions she and her predecessor have taken during this time to ensure that this information is made available on the eJustice portal; the reason for the delay in providing information for the eJustice portal; if she will be amending or repealing section 18(h) of the Act in order that Irish citizens can enjoy the same data protection rights as all other EU citizens; and if not, the reason therefor. — Duncan Smith. [32536/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to grant a blanket amnesty to front-line essential workers going through the immigration process and living in direct provision in order that they have leave to remain in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32569/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address a matter regarding a proposal by a community group (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [32573/21]
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*390. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that junior barristers can earn as little as €25 a day for court days; if she will reverse cuts to professional fees made during 2008 to 2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [32584/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount her Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32617/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount her Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32634/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount her Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32651/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Justice when religious services will recommence in prisons given vaccines are being rolled out and social distancing is possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamonn Ó Cuív. [32671/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline her key policy achievements in her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32721/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Justice the way in which her Department and agencies under her remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32743/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32781/21]

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

*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are funding pathways open to Rathmullan Pier to apply for funding through his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [32590/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32607/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32624/21]
*401. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32641/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a tree felling licence application by a person (details supplied); if the application will be expedited given the applicant has provided the NIA statement; the total number of applications that remain to be processed; the breakdown of the length of time the applications that have been in the system by month; the number of applications being approved on a weekly basis; his plans to clear the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [32661/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the Backlog Working Group established as part of Project Woodland; the suggestions by the Group to solve the forestry licencing crisis; his plans for the implementation of these recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32676/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration is being given to the introduction of statutory timelines with respect to the issuing of forestry licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32678/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is considering wholesale regulatory reform with respect to the issuing of forestry licences in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32679/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is reviewing the 15 km screening radius with respect to forestry projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32680/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [32681/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under his Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32692/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a reconstitution scheme for the forestry sector to support owners of woodlands affected by detrimental frost damage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [32710/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [32711/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will list the specific funding allocated by his Department on research into the unique characteristics of biogenic methane; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32728/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to revise the legally defined tolerances currently used to verify the accuracy of the automated beef grading in meat plants; his views on whether the current 40% tolerance is acceptable when machines can be 95% accurate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32729/21]
*413. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times in each of the past five years that mechanical grading was suspended in meat plants following an inspection by his Department; the corresponding figure to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32730/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32733/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will increase the allocation of the mackerel quota to boats under 18m; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32750/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will increase the allocation of the mackerel quota for fishing by means of hook and line or line caught by vessels under 15m; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32751/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on proposals by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to Irish line-caught mackerel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32752/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department have analysed and continue to analyse the potential impact of the current CAP reform on the agri-food sector; if he has studied submission from organisations (details supplied) regarding the impact of CAP on the industry; if he is in a position to reassure the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32767/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which alternative markets for the agri-food sector previously dependent on the UK market have been found to date; the particular areas in which difficulties have been experienced; the extent to which his Department is actively engaged to find alternative markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32768/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications received for a scheme (details supplied); the number successfully accepted to the scheme by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32792/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the vote headings and sub-headings for her Department in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [32545/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount her Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32619/21]
*423. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount her Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32636/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount her Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32653/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current and capital costs involved with each action item in the Interim Climate Action Plan under her Department’s responsibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [32701/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which her Department and agencies under her remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32745/21]