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

1. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the latest data from the Residential Tenancies Board that indicated almost 4,000 rent warning letters and 1,100 notices to quit have been issued to tenants since the introduction of the Residential Tenancies and Valuation Act 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34152/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the latest CSO Residential Property Price Index report that shows that house prices have risen by 4.5% over the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [34134/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his target of 33,000 new home completions a year will not be met until 2025. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34153/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount provided by his Department to Tipperary County Council for 2020 in respect of housing supports (details supplied). — Mattie McGrath. [34133/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has consulted the construction sector regarding the growing impact on housing construction on the shortage of timber and the inflating ever cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [33843/21]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will urgently review and increase the table of maximum net income limits in social housing assessments regulations applicable for County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [33433/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the progression of social housing developments in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [33609/21]
8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the referendum on the right to housing as set out in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [33361/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the schedule of stock condition surveys of local authority properties detailing which developments in which local authorities will be surveyed in 2021 and 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33762/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his engagement with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council with regard to vacant homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [33882/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of conservation ranger vacancies nationwide over the past two years by region; the length of time the positions have remained unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [33646/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the proposal to transfer local authority water services staff to Irish Water and the creation of a single water utility for the State. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33761/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties that have been experienced by some publicans who have obtained section 254 licences yet are being prevented from serving drinks outdoors given that, according to An Garda Síochána, alcohol cannot be consumed in these areas under the liquor by-laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [33258/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeless services that are operating to the National Quality Standards Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [33464/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the State or public lands in Dublin 8, 10 and 12 which have been earmarked for transfer to the Land Development Agency; and the acreage and current use and zoning of each site. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33788/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the mica redress scheme review will be completed and the results communicated to those affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33466/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the progression of social housing developments in County Cork. — James O’Connor. [33896/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage with the Minister for Finance to consider a comprehensive package for first-time buyers to incentivise the purchase and renovation of properties that are currently derelict or uninhabitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33919/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he has taken to mitigate the serious distress and harm being caused by the sudden ability of landlords to increase rents by 8%. — Thomas Gould. [33894/21]
20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the discussions that have been held within his Department regarding increasing the income threshold for those wishing to apply for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [33512/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 107 of 5 May 2021, the status of the work of the Galway Social Housing Task Force; the number of times the task force has met to date in 2021; if he will provide a copy of all reports and minutes of the task force since January 2021; when the task force expects to complete its work and publish a final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33899/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the Departmental working group that was set up to investigate potential amendments to building regulations to require changing places (details supplied) in suitable public buildings; the number of times the group has met; if he plans to meet with the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [33219/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the further measures he will take to address unaffordable rents, excessive rent increases and unfair evictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33884/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide social and affordable housing to persons with disabilities. — Holly Cairns. [33842/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a social housing passport will be introduced that will allow persons on social housing waiting lists to change local authority without losing time on the list. — Mark Ward. [33612/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new local authority homes completed in Cork city from January 2020 to June 2021; the amount spent on local authority housing in Cork city in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33756/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being put in place to ensure that the introduction of the shared equity scheme will not create a rise in average house prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33812/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will issue a circular to all local authorities seeking a moratorium on the processing of new planning applications for wind farms until new national guidelines on wind energy, which are imminent, are introduced. — Cathal Crowe. [33672/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to prevent rent reviews in rent pressure zones from total rent increases of up to and including 8%, irrespective of whether or not the tenants concerned fall within the protections of the Planning and Development and Residential Tenancies Act 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33808/21]
30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delay in announcing reforms to the tenant purchase (incremental scheme) 2014; when this will happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33862/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Land Development Agency has the capacity to build a significant land bank in all the key growth areas across Ireland. — Richard Bruton. [33515/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason Galway County Council is being underfunded compared to counties of a comparable size and with a greater population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [32357/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his position in relation to smaller building companies; and the measures his Department has in place to protect them. — Pa Daly. [33085/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider a plan to dramatically increase the supply of houses at the earliest possible date in order to address the issue of affordable houses for first-time buyers in view of the levels of inflation in the housing market rendering it virtually impossible for first time home seekers to provide themselves with an affordable house either by purchase or through the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33844/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new social homes delivered via build programmes that will be delivered in County Mayo in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33921/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the future of strategic housing developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33050/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine planning laws and practices to identify areas of the law that encourages gentrification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [33892/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an additional €50,000 Departmental subsidy per unit to the cost-rental programme at St. Michael’s Estate, Inchicore will be committed to. — Patrick Costello. [33865/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will resolve the loophole in legislation that is preventing the entirety of the Carrigaline municipal district from being designated a rent pressure zone as the majority is but the remainder cannot currently be so designated. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [33052/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to help those whose homes are affected by pyrite but do not qualify for existing supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33049/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will refer the findings of the Summary of Social Housing Assessments 2020 and elaborate on the fact that 16,832 of the 61,880 persons on the qualified household waiting lists for local authority housing have been
waiting more than seven years; if there is a strategy in place to reduce these writing times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33868/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options that are under consideration for mid-income families who cannot secure sufficient mortgages when financial institutions will not take their rental payments into consideration on their applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33813/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the resources which have been provided for the National Building Control and Market Surveillance Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [33811/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional funding provided by his Department to local authorities to help them to provide facilities for an outdoor summer. — Louise O’Reilly. [33920/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his position in relation to pricing within the building providers’ sector; and the engagement he has had with the industry since taking up his role. — Pa Daly. [33084/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of plans for the recruitment of new National Parks and Wildlife Service conservation rangers as part of the expansion of the service, in particular in relation to the filling of roles in the Waterford area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [33645/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projections and targets that have been made for the delivery of cost-rental units by his Department for 2022; the funding that will be required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [33422/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the work completed by the town centre first inter-Departmental group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33898/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports he is exploring for old age renters in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33248/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of his Department’s most recent interactions, meetings and briefings with the vacant homes officers assigned to each local authority; the details of key targets to bring public and private vacant homes back into use; if specific targets have been issued to local authorities in respect of the targets for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [33864/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the biodiversity citizens’ assembly will be established. — Jennifer Whitmore. [27638/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 63 of 5 May 2021, the status of the review process regarding the filling of the post of chief executive of Galway County Council on a permanent basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33900/21]
53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the consideration he is giving to long-term life leases for renters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33247/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of funding provided per site for social, affordable and potential cost rental sites in Dublin 9 and 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [33883/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the interim report on mortality in the single homeless population 2020 published in June 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33760/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering a housing support scheme for victims of domestic abuse which has increased during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33755/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it will be ensured that all proposed natural heritage areas are designated natural heritage areas. — Holly Cairns. [33841/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement his Department has had with the Central Bank regarding the current review of Irish mortgage lending rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [33802/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on and if he has concerns regarding the amount of homes the public sector is purchasing from the open market to make up for the lack of housing supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33754/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the use of modular build units as a way to reduce the cost and time involved in building local authority housing. — Martin Browne. [33552/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the requirements of planning applicants seeking to build on their parents or siblings’ land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33922/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if further discussions have taken place between his Department and Louth County Council in respect of progressing a further appeal or new application for the Port Access Northern Cross Route URDF application; the details on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [33774/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the introduction of higher income eligibility limits for social housing in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan due to the inadequacy of existing eligibility limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33857/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which major building contractors can be employed to build affordable houses for sale or for rent to suitably qualified persons on lands made available through the local authorities in order to address the most urgent aspects of the housing shortage which is likely to remain for the foreseeable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33845/21]
65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to make the Rebuilding Ireland home loans more flexible such as increasing financial limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [33803/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new income threshold for social housing in County Laois will be announced; and the stage the process is currently at. — Brian Stanley. [33284/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his policy to prevent evictions of tenants in the coming period on economic grounds or other grounds which are unconnected to the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33805/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will take to minimise the number of evictions due as Covid-19 protections expire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [33891/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will commit to review part M of the building regulations to ensure that all new social housing is fully accessible for wheelchair users to live as distinct from visit the homes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33764/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered measures to encourage right sizing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [33514/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the work of the independent working group to examine defective housing including its terms of reference; the programme of work; and if he expects the group to meet the Programme for Government commitment to publish a report within a year of the Government being formed. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33763/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on progress towards gender equality in politics in Ireland; and the steps being taken to achieve a new normal in which more women political leaders have an active and equal role in decision-making and building forward. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [27634/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on work to incorporate County Clare in the defective concrete block scheme; if homeowners will be eligible for recoupment of 100% of the costs associated with carrying out the necessary works to address the damage caused by defective concrete blocks when County Clare is incorporated in this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [33434/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policy measures in place to address the challenges facing rural housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33897/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he will take to stop the 8% rent increases within rent pressure zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [33462/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address the deterioration of Knocklofty House, Clonmel, County Tipperary; the level of engagement he plans
to have with concerned members of the locality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [33551/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that apartments, like traditional houses, are homes for many persons and thus include them in the provisions relating to the land development authority Bill. — Patrick Costello. [33866/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he plans to take to support renters outside of rent pressure zones in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [33890/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will request all local authorities to register all public rights of way within their boundaries and to be cognisant of them when adjudicating over planning permissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [33895/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to streamline HAP rates at the higher rate to the equivalent of the homeless HAP rates as the rationale for the mainstream HAP is insufficient funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33752/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he will take to ensure that local authorities collect the full vacant site levy that is due; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [33463/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he plans to take to strengthen the Derelict Sites Act 1990 and to support local authorities in their ability to tackle derelict sites. — Thomas Gould. [33893/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will introduce higher income eligibility limits for social housing given that existing limits are too low in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33856/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the work his Department has undertaken with the Residential Tenancies Board to ensure that landlords who are not registered with the Board but have properties let out to tenants will meet their legal requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33757/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering a rent freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33753/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the recent changes to household means policy 2021 issued in April 2021 take into account recent changes in circumstances; 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. [33051/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is intended to implement changes to the income eligibility to apply for social housing to ensure those who are working and are on low incomes are eligible for social housing in view of the fact that at present prices it is impossible for them to get mortgages to buy houses on the open market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33861/21]
88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new income threshold for social housing in County Offaly will be announced; and the stage the process is currently at. — Brian Stanley. [33285/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way that possible burial sites and sites of historic significance will be protected in county development plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33465/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person who goes over the income threshold to be eligible for social housing whilst living in homeless accommodation such as a family hub provided by the local authority, will be removed from the social housing waiting list as a result. — Mark Ward. [33611/21]

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**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

91. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the measures that constitute an appropriate response at both a national and an EU level to assist in bringing an end to Israel’s illegal settlement activity in the West Bank and East Jerusalem; the actions Ireland will take as a member of the UN Security Council to facilitate the fulfilment of the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [34135/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on recent Israeli air strikes and their effect on children in Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34137/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the urgent measures he will take on the UN Security Council and at EU level to bring pressure to bear on the Ethiopian and Eritrean governments to allow a ceasefire in Tigray and co-operate with humanitarian organisations on the ground (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [34136/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding the situation in Belarus and the status of persons (details supplied). — Cathal Berry. [33991/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has been in contact with the new US administration under President Joe Biden in relation to the continued use of Shannon Airport for the facilitation of carriage of ammunition (details supplied). — Richard O’Donoghue. [33684/21]

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**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

96. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he will engage with Hungarian elected representatives in the wake of the Hungarian Bill that was passed by Parliament on 15 June 2021 that is contrary to the LGBTQI+ policy advanced in the remainder of EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33838/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had any engagement with the Egyptian authorities in relation to the detention of Irish cargo following the recent blockage in the Suez Canal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [33705/21]

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98. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the recent meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [33704/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had to date with the new coalition government in Israel and in particular with regard to Israel’s ongoing de facto annexation of Palestinian land; his plans to highlight a recent report (details supplied) with the new Israeli Government which states that Israel’s treatment of Palestinians amounts to the crimes against humanity of apartheid and persecution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33903/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure investment commitments made under the New Decade New Approach deal are implemented. — Peadar Tóibín. [29399/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the action Ireland plans to take against Israel following the continued bombardment of Gaza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33911/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the preparations made by the Government for the recommencement of international travel in Ireland and plans to allow for usage of the EU Digital COVID Certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33759/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has a policy on the funding or defunding of organisations with gender critical views by Irish Aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [33878/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the current political situation within Hungary; and the way in which this will affect its relationship with the EU. — Cathal Berry. [33939/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had any engagement with his counterpart in the new Israeli government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [33699/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the diplomatic efforts on the repeal of the Presidential Order under section 212 F of the Immigration and Nationality Act 1952 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [33617/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is prepared to utilise Ireland’s position on the United Nations Security Council and within the EU to influence these bodies to take the necessary steps to ensure that the Association of Southeast Asian Nations steps up its efforts to seek a diplomatic resolution to the conflict in Myanmar following the military coup in February 2021, particularly given there is now growing evidence that Myanmar is facing into a period of sustained internal violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33780/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken to the new Prime Minister of Israel on the occupation of Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [33905/21]
109. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts being made by Ireland to raise climate change as an issue of national security on the United Nations Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33245/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to ensure the Gaza reconstruction mechanism will support the rebuilding of Gaza following the recent conflict instead of acting as a block to rebuilding as has been the case to date according to local NGOs. — Patrick Costello. [33873/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts the Government is prepared to take to alleviate the suffering caused to the Cuban people as a consequence of the 60 year blockade of the island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33777/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts of his Department to counter anti-LGBT laws such as those recently passed in Hungary and Poland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [33875/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts made by Ireland to assist in the implementation of a ceasefire in the Middle East and efforts towards a permanent resolution to the conflict. — Emer Higgins. [33810/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there have been any developments in regard to Serbia and Montenegro joining the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [33707/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is prepared to utilise the position of Ireland on the United Nations Security Council and within the EU to assist the Kurdistan regional government in developing a commission of inquiry into genocide committed by ISIS against the Yazidi community and others in northern Iraq and in overcoming barriers such as the death penalty which stand as an impediment to the introduction of any attempt to establish a commission of inquiry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33778/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the gestures and statements and international events against racism and discrimination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [33877/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 101 of 11 May 2021, the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the March 2021 Report by the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence on the Distribution of COVID-19 Vaccines to Developing Countries; the status of his engagement with the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment with regard to the recommendation to ease intellectual property rights in relation to the vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33904/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the priorities of the Government in relation to a sexual and reproductive health policy ahead of the Generation Equality Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [33914/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the implementation of the Northern Ireland protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [33702/21]
120. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he will take through international law to force Britain to adhere to international agreements such as the Good Friday Agreement and the Stormont House Agreement. — Peadar Tóibín. [29397/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which Ireland is using its position on the United Nations Security Council to bring about progress in dealing with the conflict in Gaza and the Occupied Territories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33758/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the EU jobs strategy of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33048/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland opposes Israel’s inclusion in the new Horizon Europe Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33923/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the operation of the EU Magnitsky Act enacted in December 2020; if Ireland has implemented any of the powers of this legislation to date, for example, in relation to Bahrain in which an activist (details supplied) recently died of Covid-19 in prison given no sanitisation measures are in place; if the EU Magnitsky Act allows the EU and or Ireland to intervene in cases such as this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [33837/21]

125. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with his counterparts in Europe in relation to the continuing situation in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [33908/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the legislative timeline for the implementation of the independent commission on information retrieval contained in the Stormont House Agreement and subsequently recommitted to in New Decade, New Approach. — Patrick Costello. [33874/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the recommencement of hard copy passport applications including the passport express through post offices is expected; the timeline to clear the current backlog in these applications specifically given that the online process may not be a viable form of application for all persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33815/21]

128. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications from County Tipperary that are being processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [33869/21]

129. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is concerned at recent developments in Russia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [33698/21]

130. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the ongoing developments in Belarus; Ireland’s response to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [33696/21]

131. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of former Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas nominated to participate in election observation missions from the election observation roster over the past ten years who were former members at the time of their nomination; the name of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [33881/21]
132. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the situation in Nicaragua at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [33700/21]

133. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there has been any response from Israel in relation to the decision to categorise the occupation of Palestinian territories as a de facto annexation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [33697/21]

134. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the work of Ireland’s delegation at the United Nations as the halfway point of the two-year membership of the Security Council is reached. — Emer Higgins. [33809/21]

135. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the objective criteria for nomination to participate in election observation missions from the election observation roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [33880/21]

136. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the implementation of the Northern Ireland Protocol of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33047/21]

137. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he through the EU and UN continues to press for a serious investigation into the numerous human rights violations now taking place throughout the globe; if Ireland’s position on the UN Security Council can be used to press these issues at an early date; if the international criminal courts in the Hague can be utilised in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33840/21]

138. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there have been any recent discussions with the parties in the Northern Ireland Executive in relation to the establishment of a civic advisory panel as provided for in the Stormont House Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33871/21]

139. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the recent actions of the Nicaraguan authorities against opposition parties in that country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [33706/21]

140. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress with regard to the implementation of the provisions of New Decade, New Approach and the need for a functioning power sharing executive in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [33853/21]

141. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on and response to the recent passing of laws repressing LGBTQ rights in Hungary; the efforts he will take through the European Union as a consequence of this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33776/21]

142. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the agenda at the meeting of the EU Foreign Affairs Council on 21 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [33708/21]

143. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for clearing the backlog of passport applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [33870/21]
144. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he is taking to reduce the serious backlog in passport applications. — Thomas Gould. [33902/21]

145. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had any recent engagement with the United States Secretary of State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [33703/21]

146. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on and response to a report by a human rights organisation (details supplied) in Colombia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33779/21]

147. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland has taken initiatives at the UN Security Council to confront the alarming moves against political freedoms being witnessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [33517/21]

148. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the recent meeting of the British-Irish Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [33246/21]

149. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts being made with the new US administration to improve the situation of undocumented emigrants in the US; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33917/21]

150. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the proposal in the Stormont House Agreement to establish a civic advisory panel following the provision for the establishment of a civic forum in the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33872/21]

151. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the implementation of the agreement relating to the United Kingdom’s withdrawal from the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [33701/21]

152. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if in view of ongoing violence against Palestinian people by the Israeli state, he will reconsider Irish Israeli relations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33806/21]

153. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the passport backlog which is causing serious delays for those who need to work and study abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [33467/21]

154. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether the government of the United Kingdom is acting in good faith in relation to the implementation of international treaties with the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [33709/21]

155. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions the State will take as a result of the recent actions by the Hungarian Government in relation to LGBT rights; if he will express the solidarity of the State with the LGBT community in Hungary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33807/21]

156. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with officials from China regarding the treatment of the Uyghur people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [33906/21]
157. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will support a call for a global ban on fracking being proposed by Ireland at the United Nations General Assembly on climate mitigation, public health, environmental protection and human rights grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [29279/21]

158. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of different persons who have been on the election observation roster to be eligible for nomination to participate in election observation missions over the past ten years; the number of missions each person was nominated to participate in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [33879/21]

159. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken to Hungarian officials or the ambassador in relation to comments made by the President of Hungary on Irish international footballers kneeling before their friendly match with Hungary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [33907/21]

160. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the contacts he has with the government of Hungary in relation to its recent passing of homophobic laws in that state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [33876/21]

161. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the Irish and British Governments are currently engaging with the authorities and communities in Northern Ireland with a view to ensuring the operation of the Northern Ireland Protocol which was brought about as a result of Brexit; if all those involved can apply themselves to this important task as a matter of urgency in view of the need to ensure the ongoing operation of the Good Friday Agreement which was recognised internationally as a solemn agreement entered into in good faith by all involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33839/21]

162. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the current state of relations between Ireland and China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [33854/21]

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*QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER*

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

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department holds a database of potential foreign investors seeking projects for investment or projects that are seeking foreign investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33996/21]*

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Workplace Relations Commission actions taken in County Cork to date in 2021. — Thomas Gould. [34054/21]*

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the Cork City Council motion calling on the Government to support the waiving of patents on the Covid-19 vaccine in the EU and worldwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26558/21]*
*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost to increase the Enterprise Ireland budget by 1% and 10% respectively. — Louise O’Reilly. [33970/21]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost to increase funding to InterTradeIreland by 20%. — Louise O’Reilly. [33971/21]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost to treble the Young Entrepreneur Fund. — Louise O’Reilly. [33972/21]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost to increase funding to the Workplace Relations Commission by 50%. — Louise O’Reilly. [33973/21]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost to increase funding to the local enterprise office network by 5%, 10%, and 50%. — Louise O’Reilly. [33974/21]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of a 50% increase in funding to InterTradeIreland. — Louise O’Reilly. [33976/21]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of creating a State-funded workers’ cooperative development unit with ten staff on the average public sector wage and €10 million in funding to promote and develop workers’ cooperatives. — Louise O’Reilly. [33979/21]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of increasing funding to the Irish Competition Authority by 10%. — Louise O’Reilly. [33981/21]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated annual cost of increased funding the Companies Registration Office by 5% and 25% respectively. — Louise O’Reilly. [33982/21]

*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement received in 2020; and the amount it is expected to receive in 2021, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [34138/21]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of increasing the funding for the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement by 5%, 10%, 20% and 50%, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [34139/21]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission received in 2020; and the amount it is expected to receive in 2021, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [34140/21]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of increasing the funding for the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission by 5%, 10%, 20% and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [34141/21]
*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount of funding the Low Pay Commission received in 2020; and the amount it is expected to receive in 2021, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [34144/21]

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated cost of increasing the funding for the Low Pay Commission by 5%, 10%, 20%, and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [34145/21]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the staffing arrangements of the Low Pay Commission; the number of staff are dedicated to the Commission; and the cost of staffing arrangements. — Louise O’Reilly. [34146/21]

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if and when a renewal work permit will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34224/21]

*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if and when a renewal work permit will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34225/21]

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

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a property (details supplied) will be able to avail of efibre broadband. — Robert Troy. [34003/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a final design of a microgeneration support scheme has been approved; if the scheme will be implemented as planned for July 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [34035/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are regulations requiring the display of a notice in outlets handling WEEE products to the effect that arrangements are in place for products at the end of their useful life; the enforcement that is in place to ensure obligations in relation to same are respected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [34066/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a property (details supplied) cannot avail of high speed broadband while the neighbouring property can; the way he plans to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34161/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a property (details supplied) cannot avail of high speed broadband while the neighbouring property can; the way he plans to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34164/21]
Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the length of time the quiet carriage initiative operated by Irish Rail ran before it was phased out in 2018; the amount the initiative cost to run on an annual basis; and the reason Irish Rail decided to phase out the initiative. — Kieran O’Donnell. [34098/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons awaiting a driving test in the RSA Wexford driving test centre in each category (details supplied); the number of weeks candidates are on a waiting list for a test date broken into four weeks tranches in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34129/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons awaiting a driver test in the RSA Gorey driving test centre in each test category (details supplied); the number of weeks candidates are on a waiting list for a test date by four four-week tranches in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [34130/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of full VAT reclamation on all Covid-19 related health and safety works carried out by SMEs and microbusinesses. — Louise O’Reilly. [33978/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a person (details supplied) was refused the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34005/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full-year revenue in 2022 that would be raised by tapering out the personal, employee and earned income tax credits by 2.5% per €1,000 on individual incomes between €100,000 and €140,000 per year resulting in no entitlement to these credits in cases in which individual income is in excess of €140,000 based on the latest available figures available to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [34020/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 219 of 8 June 2018, if the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman can now consider older cases under the Financial Services and Ombudsman Act 2017 from persons that were of the view that they were mis-sold payment protection insurance in cases in which the conduct being complained of occurred during or after 2002; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [34022/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the charges including VRT and VAT placed on a bus hire company purchasing buses from England post-Brexit. — Claire Kerrane. [34070/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if, given the huge losses experienced by bus operators due to Covid-19, consideration will be given to an exemption on VAT charged to those purchasing buses from England especially for bus drivers who are sole traders and are not registered for VAT and therefore cannot claim VAT back. — Claire Kerrane. [34071/21]
Chun an Aire Caiteachais Phoiblí agus Athchóirithe: To the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform.

*198. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the length of time the works currently underway at a location (details supplied) were meant to take originally; when he now expects same to be finished; if the cost of the job has increased or is within budget; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the site has been inaccessible to the public for over seven months; if he will visit the site and meet with local persons who are very frustrated with this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [34103/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to review the Freedom of Information Act 2014 in 2021; and the status of the progress made on drafting a new freedom of information Act and or amendments to the existing legislation. — Catherine Murphy. [33965/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he and or his officials have undertaken and or completed work on a project and or research regarding the cost related to freedom of information for public bodies; if he will provide the report or research undertaken regarding this work; and his plans to broaden the scope of bodies that the Act applies to in view of the fact that some public bodies fall outside its reach. — Catherine Murphy. [33966/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated cost of introducing the living wage across the public sector. — Louise O’Reilly. [33977/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the process that a whistleblower should follow in order to protect themselves in relation to making a disclosure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33997/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of plans by the OPW to enhance the user and visitor experience at Castletown House, Celbridge, County Kildare (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [34033/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has sought and or received a specific business case for the proposed new national maternity hospital to be located on the St. Vincent’s University Hospital campus in County Dublin at any stage since 2013. — John McGuinness. [34041/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has formally approved the campus of St. Vincent’s hospital in County Dublin as the site for the new national maternity hospital. — John McGuinness. [34042/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to amend public procurement processes to ensure that small and medium enterprises are not disadvantaged in tendering for the provision of services to the State such as provisions for schools and other public services in view of the fact that in recent years small enterprises have lost valuable business at local level due to more purchasing being centralised and resulting in some instances in products being sourced from outside this jurisdiction and a loss in revenue to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34162/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of engagement the Office of Government Procurement has with small and medium enterprises to ensure that more products are sourced locally and that such businesses will not continue to be disadvantaged through centralised purchasing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [34163/21]
Chun an Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaion, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán: To the Minister for Tourism, Culture; Arts; Gaeltacht; Sport and Media.

*208. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when a tourist information office will reopen in Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [33969/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to issues surrounding the definition of a sporting event during the current Covid-19 measures (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33983/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason a company (details supplied) in the events sector has not been able to obtain a grant; and if there will be further opportunities for the company. — Richard Bruton. [34001/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has been in contact with tourism groups regarding supplementary funding for a scheme (details supplied). — Louise O’Reilly. [34165/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has been in contact with tourism groups regarding the extension of the emergency wage subsidy scheme for significantly affected sectors. — Louise O’Reilly. [34166/21]

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

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of extending the commercial rates waiver per month. — Louise O’Reilly. [33975/21]

*214. 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 Finance on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31757/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the financial assistance scheme for remediation of damaged dwellings due to the use of defective concrete blocks will be reviewed and increased to 100% redress for those with MICA affected homes in the north-west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31920/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the defective concrete blocks grant scheme, underpinned by regulations made under sections 2 and 5 of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1979 will be amended given the 18 months of evidence of the not-for-purpose scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31921/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority new housing builds that have included a social clause that will encourage local employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [29841/21]
*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the impact for local authorities of the changes to the local property tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31777/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports that will still be given to the councils that were previously in receipt of monies from the equalisation fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31407/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether the high level of current expenditure in his Department via HAPS, RAS and leasing needs to be replaced by capital expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31411/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will take to prevent tenants facing double yearly rent increases in the coming period as a result of previous Covid-19 measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33804/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will seek an update from Louth County Council in respect of the appointment of the two senior executive officers in both Drogheda and Dundalk respectively both positions which have been funded through his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [33995/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the planning regulations for wind turbines regarding the setback distances from houses are under review given the considerable increase in the height of the turbines and the length of rotor blades in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [34000/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will assist in expediting the construction of all homes at a location (details supplied) in recognition of the defective blocks crisis in County Donegal in that it can provide additional accommodation as soon as possible. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34006/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications being processed by his Department for the construction of social housing in County Donegal; and the geographic breakdown of same. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34007/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received an analysis of the amount of public housing in County Donegal which is impacted by the construction with defective blocks. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34008/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to surveys carried out by Donegal County Council on its housing stock; if so, if a detailed breakdown will be provided of the results of any analysis to date, that is, visual surveys or core testing on each building; and the breakdown by district electoral division of the number of houses affected and the level of deterioration of same. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [34009/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the provision given to Cork City Council to reimburse CPOs in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Thomas Gould. [34056/21]
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*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to establish a national registry of derelict sites. — Thomas Gould. [34057/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites on the vacant sites register by county. — Thomas Gould. [34058/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department plans to provide funding to Dublin City Council for the provision of a discovery centre building on the North Bull Island, Clontarf; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [34062/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if supports are available without household income means tests for a severely disabled person to install equipment such as a full lift in cases in which they can live independently is by being with a member of their wider family and in which a means test on other household income would be unfairly restricting their options. — Richard Bruton. [34067/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the funding provided to the National Women's Council of Ireland to assist in producing the document Women beyond Dáil Éireann; More Women in Local Government to the Immigrant Council of Ireland to assist in producing The Experience of Migrant Candidates in the 2019 Local Election and to Women for Election commissioned research More Women – changing the face of politics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34069/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it will be necessary to invoke emergency housing procedures in order to assure the rapid delivery of direct build local authority houses on public lands in the shortest possible timescale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34178/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he has considered additional measures to address the housing crisis with particular reference to the rapidly escalating house prices, the increasing number of persons seeking to purchase an affordable house and the number of applicants on local authority housing waiting lists; his plans to introduce radical measures to address the situation which is now for many persons an emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34179/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of heritage projects currently in hand or listed for attention in terms of projection and restoration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34180/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average price of a house now deemed to be in the affordable category; the number built, acquired or under construction at present throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34181/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the precise number of affordable local authority houses he expects to provide by county based on the number of housing applicants in each local authority area over the next two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34182/21]
*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he can foresee the provision of adequate private sites, affordable housing and Rebuilding Ireland loans in each local authority area nationwide commensurate with their requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34183/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses built or bought by each local authority by county excluding the approved housing bodies in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34184/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Rebuilding Ireland loans approved and drawn down in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34185/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to review the efficacy of Rebuilding Ireland loans with a view to extending their capacity to facilitate a dramatically greater number of applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34186/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he expects to reform local authority guidelines for eligibility for rehousing with a view to removal of gaps in the system whereby some applicants’ income is too high to qualify for local authority housing and too low to merit consideration for a loan sufficient to purchase a home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34187/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the number of applicants on local authority housing waiting lists who may now be in rental accommodation paying excessively high rents with view to waiving a mortgage and housing loan deposit given that they are already paying the equivalent of a mortgage or loan in rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34188/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will conduct an urgent evaluation of the housing needs of the younger generation with a view to a crash programme of house building to accommodate their needs by way of local authority rental or purchase as under the Housing Act 1966 given the likely resurgence of the economy as Covid-19 is brought under control; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34189/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of serviced housing sites available with a view to meeting the affordable housing needs of the population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34190/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants currently on each local authority housing waiting list by county; the number who are currently accommodated through HAP or rent supplement; if such applicants are eligible to be rehoused or to qualify for local authority or Rebuilding Ireland loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34191/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will encourage local authorities to give favourable consideration to planning applications from the indigenous population throughout Ireland in circumstances in which they can meet their own housing needs through their own resources thus alleviating the burden on the already stretched construction sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34192/21]
*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of public lands available throughout County Kildare for the provision of affordable or local authority housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34193/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the numbers on local authority housing waiting lists have fluctuated in the past four years to date excluding those facilitated on HAP or rent support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34194/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he expects the affordable housing needs to be met by way of a house building programme in the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34195/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which major construction firms, many of whom are currently engaged overseas, can be encouraged to undertake large-scale building contracts on behalf of local authorities with a view to building affordable properties to purchase and rentable through local authorities as required with a view to making a major impact on the housing needs of a large sector of the population in the shortest possible time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34196/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants on the local authority housing waiting lists; the estimated time to meet their housing requirements on the basis of progress to date in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34197/21]

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

*254. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has been in contact with the new US administration under President Joe Biden in relation to the continued use of Shannon Airport to carry munitions of war on civil aircraft given Shannon Airport was found to be the airport of origin on 282 occasions. — Richard O’Donoghue. [33685/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way Ireland can remain neutral on the basis that it is facilitating the United States of America by allowing US troops and ammunition through the country mainly through Shannon Airport. — Richard O’Donoghue. [33686/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether Ireland should continue to facilitate the ongoing use of Shannon Airport by US army troops given Ireland’s neutrality. — Richard O’Donoghue. [33687/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of discussions he has had with the leader of the DUP and the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland with regard to the impact of Brexit, the Northern Ireland Protocol and the degree to which all parties have seen possibilities for resolution of outstanding issues arising from Brexit. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27952/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is satisfied regarding the adequacy of the structures in place to facilitate ongoing north-south dialogue in a non-confrontational atmosphere in order to facilitate the ongoing needs of the peace process as envisaged in the Good Friday Agreement and the Stormont House Agreement. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30611/21]
*259. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent of overtures he has had from the power sharing Executive of Northern Ireland or the UK Government in the context of north-south-east-west continuation of dialogue envisaged in the Good Friday Agreement or thereafter in the context of the need to make progress in respect of issues arising. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30612/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent of any discussions he has had or proposes to have with the UK Government and the parties in Northern Ireland in the context of promotion of the power sharing Assembly with a view to ensuring the stability of the Good Friday Agreement. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31739/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which his Department continues to monitor the debate arising from Brexit with particular reference to arising implications from a political, trading or commercial aspect; and if the Northern Ireland Protocol is now being portrayed as causing a problem which has actually been caused by Brexit. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32492/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when he will continue his engagement with the new leaders of the two major Unionist parties in Northern Ireland. — Neale Richmond. [27648/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the New Decade, New Approach deal. — Peadar Tóibín. [26144/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the Ballymurphy inquest verdict. — Peadar Tóibín. [26145/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the legislation to make provision for the independent commission on information retrieval which is committed to under the Stormont House Agreement, New Decade New Approach and the Programme for Government; and the timeline for its implementation. — Patrick Costello. [30980/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a request by a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [33999/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34155/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the international community is currently engaged in addressing issues of starvation and neglect of children throughout the globe in areas of conflict and others with a view to putting in place measures to address the issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34198/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the needs of children can be met through the aegis of the EU or UN or both with particular reference to food shortages and dangers arising from conflict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34199/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps likely to be taken by the international community in order to address human rights and trafficking abuses of women and children in various conflict zones across the globe; the extent to which Ireland can use its influence on the UN Security Council to highlight the necessity to address such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34200/21]
*271. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the role of the UN can be expanded to make a more meaningful impact in various conflict zones across the globe with a view to protecting women and children, the discontinuation of the recruitment of child soldiers and trafficking in women and children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34201/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which the international community has identified the most serious incidents of trafficking of women and children globally with a view to positive intervention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34202/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps taken by the international community to address human rights abuses in Hong Kong, Myanmar and any other locations in which those seeking democratic principles are being imprisoned for their beliefs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34203/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which Ireland, directly or through the aegis of the EU or UN, can promote the prosecution of those engaged in war crimes with a view to referral to the European criminal courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34204/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he can motivate the international community towards addressing human rights abuses, trafficking in women and children, suppression of individual rights and entitlement and unlawful detention with a view to ensuring that the existence of sufficient deterrence to discourage such abuses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34205/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he remains in constant engagement with the UK authorities and both communities in Northern Ireland with a view to ensuring that logistical and political difficulties caused by Brexit are not allowed to undermine the Good Friday Agreement or the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34206/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he can continue to liaise with both communities in Northern Ireland and the British Government with a view to ensuring that Brexit-related issues are not allowed to damage the peace agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34207/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he continues to engage with the British Government with a view to ensuring that Brexit-caused difficulties are not allowed to undermine the Good Friday Agreement or the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34208/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he can find it possible to foster improved Ireland-UK relations through the medium of the isolation and resolution of Brexit-related issues within the context of the EU-UK agreement and protocols; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34209/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which special efforts are being made to resolve issues arising from Brexit while maintaining the EU-UK agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34210/21]
*281. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the ten locations globally now deemed to be
the most serious in the context of conflict, starvation, genocide, ethnic cleansing, human rights
violations and any other issues threatening the lives and well-being of civilian populations with
a view to enhancing the extent to which the UN can respond and protect communities in such
circumstances; if the international community is sufficiently alert to such abuses and is willing to
put in place measures to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. —
Bernard J. Durkan. [34211/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Ireland’s bilateral and
multilateral aid programme continues to address hunger and starvation at various locations across
the globe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34212/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the Irish Aid programme
continues to meet its targets globally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J.
Durkan. [34213/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the Irish Aid programme,
multilateral and bilateral, continues to target those for whom the aid was intended; and if he will
make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34214/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of bilateral aid programmes currently
being progressed by Irish Aid; the extent which they continue to make a difference; and if he will
make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34215/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which Irish Aid continues to engage
in projects providing drinking water to communities suffering from a lack of clean water; and if he
will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34216/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which Irish Aid continues to engage
with communities across the globe that are deeply affected by a lack of basic health and hygiene
requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34217/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which it is intended to expand the
relevant programmes to address serious and emerging issues of health and personal security with
particular reference to women and children in conflict zones or otherwise; and if he will make a
statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34218/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the Boko Haram and Al Shabab
are being deterred through the activities of the international communities or otherwise; and if he
will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34219/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the international community
continues to assist in the fight against political and human rights abuses in Belarus; and if he will
make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34220/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts being made nationally and through the
aegis of the EU and UN in respect of the citizens of various countries who have been detained,
in many cases on spurious grounds, and continue to be kept against their will encompassing the
suppression of basic human rights; if the perpetrators of such abuses are likely to be referred to the
European Courts of Justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan.
[34221/21]
Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*292. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the report being undertaken by an independent review group into the question of the recommendation of gallantry medals for the Irish soldiers involved in the siege of Jadotville; the timeframe for the completion of the report and a final decision; if the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [34043/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*293. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad iad na pleannanna atá aici chun bunscoil lán-Ghaeilge a bhunú i gCilldroidchíd, Contae Chill Dara; an dtabharfaidh sí achoimre ar aon idirghníomhaíocht atá ar siúl aici nó ag a Roinn le scoileanna sa cheantar chun oideachas trí Ghaeilge a chur ar fáil sna scoileanna sinata aici bunscoil Ghaelach i Celbridge, Contae Chill Dara a bhunú; achoimre a thabhairt maidir le aon idirghníomhaíocht atá ar siúl aici nó ag a Roinn le scoileanna sa cheantar chun oideachas a chur ar fáil trí Ghaeilge sna scoileanna sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí rátéas ina thaobh. — Catherine Murphy. [33993/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide statistical information regarding special schools and their students (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [34004/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Education if matters raised in correspondence by a parent’s association (details supplied) in respect of the Geiran report recommendations and the delay to a support provision will receive a response; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [34012/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether all teachers and school staff will be fully vaccinated before the return to school in September 2021; and if she will engage with the Minister for Health to ensure that this is the case. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34013/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated number of additional secondary school teachers that are necessary to reduce the pupil-teacher ratio by one point. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34034/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Education when she will introduce the spending measures included in the white paper related to ending direct provision; and the breakdown of this spending. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34040/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of hiring one additional guidance counsellor; and if the rate differs whether the counsellor is based in a primary or secondary setting. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [34045/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Education if employment terms and conditions for school bus escorts will be reviewed to allow for pay during school holidays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34061/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Education if the school bus route for a school (details supplied) will be redirected to facilitate children in Borrisinafarney, Moneygall and Roscrea, County Tipperary, thus following its original bus route; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34065/21]
*302. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén plé a bhí aici le hoifigigh a Roinne agus leis an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaochta agus Eolafochta maidir leis an mbéal a bheadh ann don pholasáí oideachais Ghaeltachta má chuirfear curaclaim Ghaeilge na hArdeistímiéireachta T1 agus T2 ar fáil, mar atá molta, agus mur a mbeadh marcanna bónais curtha ar fáil as ucht cúrsaí T1 a dheanamh, mar atá atá ann, mar aisteantas ar an ualach breise a bhí a dhícheallhacht, mar a thabharfadh faoi shonraíocht curaclaim T1 do Ghaeilge na hArdeistímiéireachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí raitéas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34074/21]

*303. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an bhfuil sé i gceist go mbeidh sonraíocht curaclaim T1 do Ghaeilge na hArdeistímiéireachta ar fáil do dhaltaí a fhreastalaíonn ar scoileanna a fheidhmíonn trí Bhéarla; agus an ndéanfaidh sí raitéas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34075/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has considered funding the bulk purchase of defibrillators for schools. — Eoin Ó Broin. [34104/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with special educational needs who are in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34119/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special educational needs for schools in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34120/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with special educational needs that are currently on reduces timetable in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34121/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with special educational needs who are currently on suspension in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34125/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with special educational needs who are currently expelled from school in Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34127/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with special educational needs are currently not in school in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34128/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education the number of judicial reviews regarding suspension and expulsions of children with special educational in the past three years in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34147/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the plans for the new building programme at a school (details supplied); the contacts she has had in the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [34148/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children with special educational needs that have gone through section 29 in the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [34149/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education the funding allocated to the Caranua Residential Institutions Statutory Fund; the number of applications approved and paid to date; the average
payment; the number of in progress applications; the number of applications that are ineligible; the number of applications appealed; the number of applications awaiting probate; and the number of applications withdrawn in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [34226/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education the funding allocated to the Caranua Residential Institutions Statutory Fund for administrative purposes including staffing, legal and premises costs. — Kathleen Funchion. [34227/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education the other supports outside of the Caranua Residential Institutions Statutory Fund redress scheme that have been put in place to assist the former residents of the institutions including the overall spend on health, housing, educational and counselling services; and the initial allocation and final spend, respectively in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [34228/21]

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

*317. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of providing the WALK PEER employment support service model in all 26 counties. — Louise O’Reilly. [33980/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the back to education allowance can be made available in a case (details supplied) in which the person is in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment has a level 9 qualification since 2018 and cannot secure employment with that qualification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34002/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive a decision on their contributory pension application. — Michael Creed. [34039/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the 3 July 2017 ruling on community employment schemes that directly affects participants who are over 55 years of age who will see their time allowed on schemes reduced from six to three years based on a number of grounds (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [34059/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons employed in the local employment service and job clubs. — Claire Kerrane. [34072/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received for rent supplement in 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; the corresponding number approved and rejected for each year; the number of these applications approved on the grounds of domestic abuse; the cost of paying rent supplement in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34076/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to legislate to provide for annual increases in the State pension to be benchmarked at 34% of earnings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34077/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of plans for the next actuarial review of the social insurance fund. — Claire Kerrane. [34078/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available to parents who have a baby via surrogacy. — Claire Kerrane. [34079/21]
*326. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of her Departmental staff who are working remotely. — Claire Kerrane. [34081/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to review the changes in structure to MABS through the recent regionalisation of the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34082/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that have been taken to date to examine options for a pension solution for carers as committed to in the Programme for Government. — Claire Kerrane. [34083/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the report into the poverty impact assessment of reduced rates of jobseeker’s payments for those aged 18 to 25 as committed to in the Social Welfare Act 2019 will be published. — Claire Kerrane. [34085/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she plans to introduce the cost of a disability payment as committed to in the Programme for Government. — Claire Kerrane. [34086/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current number of persons with a disability in receipt of the wage subsidy scheme and the ability programme. — Claire Kerrane. [34087/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to review the back to education allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34088/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of plans to introduce auto-enrolment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34089/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of work to allow those without a full PRSI contribution record to continue to make contributions beyond pensionable age. — Claire Kerrane. [34090/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if participants on the short-term enterprise allowance require the support of the local development company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34091/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of times the Child Maintenance Review Group has met since it was established; the date for the report to be furnished to her; and if she plans to publish the report thereafter. — Claire Kerrane. [34092/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications made for the Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit since it was introduced; the corresponding number approved and rejected; the current average processing time; the number of persons who qualified that moved onto illness benefit therefore requiring the support for longer than ten weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34093/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the commitment in the Roadmap for Social Inclusion to develop and consult on a strawman proposal for the restructuring of long-term disability payments to simplify the system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34094/21]
*339. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will publish the review into contracted employment services. — Claire Kerrane. [34095/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if referrals to JobPath will cease in December 2021 as planned. — Claire Kerrane. [34096/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of young persons who have been on the youth employment support scheme since it was established; if the findings of the internal review carried out on the scheme will be shared; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34097/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of a €1 increase in each of the social insurance schemes, social assistance schemes, other weekly schemes and other schemes payments in tabular form (details supplied). — Catherine Connolly. [34112/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if clarification will be provided on a matter (details supplied) in relation to child benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [34154/21]

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

*344. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider extending the full ten weeks parent’s leave and benefit to lone parents who are parenting alone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [34080/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding allocated to the Magdalen restorative justice ex-gratia scheme; the number of applications approved and paid to date; the average payment; the number of in progress applications; the number of applications that are ineligible; the number of applications appealed; the number of applications awaiting probate; and the number of applications withdrawn in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [34229/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding allocated to the Magdalen restorative justice ex-gratia scheme for administrative purposes including staffing, legal and premises costs. — Kathleen Funchion. [34230/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the other supports that have been put in place to assist the former residents of the institutions outside of the Magdalen restorative justice ex-gratia scheme including the overall spend on health, housing, educational and counselling services; and the initial allocation and final spend, respectively, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [34231/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 90 and 976 of 15 June 2021, the breakdown of the figure referred to of the €7.2 million weekly cost of the enhanced employment wage subsidy scheme rate for childcare, of employment wage subsidy scheme, pay and non-employment wage subsidy scheme pay from the start of the scheme on 1 September 2020 to end of Q3, 2021; and the allocation and amount drawn down for this period. — Kathleen Funchion. [33967/21]
*349. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if financial supports are available for third-level students whose families are marginally over the income threshold for a student grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33998/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost to the Exchequer of increasing the SUSI income bracket no maintenance 50% tuition fees or 100% student contribution by 10, 20, 30 and 40 %, respectively; the number of additional recipients who would be brought within the bracket as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34023/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost to the Exchequer of increasing the SUSI income bracket no maintenance, 50% student contribution by 10, 20, 30 and 40 %, respectively; the number of additional recipients who would be brought within the bracket as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34024/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the SUSI income thresholds by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34025/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of increasing the maintenance grant by 10%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34026/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost to the Exchequer of extending SUSI to cover the full cost of fees for all students eligible for support based on current SUSI thresholds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34027/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of SUSI recipients under each income bracket; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34028/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total allocated capital investment in higher education since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34029/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount from higher education that has been allocated the Children’s Hospital each year; the projected expenditure from the higher education to the Children’s Hospital; the number of additional healthcare roles by profession that will be provided when the hospital is operational in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34030/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the capital investment in further education and training each year since 2016; the anticipated expenditure in FET over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34031/21]
*359. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eoláfochta an bhfuil a Roinn i mbun comhráití le Cumann Ollscoileanna na hÉireann, leis an Údarás um Ardoideachas agus leis an Lár-Oifig Iontrála maidir le marcanna bónais a chur ar fáil do dhaltaí a roghnóidh an tsónraíocht churaclaim T1 do Ghaeilge na hArdteistiméireachta atá á moladh faoi láthair; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [34073/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of academic and research staff in full-time permanent employment in public higher education institutes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34106/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if further details will be provided on the public health advice in relation to the resumption of English language education and the restrictions on international travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [34108/21]

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

*362. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner received in 2020; and the amount it is expected to receive in 2021, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [34142/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of increasing the funding for the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner by 5%, 10%, 20% and 50%, in tabular form. — Louise O’Reilly. [34143/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be reached in relation to a visa application by a person (details supplied); if the visa will be expedited given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [33984/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the high number of category A complaints reported to the Office of the Inspector of Prisons from the Dóchas Centre in 2020; if her attention has been further been drawn to the Dóchas Centre accommodating 3% of the total prisoner population while accounting for almost 12% of category A complaints in 2020; the number of complaints under each category heading for the past three years to date at the Dóchas Centre; the number of those appealed and the number upheld, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [34021/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 339 of 20 May 2021, if she will provide an update in respect of the information requested by this Deputy from the Irish Prison Service (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [34032/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will list all peace commissioners appointed from 1 January 2017 to date; the details of the county and sub-district of each appointment; the age of each person at the time of their appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [34037/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions under the Novel Psychoactive Substances Act 2010 in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [34055/21]
*369. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a citizenship application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34064/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of bench warrants outstanding in each Garda division; the number of bench warrants outstanding for a period of over six months in each Garda division; the number of bench warrants outstanding for a period of over 12 months in each Garda division; and the longest outstanding warrant in each Garda division. — Claire Kerrane. [34099/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Justice if an extension will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); when the extension will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34222/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Justice if an extension will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); when an extension will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [34223/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the decision to make the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system available to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [26119/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the international evidence supporting the effectiveness, safety and acceptability of telemedicine abortion including a recent statement by an organisation (details supplied) endorsing the permanent adoption of telemedicine abortion services; his plans to retain remote consultation for early abortion care beyond the public health emergency in view of this evidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [26121/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health when the public health restrictions on partners of pregnant persons will be lifted to allow them attend prenatal care, labour and delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26129/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the dip in vaccine doses administered each weekend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26132/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding given to private companies providing treatment for persons with eating disorders either on an outpatient or inpatient basis including counselling, psychotherapy or any psychological support for each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26157/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applicants for public funding to access inpatient treatment at private hospitals and facilities since 2010; the number of these applicants who successfully accessed funding either under the treatment purchase fund or other schemes; the number of applicants refused funding for inpatient treatment for eating disorders and related illnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [26162/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for the creation of the advertisement for unpaid assistant psychologist roles within HSE services in Dublin north city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26163/21]
*380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assistant psychologists that are currently working on a voluntary capacity within HSE services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26164/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the position of the HSE on the recruitment of assistant psychologist in an unpaid capacity by HSE services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26165/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health if the results of the review into the advertisement for unpaid assistant psychologist roles within HSE services in Dublin north city and county will be made available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26167/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health if the previously advertised unpaid assistant psychologist roles within HSE services in Dublin north city and county will be readvertised as paid positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26168/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will make an announcement on whether the current national pilot assistant psychologist programme is to be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26169/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the drug treatment programmes that are in operation for those addicted to illegal drugs in counties Longford and Westmeath; the plans there are to improve and add to these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [26170/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details regarding plans to approve the use of a Covid-19 vaccine details supplied); if negotiations in relation to obtaining the vaccine for distribution here are taking place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [26172/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a recent advertisement for unpaid posts for HSE services (details supplied); the position of the HSE on the recruitment of roles in an unpaid capacity by HSE services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26181/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a recent advertisement for unpaid posts for HSE services (details supplied); the person responsible for the creation of this advertisement; if the results of the review be made available to the public; if these positions will be readvertised as paid positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26182/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE plans to make an announcement on whether the current national pilot assistant psychologist roles program is to be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26183/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national oral health policy; the plans for its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26191/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists and orthodontists, respectively that are registered and operating in the north County Kildare area; the number operating in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26192/21]
*392. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists and orthodontists, respectively that are registered for public treatment generally in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26193/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health the number of registered complaints and or litigations against dentists made by medical card holders and by non-medical card holders, respectively in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26194/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health if it is HSE and or his Department’s policy to approve or recommend silver filling over white composite fillings for medical card patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26195/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to dentists on the medical card system in each of the years 2017 to 2020, the number of patients treated in the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26196/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to the State of PPE for dentists since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26197/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to hospital for tooth extraction nationwide and in north County Kildare in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26198/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card patients and non-medical card patients, respectively that availed of tooth extractions in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26199/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients availing of non-extraction dental care in the medical card nationwide and in north County Kildare in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [26200/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1010 of 28 April 2021, the length of each vacancy in CAMHS services in County Wexford; and the expected date these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Johnny Mythen. [26207/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health if families can be permitted to once again visit loved ones in oncology wards in view of very high levels of vaccination against Covid-19 among hospital workers and cancer patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [26208/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered introducing a vaccine bonus for wedding receptions to allow fully vaccinated persons not be included in the guest number limit. — Emer Higgins. [26209/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters in relation to nurses receiving vaccines under the Covid-19 vaccine programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [26212/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment process in relation to the new development fund for the recruitment of 2,000 frontline primary care staff; if recruitment
has commenced; the number of persons employed from this fund to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [26283/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reopen cancer screening services; his plans to address the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26296/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health if private consultants receive preferential rates for office accommodation in public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26307/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the amount received in each CHO area from private consultants for office accommodation in public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26308/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health when the respite appeal by a person (details supplied) will be decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [26309/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the case of person (details supplied) who has been waiting over four years for an appointment at the Croom Orthopaedic Hospital, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [26326/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health if he approves of the HSE advertising for unpaid assistant psychologist roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26329/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health if the vaccination programme has been readjusted to include the prioritisation of pregnant women as advised by the National Immunisation Advisory Committee; when pregnant women will be vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [26331/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider accepting proof of vaccination from Irish citizens returning to Ireland who have received vaccinations (details supplied) in order to waive mandatory hotel quarantine in which such citizens have the capacity to quarantine and self-isolate at home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [26332/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health when it is proposed that a public MRI scanner facility at Wexford General Hospital will be included in the HSE Service Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26333/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the specific timeline on the installation of a public MRI scanner facility at Wexford General Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26334/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the proposals in place for administration of the Covid-19 vaccine for persons not registered with a general practitioner due to the shortfall of general practitioner capacity and who cannot register for the Covid-19 vaccine due to the requirement to provide general practitioner details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26335/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the specific provisions in place in County Wexford for private patients of retiring general practitioners who are unable to access alternative registration
with general practitioner services due to the chronic lack of general practitioner capacity in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [26336/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the vaccine roll-out in County Donegal; the number of persons who have received both first and or second doses; the cohorts being vaccinated; the timeframe for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26337/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cohort seven persons have not all been vaccinated despite other cohorts and age groups having begun their vaccinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26338/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide additional detail on the majority of the funding allocated under health services in relation to the in-house research and development expenditure of the Health Research Board outlined in the most recent research and development budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [26339/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body responsible for the recent advertisement for unpaid assistant psychologist roles within the HSE services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [26340/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assistant psychologists who are currently working in a voluntary capacity within HSE services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [26341/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the position of the HSE on the recruitment of assistant psychologists in an unpaid capacity by HSE services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [26342/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health if recruitment for unpaid assistant psychologists positions will be readvertised as paid positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [26343/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will make an announcement on whether the current national pilot advanced placement incentives programme is to be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [26344/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health if the new maternity hospital in the grounds of St. Vincent’s Hospital will have any involvement of a charity (details supplied); if the maternity hospital will retain its independence; the steps he is taking to ensure this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [26345/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding general practitioners charging to take blood; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [26347/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have been identified as eligible for Covid-19 vaccination aged 16 to 59 years who are at high risk group 7; the number of persons in this group that have been invited by their general practitioner to receive a vaccine; and the number of persons in this group that are still awaiting an invitation from their general practitioner. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26363/21]
*428. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines that have been provided to general practitioners to identify persons who are eligible for Covid-19 vaccination aged 16 to 59 years who are at high risk cohort 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26364/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to instances in which persons who are at high risk group 7 under the age of 50 years are being advised that they must wait to register for their online Covid-19 vaccination in line with age cohort groups; if these persons are scheduled to be vaccinated as part of groups 1-7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26365/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the way Covid-19 vaccines will be provided to persons aged 16 to 59 years who are at high risk group in cases in which their own general practitioner has opted out of providing vaccinations for this group; if impacted persons in this group will be contacted to have this information relayed to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26366/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects a national approach to the easing of restrictions in maternity hospitals will be applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [26368/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health the status of neurology services at the Mercy Hospital Cork; if the consultant of neurology is moving to Cork University Hospital; if infusions for MS patients will continue at the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [26370/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have been identified as eligible for Covid-19 vaccination aged 16 to 69 years who are at very high-risk cohort 4; and the number in the cohort who have not yet received a vaccine. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26371/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health the process used to identify persons who are eligible for Covid-19 vaccination aged 16 to 69 years who are at very high risk in cohort 4 and not in regular contact with a hospital or a disability service; the number who have now been identified by general practitioners; the number of persons in this group who have now been invited by their general practitioner to receive a vaccination; the number who are still awaiting an invitation to receive a vaccine from their general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [26372/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health when Covid-19 guidelines will be issued to organisations on the management and operation of summer camps (details supplied) during the summer months in 2021; if such activities can proceed in 2021; if he will discuss this matter at his earliest convenience with public health officials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [26376/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure 10-week transitional nursing home funding is provided for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [26389/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that all maternity hospitals put in place safe procedures for nominated support partners to attend the 12-week dating and booking scan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26398/21]
*438. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that all maternity hospitals put in place safe procedures for a nominated support partner to attend for all appointments in which the pregnant person is attending an early pregnancy unit and attending for pregnancy loss or has been classified as a high-risk pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26399/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that all maternity hospitals put in place safe procedures for nominated support partners to attend for all stages of labour including induction of labour and early labour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26400/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that all maternity hospitals put in place safe procedures for nominated support partners to attend for all antenatal appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26401/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that all maternity hospitals put in place safe procedures for nominated support partners to attend for all unscheduled emergency care incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26402/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider including persons that are fully vaccinated with a vaccine (details supplied) to the list of those exempt from mandatory hotel quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [26404/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health if persons within the different age categories for the vaccine roll-out are taken on an age basis within their respective category; if a 51 year old person could get a date for their vaccination before a 59 year old even if they had registered after them; his views on whether persons not being allocated their vaccination date by age within their respective age category contradicts the public health advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [26405/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health when public health restrictions will be lifted for amusement arcades in order that employees in this sector can return to work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [26407/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health if 24-hour homecare will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [26414/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health if clarity will be provided in relation to the public health requirements for travel and quarantining for a fully vaccinated Irish citizen who has been working abroad for six months and who will be returning home in summer 2021. — Bríd Smith. [26421/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the project to redevelop a location (details supplied); the number of beds that will be available in the facility on completion; when the project will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [26426/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he plans to put in place to reduce the waiting time for dialectical behaviour therapy, a time sensitive therapy, which is currently standing at two years in the Louth-Meath HSE area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [26427/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the advertisement for seven unpaid assistant psychologist roles in the health service (details supplied); his views on
the readvertising of these positions as paid positions; the way many assistant psychologists are currently working in a voluntary capacity within HSE services; his views on the extension of the current national pilot assistant psychologists programme; when a decision on this extension will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [26432/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the progress which has been made to date on reviewing and renewing the National Carers’ Strategy committed to in the Programme for Government. — Gary Gannon. [26433/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [26457/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek clarity from the HSE on the further easing of maternity hospitals restrictions (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [26461/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that vaccination figures for cohort 7 remain low; if general practitioners or hospitals are administering vaccines to cohort 7; if all general practitioners are taking part in this phase of the roll-out; the provisions that are being made for patients in the case in which their general practitioner has not opted in for this phase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [26530/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assistant psychologists currently working on a voluntary capacity within HSE services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26559/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the recruitment of assistant psychologists in an unpaid capacity by HSE services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26560/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend the national pilot to establish the efficacy of the assistant psychologist grade as a paid grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26561/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he is taking in response to advertisement of seven unpaid assistant psychologists roles for HSE services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26562/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the high perinatal mortality rates among ethnically African mothers or expectant mothers living in Ireland as recorded in the 2017 Perinatal Statistics Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26563/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide ten days of compensatory leave for healthcare workers due to fatigue and overwork throughout the Covid-19 pandemic as requested by a union (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26564/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the delays experienced by persons in cohort 4 very high risk and cohort 7 high risk in accessing Covid-19 vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26565/21]
*461. To ask the Minister for Health if the treatment abroad scheme is in operation with the advent of Covid-19; and if there are any restrictions in place of same. — Sean Sherlock. [26573/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts and platforms that were exclusively in Irish between 1 May 2020 and 30 April 2021, inclusive; the percentage of posts made on each of his Departmental social media accounts and platforms that featured bilingual translations in Irish and English between 1 May 2020 and 30 April 2021, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [26583/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the international surrogacy issue in the assisted human reproduction Bill to reflect that both the child’s intended parents are recognised as their legal parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [26602/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider increasing the number of guests at a wedding reception to 50 if vaccination targets of 80% are met by the end of June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [26603/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Health the number and hospital location of international board certified lactation consultants currently employed as lactation consultants in maternity hospitals in tabular form; if the recently announced additional 24 lactation consultants will be international board certified lactation consultants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [26606/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting access to a speech and language therapist in CHO9 for over 3, 6, 12 and 18 months in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [26609/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address concerns that persons with ill health and other limiting factors in counties Offaly and Laois are being requested to travel long distances outside their counties and place for residence for receipt of the Covid-19 vaccine despite local vaccine centres being available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [26611/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review required under section 7 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 which is to take place in 2021; the process for this review; if a review group is being appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [26618/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health the amount the NGO and charity sector receive in funding from his Department per annum. — Peadar Tóibín. [26626/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health if a record will be provided of the annual funding received by the NGO and charity sector from his Department in each of the years 2000 to 2020. — Peadar Tóibín. [26645/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health the funding allocated to each NGO and charity in each of the years 2010 to 2020 by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [26658/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his Department have the remit and authority to instruct or compel the 19 maternity units to comply with easing restrictions that currently prevent
a woman from having a partner of her choice with her at all antenatal appointments, including all
scans and throughout the full duration of their labour and birth; and if he will make a statement on
the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26665/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health if an uniform best practice-based approach to women
having full access to a partner will be implemented and enforced across all HSE maternity units;
and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26666/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health the specific grounds identified by his Department and HSE
on which a maternity unit is exempt from lifting partner restrictions for maternity service users; and
if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26667/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health the specific grounds identified by his Department and HSE,
including but not exclusive to the Covid-19 pandemic, on which a maternity unit is justified in
implementing partner restrictions for maternity service users; and if he will make a statement on
the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26668/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health if women’s rights to a partner may continue to be restricted
on the basis that there has been a failure to invest in expanding services and infrastructure (details
supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26669/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health if women’s rights to a partner may continue to be restricted
on the basis that the national maternity strategy has not been implemented; if restrictions will
continue because a unit is understaffed or other non-Covid related reasons; and if he will make a
statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [26670/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health if community pools and leisure centres will be permitted
to hold swimming classes for children in primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the
matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [26697/21]

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*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of grant payments for
a person (details supplied); if the grant will continue to be paid; and if he will make a statement on
the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [33968/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if additional funding will be
provided for the REAP scheme given the significant demand by farmers for the scheme; and if he
will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33985/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the scoring criteria
for the REAP scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33986/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of REAP scheme
applications received; the number rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. —
Brendan Griffin. [33992/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grounds that will be
considered for reviews of decisions from REAP scheme applicants; and if he will make a statement
on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33994/21]
*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter in relation to private forestry farms (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [34010/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1196 of 15 June 2021, the basis for the Irish Deer Management Forum being disbanded following the publication of its 2015 report; if he plans for a similar group to be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [34044/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason Coillte has not responded to a query (details supplied); the reason it has failed to provide the records requested; when a response will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [34060/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will issue a policy document regarding the 20% rule on unenclosed land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34113/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will supply a policy document for the decision making to increase the buffer zone radius on all forestry projects to 15 kilometres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34114/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of forestry projects which are captured within the 15 kilometre buffer zone radius and screened in for appropriate assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34115/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry licence applications to his Department in June 2019 before the buffer zone was increased to 15 kilometres; the number of forestry licence applications currently with his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34116/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures taken by his Department prior to increasing the buffer zone radius to 15 kilometres and to ensure the necessary resources were in place to minimise adverse effects on the forestry industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34117/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way the approach by his Department to introduce a 15 kilometre buffer zone radius on all forestry projects compares to procedures in Northern Ireland and Scotland in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34118/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are grants available for a person who is beekeeping and has three and a half acres to use for biodiversity for wildflowers for bee pollination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [34126/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications in hand for forestry felling; the number of appeals pending in each county; the national information on the current average turnaround time for applications; and the measures that are in place to address this backlog. — Dara Calleary. [34159/21]