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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with justice issues will next meet. — Mick Barry. [36304/21]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with justice issues will next meet. — Catherine Murphy. [37252/21]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with justice issues will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [37467/21]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with justice issues will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [37570/21]
5. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that oversees justice and policing issues; and when it is due to meet next. — James Lawless. [37871/21]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with justice and policing issues will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [38076/21]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council an independent statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [36335/21]
8. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work of the National Economic and Social Council in 2021. — Dara Calleary. [37704/21]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council an independent statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [37715/21]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council an independent statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [37718/21]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council an independent statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [37721/21]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Barry Cowen. [38080/21]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [37568/21]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy and Brexit preparedness unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [37541/21]

15. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the North-East Inner-City Oversight Group chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [37542/21]

16. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the investigation being carried out by the Secretary General of his Department into the leaking of details of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation final report earlier in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [37869/21]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*17. To ask the Taoiseach the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38210/21]

*18. To ask the Taoiseach if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form. — Thomas Pringle. [38250/21]

*19. To ask the Taoiseach the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38500/21]

*20. To ask the Taoiseach the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38517/21]

*21. To ask the Taoiseach the current status of the national security analysis centre. — Gary Gannon. [38701/21]

*22. To ask the Taoiseach the remit and powers that the national security adviser and the national security analysis centre will have. — Gary Gannon. [38702/21]

*23. To ask the Taoiseach the annual budget for the national security adviser and the national security analysis centre. — Gary Gannon. [38703/21]

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

*24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38200/21]

*25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38240/21]

*26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of vacancies currently in the Health and Safety Authority; the length of time each vacancy has been open; and the full year cost of filling each of the vacant posts in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38259/21]

*27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has been notified by a company (details supplied) of any proposals for redundancies; if such proposals ahead of a transfer of undertakings by it of a firm is in line with current employment legislation and TUPE directives that seeks to offer protection to workers facing such transfer of business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [38436/21]

*28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his proposals to begin the consultation process in relation to the proposed Industrial relations (amendment) Bill that sought to grant representative rights to retired workers on issues relating to their pensions schemes; if this consultation process will involve the representative bodies of those retired workers affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [38437/21]

*29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38478/21]

*30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38507/21]

*31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the contingency measures and supports in place and being considered to safeguard County Cork SMEs due to Brexit and Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38592/21]

*32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the type of projects eligible for support under the regional enterprise development fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38593/21]

*33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the investment court system component of the EU-Canada Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement; when it is due to come into effect; and if he is satisfied that participation in the system is a prudent decision for the Irish people. — Holly Cairns. [38639/21]

*34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of applications that have been received by Cavan County Council for the restart fund for micro and small businesses; the amount of funding that has been allocated to the local authority; the number of businesses in County Cavan that have received funding under the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38641/21]

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

*35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38201/21]

*36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38241/21]

*37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to amend legislation relating to dog fouling fines and associated litter laws. — Sean Sherlock. [38329/21]

*38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to assist local authorities further in combatting the issue of illegal dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38382/21]

*39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to use CCTV more efficiently to deal with illegal dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38383/21]

*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown of SEAI home grants funding by local authorities for each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38384/21]

*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the SEAI can consider a person (details supplied) for future works on their property despite having had some minor energy efficiency work completed 15 years ago; if consideration is given to the health and age of such applicants and the nature and limitations of any previous work done; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [38413/21]

*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will make a better energy grant available for the installation of a thermodynamic solar hot water system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38433/21]

*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38479/21]

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38508/21]

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to support the expansion of angling across communities in particular among younger persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38590/21]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the input his Department has had in the framing of the National Development Plan 2018-2027 to ensure the viability of the rural post office network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38591/21]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the guidelines for planning and development of solar farms; if there is a regional or spatial element of guidelines for planning authorities; if specific areas or regions within counties are identified as suitable or preferential for farms; if not, if they will be developed in a random ad hoc, less planned way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38617/21]

*48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the schedule for upgrading the public broadband in libraries per county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [38633/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*49. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason persons who pay their car tax on time each quarter are charged more than if they pay annually; if he will review the situation; the cost per transaction to issue a vehicle tax cert; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38580/21]

*50. To ask the Minister for Transport the amounts collected in car tax for County Cork in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the amount allocated to Cork County Council and Cork City Council for these years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38581/21]

*51. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase the number of ecar public charging points for Cork city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38589/21]

*52. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated full year cost of providing 100 additional buses to the Bus Éireann fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38191/21]

*53. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38212/21]

*54. To ask the Minister for Transport if there will be an impact on insurance policies for persons that have had their driving licence expiry date extended due to Covid-19; if the updated expiry date will be recognised abroad if attempting to rent a car if the licence appears to be invalid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38222/21]

*55. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38252/21]

*56. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that used Bus Éireann Route 22 Dublin-Ballina in each direction for the years of 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38290/21]

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport the emergency vehicle breakdown and recovery plans in place to deal with traffic congestion caused by breakdowns and or accidents on the M50. — Catherine Murphy. [38291/21]

*58. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding has been secured for the provision of new bus shelters in County Kildare during the remainder of 2021; and the plans for 2022 in this regard. — Catherine Murphy. [38292/21]

*59. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are persons whose driver theory tests have been postponed multiple times; his views on whether this is fair; if a person (details supplied) in such circumstance could be permitted to sit their test at the earliest possible opportunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [38331/21]

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is an update on driver lessons for non-essential workers; if he will clarify a date for their resumption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [38346/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to allocate additional funding to the Santry greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38350/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding allocated to cycling and pedestrian safety improvements in Dublin 9 and 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38351/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided to recommence a specific road improvement scheme on a road (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38435/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to an issue in respect of the renewal of a truck driver licence and medical certifications (details supplied); the steps he has taken and or will take to remedy this as soon as possible; and if he has engaged the NDLS on these matters. — Catherine Murphy. [38446/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38502/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38519/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans being considered for improvements to the N22, specifically Macroom to Ballincollig; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38582/21]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress of the Bus Éireann review of services for the Macroom to Ballincollig corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38584/21]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to address the large backlog of persons on waiting lists for theory and driver tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38665/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the current position regarding steps he is taking to deal with the dangerous misuse of scramblers, quad bikes and electric scooters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38677/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver test applicants on the waiting list who opted to do their tests in Gaeilge in County Donegal waiting six, 12, 18 and over 18 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38679/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applicants on the driver test waiting list who opted to do their test in Gaeilge per county waiting six, 12, 18 s and over 18 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38680/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving test applicants per county who are waiting six, 12, 18 and more than 18 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38681/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver test applicants in County Donegal who are waiting six, 12, 18 and more than 18 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38682/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test will be expedited for an essential worker (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38683/21]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost in each of the past four years for Bus Éireann to hire buses to operator its routes; the fees received by each private bus operators over this period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38692/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the fact that windows which cannot be opened on long journey trains are in effect a sealed off unit from fresh air and that recirculating air via air conditioning does not have sufficient filtration systems to deal with Covid-19 as noted by the European Railways Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31571/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount being raised from stamp duty on rents greater than €30,000 per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38605/21]

*79. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year yield in 2022 that would be raised by tapering out the personal, employee and earned income tax credits by 4% per €2,000 on individual

incomes between €120,000 and €180,000 by year resulting in no entitlements to those with credit in cases in which individual income is excess of €180,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38186/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has spoken formally with his Swedish counterpart in the past six months outside of EU Council meetings. — Claire Kerrane. [38187/21]

*81. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38202/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are plans to amend the help to buy incentive to increase the purchase price or valuation limit of €500,000 in view of the recent increase in property valuations and prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [38223/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38242/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated yield if the 2% stamp duty on transfers of residential properties on the portion of the value that is in excess of €1 million increases to 4.5%. — Catherine Murphy. [38261/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost yield if the excise duty on a package of 20 cigarettes increased by 30 cents. — Catherine Murphy. [38262/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on correspondence (details supplied); the status of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [38364/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for a stay-and-spend style scheme to incentivise the hospitality sector when it reopens fully; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38388/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated additional income the State would receive if corporation tax was increased to 15%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38389/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans with respect to the help-to-buy scheme; if it will continue beyond the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [38412/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of funding raised to date through the application of the carbon tax on green diesel used by agricultural contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38452/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Finance the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38480/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Finance the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38509/21]

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

*93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38207/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38247/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW has commenced the resurfacing of the car park to Store Street Garda station, Dublin; if so, when such works will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [38253/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to provide new capital investment for the Oldbridge Estate on the border of counties Meath and Louth which is in the ownership of the OPW, in view of its location on the site of the battle of the Boyne; if there are plans to provide additional seating, car parking, children's play area and for additional staff to facilitate longer opening hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38332/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the Office of Public Works will reopen Ennis Friary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [38400/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Peace Plus Programme; the level of funding to be provided for this programme; the financial contributions to the programme to be provided by the Government, the British Government and the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38454/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38497/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38514/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the levels of capital expenditure which will be allocated for infrastructure projects for County Cork; the timeframe for these allocations; the projects for which funding will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38588/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of persons recruited into the civil service in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 on panels specifically reserved for those with a competency in Irish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38691/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the recent recruitment process for the vacant position of Secretary General of the Department of Health was advertised; the number of advertisements placed in publications and through social media; the number of applicants for the position; the number of international applicants; the number of persons on the interview board; the qualifications and gender of each; the number that reached the final interview; if the successful candidate was chosen from a final list of suitably qualified individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [31333/21]

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

*104. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to protect against social media platforms being used for cyberbullying; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38563/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of pubs and restaurants that applied to the outdoor seating and accessories for tourism and hospitality business scheme in 2021. — Róisín Shortall. [38655/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of indoor summer camps and indoor summer activities; if they can take place or not under Covid-19 regulations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39046/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of positions on each board in respect of agencies under the remit of her Department in tabular form; the quorum required for a board meeting for each agency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38188/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagement she or the agencies under her remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38211/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38251/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the refurbishment works at the National Archives, Dublin are ongoing at present; when the refurbishment works will be completed; and the estimated cost of this project. — Catherine Murphy. [38258/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when announcements will be made on the 2020 sports capital programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38277/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a deadline has been set to announce recipients of the Sports Capital Funding Programme. — Sean Sherlock. [38327/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she can provide exact clarity in relation to the running of summer camps for children, both indoors and outdoors and summer classes for children, both indoors and outdoors (details supplied); if they are allowed to be run; the State body providing advice on this for parents and guardians and those running the classes and camps; the State body that is assigned to monitor compliance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38356/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to reform the television licence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38380/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the breakdown of the funding distribution from the television licence fee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38381/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way her Department and public bodies and agencies under her remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38501/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way her Department and public bodies and agencies under her remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38518/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps her Department is taking to mitigate the impacts of Brexit and Covid-19 restrictions on the tourism sector; the steps she is taking to address the drop in UK visitor numbers in 2020 and 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38583/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address a matter regarding regattas (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31593/21]

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

*120. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagements he has had with other Departments in order to ensure that designations under the EU Biodiversity Strategy 2030 will involve full consultation with farmers. — Sorca Clarke. [38632/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications that were received for an annual street furniture licence in 2021; the number that were granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38656/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38205/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38245/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social houses built in 2020 and to date in 2021; and the cost of the social housing by unit. — Peadar Tóibín. [38272/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on emergency accommodation in each of the years 2015 to 2020; and the criteria to qualify as emergency accommodation for the purposes of this spending. — Peadar Tóibín. [38273/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the provision he will put in place to enable a significant cohort of families and single persons to buy a home who are just over the eligibility criteria for social housing and under it for a Rebuilding Ireland mortgage and have no prospects of renting or buying a home in the private market. — Peadar Tóibín. [38278/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans under consideration to amend Irish arrangements for postal voting. — Richard Bruton. [38366/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the affordable housing targets for the four Dublin local authorities for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38370/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on long-term leasing by the four Dublin local authorities for the years 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38371/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on housing adaptations in Dublin City Council in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38372/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on the housing assistance payment in Dublin 9 and 11 in each of the years 2019 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38373/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on voids in the four different local authorities in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38374/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the way the underfunding of the housing adaptation grant results in families being unable to get sensory rooms fitted out; his further views on the fact that when families apply for this funding from Monaghan County Council that the money allocated has been spent; his views on the impact that this is having

on persons with disabilities; and if he will consider requesting an increase in funding for the housing adaptation grant for persons with a disability. — Niamh Smyth. [38376/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the funding that his Department makes available to local authorities for the housing adaptation grant; his views on the way in which the current level of funding is continually excluding many persons from getting work done; his views on the way Monaghan County Council's budget for 2021 is already fully allocated; his views on the fact that as a result Monaghan County Council is now processing cases that will come out of the 2022 allocation; his further views on the fact that only priority 1 cases are being considered in this regard; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38377/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a number of instances across north County Donegal in which landowners have come into conflict with their neighbouring landowners arising from discrepancies between their original folio Land Registry maps and the maps that have emerged from the digitisation of the mapping system by the Property Registration Authority of Ireland; if he will request that an independent review of these discrepancies will be carried out; and the reason that such discrepancies occurred. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [38396/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of land purchases by local authorities that have been approved by his Department in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; if he will provide a list of these purchases including location and hectareage; and the financing provided to each local authority for each land purchase. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38401/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the advice he can offer to first-time homeowners seeking to build their own home on private land; the supports available in this scenario; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [38412/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on correspondence (details supplied); the status of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [38445/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38484/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38512/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if further discussions and or meetings 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 of same; if he expects to allocate a further tranche of URDF funding in the coming months; if so, the timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38534/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Rebuilding Ireland home loans approved and drawn down in each local authority for 2019, 2020

and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38554/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the consideration he has given to extending and reviewing the septic tank grant to ensure upgrades can be availed of for defective tanks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38556/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the information provided by local authorities using the choice-based letting system to his Department on the performance of the system in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38557/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of the current waiver of commercial rates; the estimated cost of extending the commercial rates waiver until the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38606/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that HAP applications are being refused in cases in which household income was assessed as being over the income threshold for property owners whose homes have MICA and who will have to rent alternative accommodation when rebuilding works commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38610/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is planned to disregard income thresholds for HAP applicants whose homes have MICA and who have to rent alternative accommodation when works commence to repair or rebuild their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38611/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average length of time spent on the social housing list in County Cavan; the plans to reduce these times; the number on the social housing list in each of the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38643/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants for Rebuilding Ireland home loans from County Cavan; the number that have been successful; the number that have been refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38644/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of businesses in the Cavan County Council area that have had their rates waived; the number that have requested a waiver; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38645/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to end the strategic housing development planning system; if he will replace it with a new system for large scale developments or revert to the standard local authority planning process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38689/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the strategic housing development proposals at the pre-application consultation stage upon termination of the strategic housing development planning system will be permitted to advance to the application stage if the

Board considers it to be a reasonable basis for application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38690/21]

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

*153. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent of the engagements that he has had with a person (details supplied) and the families of the Omagh bomb victims; the steps he has taken to commence a full cross-Border public enquiry into the Omagh bombing; and if he will engage with the victims' families as the 23rd anniversary of the tragedy approaches in August. — Mattie McGrath. [38227/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which parents of newborn children who have been unable to register their child's birth can travel with their child for essential reasons to other countries in the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [30917/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38203/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when processing will resume for the foreign births register; if applications can be submitted currently; the approximate turnaround time for an application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [38228/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38243/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to visit the United States of America before the end of quarter 3 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [38286/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department will run advertisements on the national print media and national radio stations reminding persons to check that their passports are still in date prior to booking flights abroad. — Catherine Murphy. [38287/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the additional staff by grade that have been recruited by his Department for Expo 2020 in Dubai commencing in October 2021; the staff by grade that have yet to be filled; and when these posts will be filled in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38288/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with the Singapore Foreign Minister to date in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [38289/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress to date in processing a passport application for a person (details supplied); when the application will be brought to a conclusion and the passport issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38348/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for the delay in obtaining passports for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [38378/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of foreign birth applications that were processed in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38394/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38481/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38510/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions being taken to best ensure parts of Northern Ireland do not return to violence as seen in 2021; the work being carried out between his Department and the relevant bodies in Northern Ireland to promote peace at this critical time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38597/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there have been discussions with the British authorities since the recent decision of the Northern Ireland Public Prosecution Service to discontinue the prosecution of a soldier in relation to murders in Derry on Bloody Sunday in 1972 in view of the widespread concerns on these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38618/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if passport services have resumed; the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38637/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken recently with the President of the United States of America regarding the appointment of a special envoy to Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38695/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*171. To ask the Minister for Defence if he or his officials have spoken either in person or virtually to the head of a company (details supplied) since the contract was signed with the company in 2019 to provide aircraft to the Air Corps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38189/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Defence if the mid-life refit of LÉ Niamh has commenced; the length of time the vessel will be out of service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38190/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Defence the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38198/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Defence if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38238/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Defence the dates in 2021 the commissioning ceremony for new recruits into the Naval Service and Air Corps will occur. — Catherine Murphy. [38254/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons by gender who applied to join the Naval Service at its most recent two-day recruitment campaign held in Dublin in late June 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [38255/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount spent by the Defence Forces on French manufactured equipment and services in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38256/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Defence the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38476/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Defence the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38505/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Defence the permanent and reserve units (details supplied) that have been disbanded since 1998; the date of disbandment of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38704/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Defence the logistics and medical facilities that have been closed since 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38705/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Defence the Permanent Defence Forces annual recruitment since 2000 to date; and the breakdown per service, corps, enlisted personnel and officers in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [38706/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Defence the Reserve Defence Forces annual recruitment since 2000 to present; and the breakdown per service, corps, enlisted personnel and officers in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [38707/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Defence the Permanent Defence Forces figures for those leaving the organisation since 2000; and the breakdown per service, corps, enlisted personnel and officers in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [38708/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Defence the Reserve Defence Forces figures for those leaving the organisation since 2000; and the breakdown per service, corps, enlisted personnel and officers in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [38709/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel deployed on overseas missions since 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38710/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Defence the current position on the first line reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38711/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Defence the air space territories and boundaries the State is responsible for in terms of national defence and security. — Gary Gannon. [38712/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Defence the maritime territories and boundaries the State is responsible for in terms of national defence and security; the air, surface and subsurface areas of responsibility within this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38713/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Defence the 24/7 air defence and surveillance capabilities of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38714/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Defence the belligerent incursions in Irish airspace since 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38715/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*192. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give accreditation to the certificate in inclusive school support the national training programme for SNAs which is currently being delivered by UCD and was established following a review by the NCSE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [38131/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children that receive a school transport remote area grant; the value of grants awarded in the last full school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38133/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children qualifying for the school transport remote area grant under each of the five distance categories in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38134/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education the investment in the school transport scheme bus fleet in each year from 2010 to 2020; the number of new buses added or replaced on the scheme in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38135/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost in 2022 to recruit 25 additional educational psychologists in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38194/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement she or the agencies under her remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38199/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education the number of NEPS psychologists that are assigned to the schools in an area (details supplied); if psychologists assigned are based on school population; if the psychologists work on referrals during the school break; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38233/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education the number of NEPS referrals made in the 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years for an area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38234/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38239/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education her progress to date in establishing and determining the need of a primary and second level school in Meakstown, Dublin 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38353/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students that took the leaving certificate in Dublin 9 and 11 in 2019, 2020 and 2021. — Paul McAuliffe. [38354/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education if she can provide exact clarity in relation to the running of summer camps for children, both indoors and outdoors and summer classes for children, both indoors and outdoors (details supplied); if they are allowed to be run; the State body providing advice on this for parents and guardians and those running the classes and camps; the State body that is assigned to monitor compliance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38358/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will facilitate traditional Chinese leaving certificate papers in the future; if it will ensure that the correcting system can accept an answer written in traditional Chinese; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [38362/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the Departmental advice to schools with respect to CO2 monitoring; the basis for 1400 to 1500 ppm being considered poor ventilation given that other Government bodies including the HSE put the figure closer to 800 ppm; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [38416/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education the number of CO2 monitors her Department has purchased for the coming school year; the projected date for their delivery to schools; if she proposes to have one in every classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [38417/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the disparity in the allocation of special education teacher hours in a school (details supplied); if her Department will review the allocation in order for the school to meet the low and high incidence needs of its pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [38425/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to carry out an audit on all school textbooks to ensure inclusivity and visibility of breastfeeding families from preschool onwards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38448/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education the way her Department and public bodies and agencies under her remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38477/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education the way her Department and public bodies and agencies under her remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38506/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that schools infrastructure planning is keeping pace with demographic changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38559/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to end the unequal remuneration of new entrants in the teaching profession as a key step in addressing shortages of teaching staff; her further plans to end the teaching shortage; if all such measures have been agreed with the teaching unions concerned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38560/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education the measures in place to ensure that the calculated grades process will be error-free for the leaving certificate results in 2021 following the close to 6,500 affected students in 2020; if her Department has learned from previous errors; if such errors will be avoided for the current sixth year students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38596/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in finalising the pay and conditions for school secretaries and caretakers; the timeline for the finalisation of these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38607/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education when refunds will issue to those who paid for school transport for the term from Christmas to Easter 2021; the way they will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38612/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that medical card holders are unable to have their cards verified on the school transport portal; the effect this may have on their access to school transport in the coming school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [38613/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children in each county that are awaiting an appointment with a NEPS psychologist; the number that are waiting less than six, six to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38646/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that have registered for the enhanced summer July provision programme 2021; the number of special schools in each county that have registered for the enhanced summer July provision programme 2021; the number of mainstream schools with special classes that have registered for the enhanced summer July provision programme 2021; the number of schools in each county that have registered to participate in literacy and numeracy camps; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38647/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children in County Wexford who failed to complete the leaving certificate cycle in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Johnny Mythen. [30801/21]

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

*220. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications that have been received for the enterprise support grant from businesses in County Cavan; the number that have been successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38642/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38137/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when section 14 of the Social Welfare, Pensions and Civil Registration Act 2018 will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38184/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and value of illness benefit overpayment recouped in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [38185/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagement she or the agencies under her remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38209/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will urgently reinstate payment of child benefit for the summer months to parents and guardians of school going 16 to 18 year olds that are unable to provide written confirmation required from her Department as schools are now closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [38218/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of removing the requirement to be in receipt of jobseeker's allowance for at least 15 months in order to qualify for the part-time job incentive scheme; the estimated number of additional recipients that would qualify for such if this change was introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38219/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the part-time job incentive scheme is open to jobseekers aged 18 to 25; if she will advise on the decision to set the minimum weekly jobseeker's allowance rate for the scheme at a rate which locks many young persons out of accessing this scheme in consideration of the scheme requirement for participants to be in receipt of a minimum weekly jobseeker's allowance rate of €128.60 and the standard rate of €112.70 for young persons on jobseeker's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38224/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of removing the minimum weekly rate requirement for the part-time job incentive scheme to extend eligibility to include all jobseekers aged 18 to 25; the estimated number of additional recipients that would qualify for such if this change was enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38225/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures being taken to tackle the backlog of appointment requests for public services cards in Cork city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38229/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38249/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the staffing levels at each INTREO public offices operated by her Department in County Kildare in each of the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by location in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38263/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a process has been established in writing to establish the learnings from the RFT 1 on local employment services; the timeline for same; the persons and bodies that will be involved; and if stakeholder voices will be included. — Sean Sherlock. [38326/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of counties that do not have a local employment service. — Catherine Murphy. [38339/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagements she has had with Seetec and or Turas Nua and other similar service providers in respect of expanding their role in the State in respect of employment activation schemes specifically in the area of local employment services and the new pathways to work strategy. — Catherine Murphy. [38340/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if allowances will be made for self-employed preschool teachers to be eligible for jobseeker's benefit or allowance during non-term time in recognition of the provision made for other school staff who are not employed by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38349/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn the fact that actors can get very sporadic access to work which would force them to sign off PUP but which would not represent a sustainable opportunity to re-establish their self-employed income on a medium term basis; and if a special category under PUP or some other mechanism could be found to allow such persons avail of income support after the opportunity has been exhausted. — Richard Bruton. [38367/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the working family payment for a person (details supplied); when the payment will be reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [38369/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the circumstances under which a person can access rent supplement and or HAP when they are not on a local authority housing list. — Niamh Smyth. [38385/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a pro-rata State pension (contributory) application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38426/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a pro-rata widow's contributory pension application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38428/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to increase the amount of income disregarded in respect of the farm assist scheme from 30% to 40%, 50%, 60% and 70%, respectively. — Matt Carthy. [38453/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way her Department and public bodies and agencies under her remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38499/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way her Department and public bodies and agencies under her remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38516/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current length of time it takes to process and approve a range of payments (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38594/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budget allocation of the Citizens' Information Board in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38693/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reinstate child benefit payments to continue to be paid to families with children between the ages of 16-18 years over the summer months until school reopens given this practice was able to be facilitated in 2020 and in view of the continued extreme financial burden placed on families due to Covid-19; if this practice will be repeated in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38698/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of child benefit payments that were not paid 6 July 2021 due to children being over the age of 16 years within the summer months before school reopens.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [38699/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of continuing child benefit to children who are over the age of 18 years and in post-primary school. — Gary Gannon. [38700/21]

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

*249. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38197/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of women formerly resident in a location (details supplied) who gave evidence to the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and certain related matters by year of admission, by length of stay in the institution and by type of evidence given in tabular form; if such evidence was given to the Confidential Committee or to the Investigative Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38213/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of women formerly resident in a home (details supplied) who gave evidence to the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and certain related matters by year of admission, by length of stay in the institution and by type of evidence given in tabular form; if such evidence was given to the Confidential Committee or to the Investigative Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38214/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of women that gave birth in the period 1985 to 1989 and gave evidence to the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes and certain related matters by institution of residence, by year of admission to institution, by year of birth of the child, by length of stay in the relevant institution and by type of evidence given including whether such evidence was given to the

Confidential Committee or to the Investigative Committee in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38215/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of mothers that had a child while in a mother and baby home and who gave evidence to the Commission of Investigation whose child or children had a subsequent diagnosis of ADHD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38216/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider proposals for the equal entitlement to mothers of children born through surrogacy to apply for maternity leave, maternity benefits and parental leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [38217/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38237/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the budget allocation for better start early years specialists within his Department in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38257/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of annual funding given to the access and inclusion model between 2015 and 2020, by year. — Peadar Tóibín. [38271/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can provide exact clarity in relation to the running of summer camps for children, both indoors and outdoors and summer classes for children, both indoors and outdoors (details supplied); if they are allowed to be run; the State body providing advice on this for parents and guardians and those running the classes and camps; the State body that is assigned to monitor compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38357/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount of funding provided to youth services in Dublin 9 and 11 in each of the years 2018 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38398/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons that have died while living in direct provision since 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38408/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of HIQA inspections that have taken place in direct provision centres to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38423/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Tusla adult retrospective team for the Carlow, Kilkenny and south Tipperary area have been redeployed to front-line child protection services; if this is resulting in referrals building up in the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [38429/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of referrals to the Tusla adult retrospective team that are currently awaiting action; the length of time these referrals have been in the system monthly in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [38430/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38475/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38504/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current demand for places under the early childhood care and education scheme in County Cork; the way he envisions any deficit being made up in local areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38578/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that childcare costs continue to pose a serious financial challenge for families; the measures he will introduce to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38579/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to proposed childminding regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31564/21]

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

*269. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38204/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38244/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the enrolment figures for each of the Youthreach services in County Kildare in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38270/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are provisions in place within the support grant scheme process to allow the awarding authority to reclassify application; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38375/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of on-campus accommodation provided to international students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [38419/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices waiting to access off-the-job training; the number that have been waiting for over a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [38420/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown of the expenditure heading Training People for Employment of the National Training Fund; the full range of course covered, the number of places provided; the average cost per places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [38421/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the impact Covid-19 has had on international students who have attended university here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38431/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38482/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38511/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the point at which third-level students will be directly addressed and advised when a return to campus is a likelihood; if a clear pathway to return will be provided to these students; if a decision on the return to face-to-face third-level teaching will be delivered before students have to financially commit to accommodation thus avoiding the uncertainty experienced at the beginning of the 2020-2021 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38598/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a return of in-house, classroom learning for adult education providers can be allowed under the current guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31009/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that exchange students who will be studying in the coming academic year in the USA cannot sit visa interviews due to Covid-19 restrictions; the steps he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [31114/21]

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

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will establish an independent review into the conviction of a person (details supplied) as previously requested unanimously by the Tralee Municipal District. — Pa Daly. [38132/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to Roscommon-Longford divisional drugs unit as of 31 December 2019 and 5 July 2021, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [38192/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and age of the Garda vehicle fleet in the Roscommon-Longford division by district. — Claire Kerrane. [38193/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagement she or the agencies under her remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38206/21]

*286. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt an bhfuil freagraí ar fáil ar cheisteanna uimhreacha 1448, 1449 agus 1450 dar dháta an 21 Aibreán 2021; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [38220/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38246/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to each Garda district within Dublin as of 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38264/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons successfully prosecuted for begging in a public place within Dublin city centre in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38265/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles seized by gardaí within the Kildare division for driving without insurance in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38266/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice if members of An Garda Síochána attached to the Garda armed support unit are fully trained in advanced lifesaving skills. — Catherine Murphy. [38269/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the establishment of a high level taskforce to consider the mental health and addiction challenges of persons interacting with the criminal justice system; the way a person can become a part of this taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [38337/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice the average length of time that persons are waiting for free legal aid in each county; the longest waiting time for free legal aid in each county; the number of persons who are on the waiting list for same in each county; the number who are working in each free legal aid centre in each county; the number who have worked in such centres in each of the past five years; and when the last salary threshold was changed for free legal aid. — Peadar Tóibín. [38338/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice the overtime bill for An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38392/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of citizenship applications that were processed in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38393/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that were jailed for not having a television licence in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [38395/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice the way her Department and public bodies and agencies under her remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38496/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice the way her Department and public bodies and agencies under her remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38513/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda patrol cars, patrol vans, motorcycles, bicycles and other vehicles in the Cork Garda divisions from 2017 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38562/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of mandatory intoxicant testing checkpoints nationally during 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of motorists who have tested positive for drugs at these checkpoints; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38564/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice if a list will be provided by county of the permits granted under the Street and House to House Collections Act 1962 for each weekend in 2019; the corresponding name of each organisation to which a permit was granted; the dates for which the permit was granted; and the district and or area within the county for which the permit was issued. — Pearse Doherty. [38614/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline on resuming short stay visitor visa applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [38640/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community policing Garda members by rank attached to each Garda station in the Dublin Metropolitan Region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38675/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position regarding steps she is taking to deal with the dangerous misuse of scramblers, quad bikes and electric scooters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38676/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to Cavan-Monaghan community engagement unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38694/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*306. To ask the Minister for Health if the temporary assistance scheme will be further extended to support private and voluntary nursing homes with additional costs due to Covid-19 (details

supplied); if not, if he is considering replacement funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [30786/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health if an extension to the nursing home temporary assistance payment scheme which is due to come to an end on 30 June 2021 will be confirmed. — Paul Murphy. [30787/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health if a review has taken place to assess the impact of the withdrawal of the temporary assistance payment scheme for nursing homes ahead of its cessation at the end of June 2021; if he will provide reassurances to the sector that appropriate supports will be put in place in the event of any further outbreaks and possible further waves of Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [30788/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [30789/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the spacing between the first and second dose of vaccines (details supplied) in view of concerns regarding the rapid spread of the Covid-19 B.1.617.2 variant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [30790/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to extend temporary support to the nursing home sector to ensure the continuance of the highest levels of protection to residents. — Richard Bruton. [30791/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the use of a vacant building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [30792/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons invited to take part in BreastCheck in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of persons screened for cancer by BreastCheck in each of the years; the number of abnormalities and breast cancers detected as a result of these screenings in each of the years; the number of follow-up mammograms, ultrasounds, breast examinations and breast biopsies carried out by BreastCheck in each of the years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30793/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons invited to take part in CervicalCheck in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of persons screened for cancer by CervicalCheck in each of the years; the number of HPV infections, abnormal cell changes and cervical cancers detected as a result of these screenings in each of the years; the number of follow-up colposcopies carried out by CervicalCheck in each of the years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30794/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons invited to take part in BowelScreen in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of persons screened for cancer by BowelCheck in each of the years; the number of polyps and bowel cancers detected as a result of these screenings in each of the years; the number of follow-up colonoscopies carried out by BowelScreen in each of the years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30795/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children diagnosed as being on the autism spectrum in County Wexford aged between 0 to 4, 4 to 12 and 12 to 18 years of age, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [30797/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for occupational therapy services in County Wexford as part of children and youth services in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [30798/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for intellectual disability support services in County Wexford as part of children and youth services in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [30799/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of persons in CHO5 who have been awarded homecare hours but are still waiting to receive the allotted hours due to a shortage in homecare staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [30800/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to date to the HSE of the Covid-19 tracker application; the daily numbers checking in their Covid-19 status; the number of close contacts identified as a result of the app in the past five months; his views on whether its usefulness is undermined at this stage given the very limited numbers routinely checking in their status or leaving their tracker on continuously to aid identification of close contacts; if a case has been made to end the service or to encourage the public through a publicity drive to re-engage with application given the dangers of the Indian strain of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [30802/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health when a bed will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30817/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the procurement process for HSE services that use local taxi services; and if this is governed by a national process or decided locally per individual hospital. — Kathleen Funchion. [30833/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card application by a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [30835/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the expenditure incurred by staff in his Department under the heading of travel and subsistence from 1 January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30919/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the details of each value for money and policy review conducted by his Department from 1 January 2019 to date; if external costs were incurred; if so, the details of such costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [30920/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that mandatory hotel quarantine is required for a WHO approved vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [30921/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who lives outside of the CHO areas chosen for pilot sites in relation to the model of care adults accessing talk therapies will have access to the programme; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [30953/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health when out-of-hours general practitioner services will resume at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30954/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that dentists in County Carlow are not accepting medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [30955/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that private PCR tests are required for international travel after 19 July 2021; if HSE Covid-19 tests can be used for the purposes of international travel from this date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [30956/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who availed of the cross-border directive scheme in 2018, 2019 and 2020 respectively; and if those availing of the scheme did so in the United Kingdom or the rest of the European Union, respectively. — Neasa Hourigan. [30957/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to extend the community ophthalmic services scheme for those over 12 years of age, beyond medical card holders and their dependants to include students in secondary school for the dispensing of spectacles and optical devices given that glasses are a necessity and are not for cosmetic reasons. — Paul Murphy. [30958/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if he will initiate an amendment to the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 such that parentage shall be assigned to both parties in circumstances in which a donor-assisted human reproduction procedure has been performed outside the State; if his attention has been drawn to the number of same-sex parents who cannot have their name registered as parents of their own child in Ireland simply due to the fact that the procedures were carried out outside of the State; his views on whether this is treating one family differently to another and requires change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [30959/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30960/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made by the HSE in relation to making the drug zolgensma available to persons who have a diagnosis of spinal muscular atrophy; the outcome of the recent health technology assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [30961/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide information regarding current ongoing capital projects ongoing and future projects and the expected benefits of these projects and associated investments at a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [30962/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a service (details supplied) is being closed down on 31 July 2021; and the alternative that has been put in place for its clients to continue to receive these vital services free of charge. — Chris Andrews. [30963/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the 91 teams targeted to be operational within children's disability services by the end of quarter 2 2021 that are currently in existence; the number that have a full complement of staff as envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [30964/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health when a patient (details supplied) will be transferred to the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dún Laoghaire for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [30965/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of support staff by role such as PSA security, ushers, door staff and so on at centres (details supplied) during May 2021. — Neasa Hourigan. [30966/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the reason mandatory hotel quarantine is required for a WHO approved vaccine when there is no liability in the event of side effects as the State has not supplied a vaccine (details supplied); and his views on whether the State's concern should be with the performance of the vaccine which has received WHO acceptance. — Paul Murphy. [30967/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health when the zolgensma gene therapy will be approved for reimbursement for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [30968/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the youth mental health pathfinder project; if a pathfinder national co-ordinator and regional leads are now in place; if so, the progress to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31006/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if all residents in a direct provision centre (details supplied) in Meelick, County Clare have been vaccinated against Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [31007/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the availability of the drug Zolgensma for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy type 1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [31008/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1014 and 1015 of 31 March 2021, the breakdown by specific therapy category of the 100 therapy posts that were allocated to children's disability services under the HSE National Service Plan 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31010/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the whole-time equivalent therapy posts in Children's disability services in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31011/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1014 and 1015 of 31 March 2021, the percentage of assessments of need that were overdue from 30 June 2020 that are now complete; if it is still anticipated that most of the CHO areas will have eliminated their assessments of need backlogs by the end of Quarter 2 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31012/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1014 and 1015 of 31 March 2021, the number of children's disability network teams that have currently been established; and his views on whether the remaining 60 teams will be established by end Q2 2021. — Pauline Tully. [31013/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that is responsible for the establishment of the national psychology placement office; and the reason the office is still not in operation. — Mark Ward. [31014/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE is still not funding counselling and educational psychology doctoral courses in line with clinical psychology doctoral courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31015/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the number of community-based adult residential homes in each local electoral area in County Kerry; his plans to increase the number of these homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [31016/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the person who is the clinical lead in the HSE for dual diagnosis; the length of time they have been in situ; if an overview will be provided of their remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [31054/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 844 of 31 March 2021, the status of the establishment of a Covid-19 vaccination compensation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [31055/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are available for Irish persons who need to travel to the UK for medical treatment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [31056/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the status of respite for a person (details supplied). — Mark Ward. [31102/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Portiuncula Hospital, Galway 50-bedroom ward block development has not gone to tender; the reason only expressions of interest have been sought; when this project will go to tender and the reason for the delay; if this project will make provision for a further 50-bedroom development in the future as first envisioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [31103/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the details regarding current capital projects ongoing and future projects and the expected benefits of the projects and associated investments for a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [31104/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the details of ongoing capital projects and planned future projects and the expected benefits of the projects and associated investments for a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [31105/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health if information will be provided regarding current capital projects, ongoing and future projects; the expected benefits of these projects; the associated investments at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [31106/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the details of ongoing capital projects and planned future projects and the expected benefits of the projects and associated investments for a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [31107/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health if information will be provided regarding current capital projects, ongoing and future projects; the expected benefits of these projects; the associated investments at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [31108/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on allowing the drug zolgensma to be used in the treatment for spinal muscular atrophy type 1; and if he will address the matter given that it only pertains to one child (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [31109/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [31110/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the work that is underway in his Department to implement the Programme for Government commitment to provide free contraception over a phased period, starting with women aged 17 to 25; if there is a timeline for the implementation of same; and the specific outcomes expected in this regard by end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [31111/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the development of the new sexual health strategy in line with the Government's commitment given in the recently published Healthy Ireland Strategic Action Plan 2021-2025 to review and develop a new strategy for 2021; the person or body that will be developing the strategy; the consultations that will take place; the terms of reference for the development of the new strategy; the specific considerations being given to including provisions for women's health including sexual and reproductive health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [31112/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health if the use of the drug zolgensma will be examined in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [31113/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to extend the free general practitioner scheme to all children under 13 years of age. — Paul Murphy. [31127/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the registration and maintenance of automated external defibrillators which have been installed in a wide variety of places throughout the country (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [31128/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the vaccine roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31132/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31136/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have entered mandatory hotel quarantine; the number of those who have done so as a result of not having a PCR test; the number of those who have tested positive for Covid-19 from all those entering hotel quarantine; the number of those who have tested positive for Covid-19 from among those entering hotel quarantine for not having a PCR test upon arrival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31209/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons entering hotel quarantine who have submitted an appeal to their detention; the number of those who were successful in their appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31210/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons appealing their detention in mandatory hotel quarantine on the basis of compassionate grounds; the numbers of such appeals that are a success for the travellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [31211/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31212/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration that has been given to including younger age cohorts, 12-15 years old, in the vaccine roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31213/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health when the zolgensma gene therapy will be approved for reimbursement for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [31214/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the temporary assistance payment scheme which has been a vital support for nursing homes throughout the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will provide an appropriate replacement for the scheme after the end of June 2021 in order to avoid a cliff edge scenario for the sector. — Martin Browne. [31215/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the status of HSE talks with regard to whether zolgensma can be made available to a child (details supplied) who has spinal muscular atrophy type 1; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31216/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in facilitating a meeting with campaigners opposed to the closure of St. Brigid's Hospital, Carrick-on-Suir, County Tipperary. — Martin Browne. [31246/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding treatment for a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [31247/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline in which the drug zolgensma will be approved by the HSE for children under the age of two who have been diagnosed with the rare genetic disease spinal muscular atrophy type 1 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [31248/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the drug zolgensma; if the drug can be expedited here given the known case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [31249/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the campaign to make a drug (details supplied) available to patients in Ireland; and the status of this review process. — Steven Matthews. [31270/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health the impact that the current IT difficulties within the HSE is having on a recruitment campaign (details supplied); if there is an obligation or intention to inform candidates on the existing panel that a new recruitment campaign is taking place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [31271/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health the dates he met with maternity hospitals on the lifting of restrictions for partners of women giving birth. — Sean Sherlock. [31272/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health when the result of the full health technology assessment which was due to be concluded in April 2021 will be available in relation to the gene therapy treatment zolgensma; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [31273/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are meeting the requirement to have a statement on the compliance of their websites and mobile applications with the regulations under the directive 2016/2102 (EU), as articulated in SI No. 358/2020 - European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31294/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are meeting the requirement to subject to Regulation 6, public sector bodies shall, in accordance with Regulation 3, take necessary measures to make their websites and mobile applications more accessible by making them perceivable, operable, understandable and robust under the directive 2016/2102 (EU), as articulated in SI No. 358/2020 - European Union (Accessibility of Websites and Mobile Applications of Public Sector Bodies) Regulations 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [31312/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health if cold pressed cannabidiol food supplements derived from the EU hemp crop are regulated as traditional foods in Ireland; if the Food Safety Authority of Ireland advises Irish hemp farmers and producers that these products do not require a novel food authorisation from the European Food Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31313/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health if Irish farmers and producers of cold pressed cannabidiol food supplements made from hemp would continue to have access to EU markets for their products in the event that the European Commission would require those specific products to be authorised by European Food Safety Authority in accordance with EU Novel Food regulation 2015/2283; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31314/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Irish authorities require Irish hemp farmers and processors to submit EU novel food authorisation applications for agricultural foods based solely on the extraction solvents used in their production when those solvents are already specifically pre-authorised by European authorities within the EU novel good regulatory framework given that Regulation (EU) 2015/2283 states that the extraction solvents falling within the scope of Directive 2009/32/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council should be excluded from the scope of novel food regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31315/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the clarifications by the European Commission (details supplied) regarding the novel food authorisation applications of Irish hemp farms and businesses in which the Commission again explains specifically for Ireland that cannabidiol food and food supplements produced from any part of the EU hemp crop including the flowers and leaves are considered to be legal agricultural food products by the European Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31316/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Health Products Regulatory Authority is requiring Irish hemp farmers and producers to formally confirm that they will destroy the flowers

and leaves of their 2021 hemp crops considering that these farmers and producers are at present progressing EU novel food authorisation applications at the insistence of the Food Safety Authority of Ireland and that further clarifications was provided by the EU Commission which his attention was drawn to on 22 February 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31317/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that hemp derived cannabidiol food supplements cannot be made from the seeds, fibres and stalks of the hemp plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31318/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health the action he is taking to ensure there is no delay in members of the public receiving their second dose of a vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [31326/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment for a cataract operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31334/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their second dose of Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31335/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health when the additional vaccination centres announced for County Donegal in Dungloe and Carndonagh are expected to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [31336/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health when the gene therapy drug zolgensma will be approved for reimbursement by the HSE; if same will be made available at an early date to a person (details supplied) for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [31388/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeframe for the return to normal service for the HSE after the cyber-attack. — Kathleen Funchion. [31389/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health when the drug zolgensma will become available through the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [31390/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a vaccine (details supplied) is not being allowed as an authorised vaccine under the Irish system requiring those who have been vaccinated to spend time in mandatory hotel quarantining despite the fact that this is a WHO approved vaccine and there is no liability to the State in the event of any side effects given that the State has never supplied the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [31391/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health if zolgensma will be made available in the case of a person (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [31392/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health if music and dancing will be permitted when weddings increase to 50 and subsequently to 100 guests. — Louise O'Reilly. [31393/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for the drugs payment scheme by a person (details supplied); and when they can expect a decision on the case. — Chris Andrews. [31394/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Covid-19 restrictions are still in place in some hospitals in terms of maternity services; and the steps he is taking to ensure that partners and birth partners of pregnant women are able to be present for pre-natal scans, appointments, labour and at childbirth. — Eoin Ó Broin. [31395/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the position on the future of a residential intellectual disability community (details supplied); his plans for the current residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [31430/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE early intervention teams presently operating across the country. — Alan Kelly. [31478/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE early intervention teams that have been established since February 2020, in view of the Programme for Government commitment to fully implement the access and inclusion model. — Alan Kelly. [31479/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it costs to fund an early intervention team in its entirety, including an occupational therapist, psychologist and speech and language therapist. — Alan Kelly. [31480/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE school age teams presently operating across the country. — Alan Kelly. [31481/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the amount it costs to fund a HSE school age team in its entirety, including a clinical psychologist, occupational therapist and speech and language therapist. — Alan Kelly. [31482/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric pain consultants by CHO; the average waiting times for appointments; the number of current vacant posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31483/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement process for the drug zolgensma; the progress made to date to make this drug available and publicly funded for persons diagnosed with spinal muscular atrophy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [31484/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health if additional supports will be provided for early intervention services for children with a disability in north County Tipperary in the HSE mid-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31485/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a temporary replacement for a speech and language therapist who is currently on maternity leave and who works in early intervention services for children with a disability in Nenagh, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31486/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable that parents of children born with disabilities are being advised to remain in the care of hospital services often in Dublin

for as long as possible rather than changing to local early intervention services in Nenagh, County Tipperary due to short staffing in early intervention services in Nenagh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31487/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there are adequate staffing levels in early intervention services in Nenagh, County Tipperary for children with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31488/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health if he will to appoint a person to oversee all early intervention services that are supposed to be made available to children with disabilities in the north County Tipperary area of the mid-west region in order that services are co-ordinated appropriately and parents receive proper communications; if so, if a person will be appointed to the role who has an understanding of the needs of such children (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31489/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health if there is adequate funding of early intervention services for children with disabilities in north County Tipperary considering some physiotherapists are operating clients lists of up to 500 children locally and many children cannot access the services they desperately need at an early age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [31490/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding negotiations to have a drug (details supplied) approved for prescription here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [31491/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date on establishing an enquiry into the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; when an enquiry will be fully established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31492/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be ensured that a product which meets his Department's own clinical guidelines on the use of medical cannabis in epilepsy is added to the medical cannabis access programme before it is launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31493/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date in the recruitment of six epilepsy nurse specialists which was agreed as part of the HSE Valproate Response Project in 2018; if all these posts have not been filled, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31494/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the establishment of a sodium valproate stakeholder group that would review the measures that are currently in place and make recommendations as to the way they could be strengthened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [31495/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for reimbursement has been submitted for the drug zolgensma; the status and timeline of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31496/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health if the use of rapid antigen testing has been considered for airline travel within the European Union. — Paul McAuliffe. [31511/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied) in cohort 7 receiving a Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [31512/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding rapid antigen testing for children travelling with parents on holidays after 19 July 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [31561/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to support the use of the drug zolgensma that replaces the SMN1 gene for children living with spinal muscular atrophy type 1. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [31562/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health if a procedure will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [31566/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the approval of the drug zolgensma; when the drug will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [31567/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health if it can be made mandatory for siblings of close contacts to remain home from school until test results are known to prevent further spread of Covid-19 in schools. — Robert Troy. [31568/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that no conflict of interest exists in the appointment of a director of a company that produces baby milk formula to the Safefood Advisory Committee given the role of Safefood in promoting nutrition and specifically breastfeeding. — Neasa Hourigan. [31569/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that immunocompromised persons who have received the first dose of a vaccine (details supplied) will receive a second dose using another vaccine. — Robert Troy. [31570/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a second Covid-19 vaccine. — Chris Andrews. [31581/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances surrounding the relocation of the adult audiology service from St. Fintan's, Portlaoise, County Laois to Tullamore, County Offaly; when the service will resume in County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [31589/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the availability of the drug zolgensma in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [31596/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE early intervention teams currently operating nationwide. — Róisín Shortall. [31597/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health the number of early intervention teams established since February 2020 in view of the Programme for Government commitment to fully implement the access and inclusion model. — Róisín Shortall. [31598/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of funding an early intervention team including an occupational therapist, psychologist and speech and language therapist. — Róisín Shortall. [31599/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE school age teams currently operating nationwide. — Róisín Shortall. [31600/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of funding a school age team including an occupational therapist, psychologist and speech and language therapist. — Róisín Shortall. [31601/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reopen day care centres given that the vast majority of the users are vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [28587/21]

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

*446. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a felling licence for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [38136/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement he or the agencies under his remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38196/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a forestry application submitted 16 months ago (details supplied); the reason for the delay; the measures he is taking to address the backlog in forestry applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [38235/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38236/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hours per day and the number of days per week in which his officials are present in each airport and port within the State in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [38260/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the appointment of the independent chair and farmer nominee to the agriculture appeals panel will occur (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [38336/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of CAP funding received by Irish farmers between 2010 and 2020 by year; and the projected level of CAP funding to be received by Irish farmers between 2021 to 2025 by year. — Peadar Tóibín. [38341/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Government has requested increased fishing quotas and rights for Irish fishermen in Irish waters from the European Commission. — Peadar Tóibín. [38342/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures the Government has undertaken to oppose or reverse the European Commission decision to revoke approval of Ireland's weighing control plan. — Peadar Tóibín. [38343/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that have been taken to implement the recommendations of the seafood taskforce in its interim report published in June 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [38344/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in the BEEP-s scheme in 2020 receiving payments for 1 to 100, respectively for a cow and calf pair by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38464/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in the BEEP-s scheme; the average payment by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38465/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in the sheep welfare scheme in 2020, by county; the average payment received in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38466/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of increasing the sheep welfare payment by €1, €2, €3, €4, €5, €7 and €10, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38467/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated and the outturn by county of the organic farming scheme 2015 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38468/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of land in organic production or in conversion by year since 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38469/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the targets he has set with regard to organic farming; the progress that has been made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38470/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in the organic farming scheme; the average payment and average holding size by county in each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38471/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated costs of providing 1,000, 2,000, 2,500 and 5,000 spaces in the results-based environment agri pilot programme. — Matt Carthy. [38472/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38473/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38503/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated to animal welfare in each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38529/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered reviewing the reference costs used to determine a farmers grant under the TAMS scheme as a result of increasing construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38532/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the impact that the movement of yearling auctions outside of the State due to Covid-19 restrictions will have on horse breeders; the supports that are available to breeders; his views on whether sales will return to their traditional venues in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38533/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of agricultural appeals in each year from 2016 to date; the details of these appeals; if the appeals were successful in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38535/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a participant in the BEAM scheme who had chosen to defer met the 5% within the initial reference period if the deferral can be reversed or put aside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38537/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated to the Longtown Farm and laboratory network facilities in Backweston, Cork, Sligo, Athlone, Kilkenny and Limerick in 2018, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38538/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the staff IT and developer costs accrued in 2018 in relation to the animal health computer system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38539/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding allocated to and drawn down under the beef data genomics programme 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [38540/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the new schemes being considered for introduction to develop the artisan food sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38585/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor the potential market growth for Irish food and food products globally; the markets or products that have shown the greatest potential; the extent to which he expects to maximise the impact on these markets in the future having particular regard to current geopolitical developments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38586/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the continuing efforts being made to seek new markets in the context of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38587/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a decision has been made on a REAP application review in respect of a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38609/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he plans to include in the CAP Strategic Plan in order to redistribute funding to smaller and poorer family farms. — Sorca Clarke. [38621/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that supports to the group (details supplied) are included in the next CAP. — Sorca Clarke. [38622/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to continue the process of convergence in 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [38623/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of CAP pillar 1 payments he plans to allocate to young farmers in the next CAP. — Sorca Clarke. [38624/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to rollover all CAP pillar 2 spending in 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [38625/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the recommendations that he will implement as contained within the report of the Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine on Issues impacting the forestry sector in Ireland relating to ash dieback. — Sorca Clarke. [38626/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to reform the organic farming scheme to remove preference for larger holdings above smaller farms. — Sorca Clarke. [38627/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department has taken to support the horticultural and mushroom sector in response to imminent crisis due to peat shortages. — Sorca Clarke. [38628/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to potential animal welfare concerns with regard to increased prevalence of liver abscesses in feedlot cattle; and the data that is available with regard to the usage of antibiotics to treat such in Ireland. — Sorca Clarke. [38629/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a support package for sheep farmers on animal welfare grounds. — Sorca Clarke. [38630/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has conducted a socio-economic impact assessment on the effects of the British-Australian trade agreement on Irish agriculture. — Sorca Clarke. [38631/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an account of the error which took place regarding a public notice for an aquaculture and foreshore licence in Kinsale harbour (details supplied) in County Cork; if those who had presented submissions during a previous consultation process were permitted to make submissions; if the consultation process will be extended to avoid public confusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38638/21]

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

*491. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagement she or the agencies under her remit has had with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months. — Sean Sherlock. [38208/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there are guidelines, written procedures or protocols or key performance indicators for acknowledgement of correspondence received and response to correspondence received, respectively by category of correspondence (details supplied) in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [38248/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the examination into the establishment of a community ownership fund to help community and social enterprises buy or take over local community assets at risk of being lost to run as community-owned businesses pursuant to Our Rural Future – Rural Development Policy 2021 – 2025; the details of the organisation, State body or agency carrying out this examination; when the examination will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38427/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way her Department and public bodies and agencies under her remit are implementing Action 16 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38498/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way her Department and public bodies and agencies under her remit are implementing Action 32 of the National Disability and Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [38515/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the financial allocations in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 for the seniors alert scheme in County Cork; the take-up of the scheme since 2016 for County Cork; the changes made to the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38550/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if his Department has examined ways to address rural isolation and loneliness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38551/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the approvals to date by the local action groups of funding for projects under the Leader programme by County Cork local action groups; the amount of expenditure to date on projects by County Cork local action groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38552/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount budgeted for the local improvement scheme in 2021 for County Cork; the demand for the scheme in County Cork and financial allocations to date by Cork local authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38553/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made in relation to providing multi-annual funding for community, voluntary and charity sector. — Paul Donnelly. [38728/21]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH, I
gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL DÉARDAOIN, 15 IÚIL, 2021
QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 15 JULY, 2021**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider increasing the amounts paid under the sheep welfare scheme from €10 per ewe to €30 per ewe financed from a combination of national co-financing and CAP Pillar II funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [38678/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of aquaculture licence appeals currently pending in his Department. — Pa Daly. [38314/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that the combination of Brexit and CAP reform will not negatively impede the development and viability of the agri-food export sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38178/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he plans to include in the CAP Strategic Plan in order to redistribute funding to smaller and poorer family farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [38543/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the increase in budget his Department will receive in 2021 to deal with the cost of implementing the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [37230/21]

6. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to further promote farm safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38474/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of engagement with representatives of the beef industry. — Sean Sherlock. [38491/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the role of the salmon farming sector and its impact on local ecology and tourism will be reviewed. — Holly Cairns. [38149/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress of Project Woodland. — Barry Cowen. [38547/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current supports and information channels available for farmers impacted by the EU Directive 2019/904 prohibiting products in Ireland used to cover maize grown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [38310/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the articles of the new CAP he plans to avail of in order to increase the number of female farmers in Ireland; the additional measures he plans in order to address the low level of female farm ownership; and the manner and type of supports that will be provided. — Matt Carthy. [38159/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the public consultation in process relating to an aquaculture licence application by a company (details supplied) in County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [38152/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that the current structure of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board is sufficiently independent to ensure maximum confidence that any allegations concerning doping, animal welfare abuses or other illegitimate activities are adequately investigated. — Sorca Clarke. [38523/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the planned timeline to complete and publish an external review of the forestry licensing process. — Matt Carthy. [38155/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the recommendations contained within the report of the Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine on Issues impacting the Forestry Sector in Ireland relating to ash dieback that he will implement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38176/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has conducted a socio-economic impact assessment on the effects of the British-Australian trade agreement on Irish agriculture. — Mark Ward. [38717/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a new control plan has yet been submitted to the EU that would allow fish to be weighed at the factory rather than the quayside; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [37164/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will immediately lift the restrictions on peat harvesting for 2021 to avoid a shortage of supply in 2021 which will result in job losses and business closures in the midlands and west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38651/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on introducing legislation to prohibit the granting of aquaculture licences within or adjacent to special areas of conservation and marine protected areas. — Holly Cairns. [38151/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if mountain land, hill land particularly commonage will be treated the same in the next CAP for those farmers who farm this land and claim BPS, ANC and GLAS on this type of land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [38165/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he will ensure that the measures in the new Common Agricultural Policy will maximise delivery of greenhouse

gas reductions across all farms in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [37088/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if measures are being taken to progress the wait list for felling licences to ensure that supplies of timber can be increased in the home market to ensure no further increases in timber products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38719/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he has taken to improve the welfare of animals during his first nine months in office; and the plans he has to build on these improvements over the lifetime of this Government. — Steven Matthews. [37090/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the alternatives to horticultural peat identified by his Department; and his views on whether those alternatives will be sufficient to replace horticultural peat when current stock runs out in September 2021. — Martin Browne. [38018/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to implement the new REAP scheme as the environmental scheme in the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [38164/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of felling licences yet to be approved per county in tabular form; and the reason for the delay. — Sean Sherlock. [38494/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the granting of a licence for a salmon farm at Shot Head, Bantry Bay, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [38148/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on lifting the restrictions on horticultural peat harvesting for 2021 to avoid a shortage of supply for 2021 which will result in job losses and businesses closures in the regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [37227/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure farm safety and farmer wellbeing is incorporated in the next Common Agricultural Policy; the status of the preparations by his Department in advance of the next CAP being implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38565/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the coverage of commercial forestry and the further plans to increase same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [38602/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he plans to include in the CAP Strategic Plan in order to redistribute funding to smaller farms and farms on marginalised and or designated lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [38561/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine her views on supporting agri-food development in rural and regional Ireland as a building block to sustainable community development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [27886/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding Coillte has been allocated for 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [38492/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he foresees the continued viability for the agri-food business notwithstanding the meeting of carbon reduction targets; his proposals for mutual coexistence of one with the other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38179/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure that peatlands are harvested in such a way that they are in the best possible condition for a planned and structured restoration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38653/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to address the imminent crisis in the horticulture and mushroom sectors. — Sorca Clarke. [38522/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has addressed the shortcomings in terms of resources in his Department to deal with ecologist's reports for tree felling licences in which there is a two year backlog in the application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [37228/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the ongoing research projects being funded by his Department to address the challenges of climate change in the agricultural sector; the further assistance his Department plans to provide in progressing this research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [38548/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a fair and workable licensing system to allow for the phasing out of horticultural peat harvesting over a transition period to 2030 but ensuring that there is a secure supply of growing media during that period in order that the sustainable horticultural sector is not jeopardised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38652/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to introduce stricter legislation to ensure high levels of horse welfare. — Cathal Crowe. [38183/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the incentives in place to encourage young persons to take up farming as a career; the enrolment trends for the respective agricultural colleges for the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [38549/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way his Department can assist with funding opportunities to support research initiatives in the area of climate change and agriculture; if this will include initiatives in forestry and streamlining the felling licence process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38566/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he plans to include in the CAP Strategic Plan in order to redistribute funding to smaller and poorer family farms. — Kathleen Funchion. [38175/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures his Department has taken to mitigate Covid-19 related delays to the services it provides to the public. — Pa Daly. [38315/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the climate mitigation measures agreed under the recent CAP agreement. — Sean Sherlock. [38490/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to improve equine welfare standards. — Thomas Gould. [38616/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he will take and his plans to develop new markets for Irish wool; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38324/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to reform the organic farming scheme to remove preference for larger holdings above smaller farms. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [38544/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the packages that have been put in place to compensate landowners that had lands damaged or destroyed by the Shass mountain landslide, Drumkeeran, County Leitrim in June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [38325/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the engagement with representatives of the fishing industry in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [38493/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if growers of ash forestry will be consulted the changes or amendments that are being introduced through the ash dieback scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [38144/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 58 of 20 May 2021, the status of the review of the potential demand in international markets for wool-based products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38146/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the Irish or EU supports or grants that are available to Irish beekeepers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [38166/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions he is taking to prohibit unfair trading practices in order to strengthen the position of primary producers in the agri-food sector. — Brendan Smith. [38525/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has conducted a study on the impact of fuel prices or taxes on the agricultural sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [38167/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the consideration he has given to current NHA areas to be included for basic payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38720/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the alternative products being considered for use in sowing maize following the implementation of the EU Directive 2019/904; when these alternatives will be made available; the estimated cost of these alternatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [38311/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the terms of reference of the review of the potential demand in international markets for wool-based products have been finalised to-date; if so, if he will provide a copy of the finalised terms of reference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38147/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider restarting the internal convergence mechanism during the transition period for 2022 given the CAP Budget and a minimum convergence of 85% has been agreed. — Marian Harkin. [38457/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will support efforts to restore in part the oak plantation at Cratloe Woods, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [38182/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to introduce measures to develop and expand the hemp sector in Ireland. — Matt Carthy. [38157/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider easing regulations around the granting of felling licenses in view of the shortage of supply and rising cost of timber; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38650/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the timeline for the development of the national food ombudsman; and when he expects the office to be established. — Brendan Smith. [38524/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the future of the Beef Market Taskforce; and the consideration he has given to extending the remit of the taskforce in order to secure a fair price for beef farmers. — Matt Carthy. [38158/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the effectiveness of the reconstitution and underplanting scheme; the feedback received from foresters on the effectiveness of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [38019/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of efforts by his Department to combat ash dieback disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [37231/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reform the organic farming scheme to remove preference for larger holdings above smaller farms. — Thomas Gould. [38615/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to publish a discussion document in relation to the CAP 2023-2027 before the public consultation process begins; if so, when the document will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [37165/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the independent regulatory review on forestry licensing announced recently by his Department. — Steven Matthews. [37091/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a support package for sheep farmers on animal welfare grounds. — Mairéad Farrell. [38162/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and types of aquaculture licence applications approved by his Department in south-western areas of County Cork since 2017. — Holly Cairns. [38150/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure that farmers who make trivial mistakes on online applications, such as failing to tick the ANC box when they wish to get paid for ANC, have an easy and transparent mechanism to have their mistakes rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [37229/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the additional resources he is making available to support the development of organic farming in Ireland in view of the Irish target of 7.5% and the EU target of 25% of organic farmland by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [37089/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of agricultural land in the State that was in organic production or conversion to organic production at the beginning of 2021; the amount in production or conversion to date; and the target output by the end of 2021. — Matt Carthy. [38156/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department has taken to support the horticultural and mushroom sector in response to imminent crisis due to peat shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [38177/21]

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

76. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 43 of 25 May 2021, the status of the new policy for the islands; when she expects the new policy to be finalised; the position regarding the last meeting of Interdepartmental Committee for the development of the Islands which was scheduled for 30 June 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38316/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has considered the role that social and labour procurement clauses could play in the development of economies in rural Ireland. — Brian Stanley. [38307/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if progress has been made on establishing a community ownership fund to help communities groups purchase or take over local community assets for community use; if potential State owned properties in rural towns and villages have been identified, as committed to in *Our Rural Future*; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38458/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide clarity in relation to local improvement schemes particularly in areas that were formally within the boundary

limits of Cork County Council which now find themselves within the boundaries of Cork City Council which are no longer entitled to funding. — Thomas Gould. [38620/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she is taking to address the issue of vacant and derelict buildings in towns and villages. — Holly Cairns. [38173/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding the activity of community group projects across the country; and her views on whether funding is distributed evenly across the country. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [38666/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her ongoing proposals and initiatives required arising from the impact of Covid-19 in all areas throughout the country, urban and rural; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38180/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if progress has been made as part of the Town Centre First Approach to provide and resource dedicated staff within local authorities to support town centre renewal, as committed to in Our Rural Future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38459/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to introduce new supports and incentives for the refurbishment of vacant properties to increase town centre living following on from the pilot Town Centre Living initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38461/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications for the Connected Hubs Fund currently with her Department. — Sean Sherlock. [38488/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the types of enterprises that may apply for the newly announced Covid-19 supports funding (details supplied) under the Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025. — Peadar Tóibín. [38323/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications for this year's tidy towns competition. — Sean Sherlock. [38486/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress in supporting the development of broadband connection points and the development of digital hubs in south-western areas of County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [38171/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on whether her Department's engagement with the charities it provides funding to aligns with human rights models; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [38667/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications from each local authority for each funding stream operated by her Department for 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [38487/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if increased funding will be provided for local improvement scheme roads around the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38520/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is scope to expand the community enhancement scheme in order for it to offer financial supports to communities wishing to undertake renovations on community centres or potentially construct new community centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [38011/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if additional funding will be provided in 2021 for the local improvement scheme in the event of a reallocation of capital funding during 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38483/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the work programme of the mobile phone and broadband taskforce; the estimated timeframe for when the taskforce will be established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [38308/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if additional rural recreational officers will be employed; and if so, if it will be ensured they are allocated according to the work plans being operated by the local development companies. — Holly Cairns. [38170/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the upgrading of the helipad on Inishturk Island; the stage the upgrade is currently at; when it is likely to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38555/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development his views on measures to support community projects as they reopen; and if that support will continue until the pandemic is declared over. — Paul Donnelly. [38526/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has considered introducing a model of community wealth building similar to that implemented in Preston, England and North Ayrshire, Scotland to help develop rural areas. — Brian Stanley. [38306/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department will primarily oversee and implement the work programme of the mobile phone and broadband taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [38309/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the publication of the islands policy. — Holly Cairns. [38172/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of engagement she has had with other Departments to progress other areas of priority as outlined in Our Rural Future which do not come under her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38462/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has undertaken studies on the impact of youth emigration on rural Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [38322/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the establishment of a forum for ongoing dialogue between local authorities, relevant policy Departments and island communities pursuant to Our Rural Future – Rural Development Policy 2021 – 2025; when she expects the forum to be up and running; the regularity with which the forum will hold meetings;

the membership of the forum; the terms of reference of the forum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38319/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of projects funded currently under the Rural Regeneration Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [38485/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 44 of 25 May 2021, the status of the development of Caladh Mór pier on Inis Meáin; the status of the preparation of a simulation model of the harbour by the National Maritime College of Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38317/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will report on her engagement with an organisation (details supplied) concerning the employment of additional rural recreational officers. — Holly Cairns. [38169/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to improve the number and quality of the air services and ferry services to the islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [37163/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made to date with the roll-out of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund of €1 billion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [37162/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will work with the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications to improve remote working facilities for persons in a location (details supplied) in areas which do not have high-quality broadband. — Thomas Gould. [38634/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when and the way the Government will move on its commitment in the Programme for Government to support independent local action groups not reporting to the local authority or its LCDC subcommittees in the Leader application process given that the CAP budget is agreed by the member states. — Marian Harkin. [38312/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the commitment to examine the scope to introduce new supports and incentives for the refurbishment of vacant properties to increase town centre living based on the report of the pilot town centre living initiative pursuant to Our Rural Future – Rural Development Policy 2021 – 2025; the details of the organization, State body or agency carrying out this examination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38320/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a provision will be made for additional rural recreational officers for the walk schemes in west County Cork delivered under a partnership (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38455/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if compliance and regulatory requirements will be reviewed in 2022 to ensure that no duplication of the process occurs given the burden of the cost of regulatory and compliance requirements to community, voluntary and charity groups. — Paul Donnelly. [38528/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans and timelines for further rounds of ORIS, CLAR, RRDF, town and village and community enhancement funding schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38521/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to develop the concept of digital hubs with a view to facilitating employers and employees who may wish to replicate the original workspace location with a virtual presence resulting in a situation of benefit to both employers and employees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38181/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will seek to avail of the facility of community-led local development funds such as the European Social Fund and European Regional Development Fund to add to the traditional Rural Development Programme funding and give the local action groups a sustainable budget for five to six years and also broaden their scope for action in this crucial time in the recovery of rural areas from Covid-19 and Brexit, given that the CAP budget is significantly reduced on previous funding periods, the 2014-2020 Leader programme budget was approximately 60% of the value of the same programme less than a decade ago and projections on existing figures indicating a further reduction to approximately 33% of the budget a decade ago. — Marian Harkin. [38313/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the development of the rural proofing model promised as part of the Our Rural Future – Rural Development Policy 2021 – 2025; the timeline for the roll-out of the model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38318/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the new supports and incentives that will be introduced for the refurbishment of vacant properties to increase town centre living as committed to in Our Rural Future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38456/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she plans to expand the walks scheme; if further funding will be allocated to the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [38174/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the rural youth assembly will be established; the way the assembly is expected to be structured; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [38604/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when funds held in the disbursement fund under the Dormant Accounts Fund will be distributed for the benefit of addressing social, economic or educational disadvantage or assisting persons with a disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38460/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is scope to expand the community enhancement programme in order for it to offer more substantial financial supports to local communities wishing to undertake renovations to their community centre or perhaps build a new community centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [38017/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the town and village renewal scheme following recent expressions of interest submitted to local authorities; if

her Department has received funding applications from local authorities; if so, the likely timeline to approve applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38558/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the resources being considered for additional rural recreational officers for the walks schemes in west County Cork given further submissions by a partnership (details supplied) have been made under outdoor recreational infrastructure scheme for new walk schemes to be included for west County Cork with further rural recreational officers required to cover this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [38718/21]