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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the planned framework for developing the CAP Strategic Plan; the redistributive measures he plans to pursue within the flexibilities provided; and if he plans to submit the plan to the Houses of the Oireachtas for amendment or approval. — Matt Carthy. [38153/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of Exchequer funding spent on afforestation investment for the years 2016 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [38489/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to address the emergency situation in the horticulture and mushroom sector due to peat shortages. — Matt Carthy. [38154/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to organise the sheep wool industry in Ireland to ensure that sheep farmers get a fair price for their produce. — Seán Canney. [37226/21]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

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

12. 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]

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

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

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

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will increase funding to the local improvement scheme to meet demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38936/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of her engagement with the National Broadband Plan in the past two months; and if she has confidence in the plan. — Sean Sherlock. [38495/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will examine the possibility of establishing a funding stream under her Department for an organisation (details supplied) which is a lifeline for persons especially in rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [38937/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding her Department makes available for the development and upgrading of playgrounds. — Holly Cairns. [38168/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if it will be ensured that a dedicated training and development strategy is developed and fully funded for the charitable, voluntary and community sectors in Budget 2022. — Paul Donnelly. [38989/21]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

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

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

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

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a commercial landlord can be prevented from increasing the rent on a commercial property given the financial impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on many businesses; if rent protections are available to commercial tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [38791/21]

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of an application for the capital investment scheme by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38878/21]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which his Department continues to monitor the level of farm accidents; if further measures are contemplated to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38954/21]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons who died or were injured in farm accidents in each of the past five years to date; the actions taken and or pending to address farm safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38955/21]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department continue to encourage major corporations currently located in this country to use digital hubs as a means of virtually bringing their employees under one roof with consequent benefit to all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38977/21]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to significant increases in tariffs for steel products being imported from outside of the EU and the significant effect it will have on steel business going forward (details supplied) given the very serious lack of supply of an alternate EU-based supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [38833/21]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of staff by location and function in each office of his Department nationally; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38850/21]

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

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of the way new builds are incorporated into the National Broadband Plan if they do not have an Eircode at the time of initial rollout planning and are therefore not included in plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [38716/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter in which a number of properties are struggling to get connection to adequate broadband and the installation date has been pushed back by National Broadband Ireland (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [38771/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of warmer home scheme applications received, completed and disallowed in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [38781/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has lifted the restriction which applies to persons getting a second round of support under the warmer homes scheme in cases in which the previous support had only been for shallow measures such as roof insulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [38797/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of staff by location and function in each office of his Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38855/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of a broadband connection for a household (details supplied) in an amber zone in the national broadband roll-out plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38871/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average 4G coverage across the State; the average 4G coverage for each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39010/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons that have received energy upgrades as part of the better energy warmer homes scheme since 2020 on a county basis; the number of applicants in the same time period on a county basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39011/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the National Broadband Plan in County Mayo; the number of premises connected to date; the target for the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39020/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport if an EU Digital COVID Certificate will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [38752/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport if an EU Digital COVID Certificate will be provided to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [38753/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a timetable for clearing the backlog in driver test waiting times. — Seán Crowe. [38779/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are financial supports available for the establishment of a taxi service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [38820/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport if an Irish driver licence can issue to a person (details supplied) resident here who already holds a full UK licence based on passing a driving test in Kenya; if not, the reason it cannot issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38865/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in view of the unusual circumstances of a person (details supplied), a driver theory and practical test could be expedited from the date given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38866/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the plan to expand driver lessons to non-essential workers; the expected timeline for the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [38935/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport when a decision will be made on the reopening of the Athenry to Claremorris section of the Western Rail Corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39028/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport the updated timeframe for the delivery of the MetroLink; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39038/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport the current projected timeframe for construction works to commence electrification of the northern commuter line in order to extend the DART to Balbriggan; the current projected timeframe for the DART to Balbriggan to be completed and open for passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39039/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has provided funding for the Santry river greenway; the projected timeline for the commencement and completion of works on the greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39040/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to change the power of a motorbike a driver can operate with a full category B car licence and initial basic training to bring the rules into line with similar requirements in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [39043/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some persons have been left out of pocket as a result of the recent extension of the expiration date for driver licences due to the fact that many persons obtained a medical examination to renew their driver licence but now cannot do so and will need to pay to obtain another medical examination in advance of renewing their licence in ten months' time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [39044/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to proposals from a group (details supplied) regarding income tax relief for owner-occupiers and VAT rebates for social landlords; his plans to implement these measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [38778/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance if travel agents will be able to avail of the Covid-19 restrictions support scheme payment into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [38913/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to extending the help to buy scheme to first-time buyers who wish to buy second hand properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [38818/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of staff by location and function in each office of his Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38851/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance when a determination on the requests for reforms requested by the Tax Appeals Commission in March 2021 will be decided upon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39049/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of tax appeals taken to the Tax Appeals Commission; the number determined; the number of cases settled before a determination was reached during each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39050/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of customers who put funds on account with the Revenue Commissioners while tax appeals are taken to the Tax Appeals Commission during each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39051/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if will be referred matter to the Revenue Commissioners for a review and update; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39052/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give consideration to the introduction of new arrangements for the collection of the vacant site levy whereby the Revenue Commissioners would take over responsibility for collection based on a self-certification system in order to bring these sites into use for housing development and in view of the inability of local authorities to collect these levies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39061/21]

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

*172. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a review will be carried out into the reason a company (details supplied) which provides repair and re-resurfacing of kitchens, bathrooms, PVC windows and doors is not able to tender for work on the e-tenders portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [38821/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if compensation payments are made to retiring civil servants in respect of untaken annual leave in accordance with the Organisation of Working Time Act 1997; and if in each case such payments are treated as ex-gratia payments, free of PAYE deductions and so on. — Alan Kelly. [38887/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of staff by location and function in each office of his Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38860/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW will indicate the source of the delay in the allocation of the currently vacant and recently refurbished Deer Keepers Lodge within the Phoenix Park to a person (details supplied); when this process will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39034/21]

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

*176. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding will be approved for a project (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Michael Ring. [38748/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has made contact with the organisers of Dublin City Marathon to establish whether any reassurance could be provided to allow this important event to be held given the likely progress in vaccines by then. — Richard Bruton. [38812/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of staff by location and function in each office of her Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38857/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to tackle pseudonymity on online platforms (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [38874/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider bringing in regulations that would make digitally altered photographs illegal for advertising purposes unless the photographs were clearly labelled as edited. — Emer Higgins. [38875/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the remit of the online safety commission will be extended to include an escalation point for content that constitutes online bullying. — Emer Higgins. [38876/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if indoor summer camps can be held under the Sporting Ireland guidelines which permits individual training. — Emer Higgins. [38877/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the proposals to support the development of monastic trails as an additional tourism product; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38886/21]

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

*184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce a ban on hare coursing. — Paul Murphy. [38988/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions his Department will take to alleviate the inhumane conditions exposed by a recent publication (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [38722/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding made available to each local authority for housing adaption grants in 2020 and 2021 and the expected amount for 2022, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [38723/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all requests received from local authorities for additional funding for housing adaptation grants since 2016, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [38724/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authorities which did not spend their full allocation of funds for housing adaptation grants since 2016, by year in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [38725/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing complaints that were received in the first six months of 2021; the categories that the complaints fall under; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38754/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the tenancy deposit protection scheme will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38755/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Departmental reports that are pending publication; the titles of these reports; the dates he anticipates the publication of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38756/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Bills being worked on by his Department that are pending publication; the title of these Bills; the date he anticipates the publication of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38757/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of legislative provisions that have been passed by the Houses of the Oireachtas but yet to be commenced by him; the list and details of these provisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38758/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social, affordable, and cost rental homes built by the State in quarter 1 and 2 2021, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38759/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of complaints received regarding non-compliance with the rent freeze and ban on evictions while these provisions were in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38760/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant and derelict housing units across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38761/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of persons that are eligible for Housing First that have received a Housing First home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38762/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policy and practical steps that have been taken to support the scale-up of affordable co-operative housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38763/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce legislation to prevent persons from being evicted into homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38764/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way the Housing for All plan officially relates to the Rebuilding Ireland Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38765/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated amount spent in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, on the inspection and enforcement of private rental standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38766/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way the publicly available information on land prices and land transaction in Ireland compares to other EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38767/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the protections that will be put in place to ensure that the purchase of open market homes by housing authorities does not increase house prices in a local market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38768/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of new affordable homes that will be built directly by housing authorities; the percentage that will be bought from the open market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [38769/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the incentives his Department has in place or plans to put in place to support house owners that wish to relocate from properties that are too big for their needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [38772/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if efforts will be made by his Department to improve regulation of voluntary housing bodies including the introduction of

robust formal inspection of private apartment complexes and the provision of technical assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [38782/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the cost of correcting fire defects will be addressed by the new working group on structural defects; if steps are being taken to ensure that those who move early to correct defects will not be disadvantaged in access to supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [38783/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of complaints that have been investigated by the Residential Tenancies Board over the past 12 months; the number of these complaints that were upheld; the nature of these complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38793/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of complaints regarding misuse of the evictions to facilitate renovations provisions of the residential tenancies Acts that have been investigated by the Residential Tenancies Board over the past year; the number of these complaints that were upheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38794/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter regarding the public liability limit requirements by the National Parks and Wildlife Services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [38799/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the National Parks and Wildlife Service withdrew permission for works on a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [38814/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will implement the comprehensive set of recommendations contained in the report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Planning and Local Government, *Safe as Houses? A Report on Building Standards, Building Controls & Consumer Protection*; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [38826/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average all in development cost to the Exchequer for one, two, three and four bed social houses and one, two and three bed social apartments delivered through the Social Housing Investment Programme in the past 12 months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38827/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost to the Exchequer of a social home delivered through the buy and renew scheme in the past 12 months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38828/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost to the Exchequer of a social home delivered through the housing agency's rolling €70 million vacant homes acquisition fund in the past 12 months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38829/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost to the Exchequer of a new traveller specific accommodation unit delivered from the Travellers accommodation budget in the past 24 months.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38830/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total approved borrowing by AHBs for the delivery of social housing in 2020 and 2021; the number of social homes delivered with that borrowing in 2020; and the target number to be delivered in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38831/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff by location and function in each office of his Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38861/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when income eligibility limits for social housing will be increased in counties Cavan and Monaghan given existing limits are low at present and are unrealistic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38890/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to amend the tenant purchase scheme to enable persons who are in receipt of a pension and have the financial resources to buy out their council home avail of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38891/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the funding provided to an association (details supplied) to build homes at Oakland Grove, Kildare town has been repaid by the AHB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38901/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the funding provided to an association (details supplied) to build homes at Millstream Avenue, Monasterevin has been repaid by the AHB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38902/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the funding provided to an association (details supplied) to build homes at Fen Grove, Newbridge has been repaid by the AHB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38903/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of HAP inspections that took place in County Kildare in 2020; the number of properties that were found deficient; the number that were followed up subsequently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38904/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of long-term leasing agreements entered into by each of the Dublin local authorities for 2021 and for any other years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38923/21]

*226. 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. — Mark Ward. [38161/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of all councils that have submitted an application for serviced sites funding in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39022/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the 91 new social homes targeted to be delivered through the build programme in County Mayo in 2021;

the number of these 91 houses in relation to which construction has begun; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39023/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the target 65 social homes to be acquired through leasing arrangement; the number acquired to date; the number of leases made to date that were new builds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39024/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has provided funding for the Santry river greenway; the projected timeline for the commencement and completion of works on the greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39041/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has received funding applications from Fingal County Council in relation to the new Meakstown community centre, Dublin 11; the current position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39042/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities are permitted to support persons with a disability by retrospectively approving grants for works that are in progress or recently completed under the housing grant for people with a disability scheme; the discretion that is available or issue guidelines in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39047/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the public housing project at Shanganagh Castle; the projected timelines for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [39048/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to restore pre-2015 apartment standards including in buy-to-lets further to reports that he plans to end the SHD provisions; if he plans to reinstate height limits on apartment developments in line with city and county development plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39058/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his specific plans and timescale to bring under-used and vacant housing stock into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39059/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he plans to deal with the serious problem of land hoarding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39060/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will give consideration to the introduction of new arrangements for the collection of the vacant site levy whereby the Revenue Commissioners would take over responsibility for collection based on a self-certification system in order to bring these sites into use for housing development and in view of the inability of local authorities to collect these levies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39062/21]

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

*238. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [38721/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in view that the application was received by the passport office on 19 April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [38749/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application will be expedited for a minor (details supplied) in view of the fact that the application was received by the passport office on 19 April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [38750/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [38751/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [38815/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of staff by location and function in each office of his Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38852/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if enlargement of the EU has been discussed at recent meetings of the Foreign Affairs Council; the present status of the applications of candidate countries for membership of the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38885/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will take steps to expedite a passport application by a person (details supplied) which was submitted many months ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [38916/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures he plans to take at EU level to assist in bringing an end to Israel's illegal settlement activity in the West Bank and East Jerusalem; the actions Ireland will take as a member of the UN Security Council to facilitate the fulfilment of the right to self-determination of the Palestinian people in view of his support for the agreed position of Dáil Éireann that Israel's settlement activity in the West Bank and East Jerusalem amounts to unlawful de-facto annexation and taking into account in this context the commitment in the Programme for Government to give leadership within the EU and to work to ensure that all parties respect their obligations under international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38919/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the additional prerequisites that will be required before Ireland can give recognition to the state of Palestine given the pledge in the Programme for Government to honour Ireland's commitment to recognise the state of Palestine believing that in doing so Ireland will progress efforts to reach a two-state solution and in view of the unanimous view of Dáil Éireann that Israel's settlement activity in the West Bank and East Jerusalem amounts to unlawful de-facto annexation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38920/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps Ireland will now take to advance the Middle East peace process, to build consensus at EU level and to take a more proactive approach in supporting a negotiated two-state solution and lasting peace taking into account the recent unanimous motion of Dáil Éireann in accepting that Israel's settlement activity in the West Bank and East Jerusalem amounts to unlawful de-facto annexation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38921/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport is likely to be issued for a person (details supplied); the reason the due date on the online passport tracker has not been updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [38929/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*250. To ask the Minister for Defence the plans to bring the old Curragh post office building back into use; if it can be made available for community use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38894/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*251. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that sufficient school bus capacity will be available for the forthcoming school year in view of difficulties that arose in some areas for the 2020-2021 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38729/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education if all tutors that participated in the supplementary home tuition scheme from January 11 to April 30 2021 have at this point been paid; if not, the number that have been paid; the number that remain unpaid; the timeframe for unpaid home tutors to receive a payment; and the average length of time home tutors have been waiting to receive a payment. — Pauline Tully. [38806/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education the number of staff by location and function in each office of her Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38859/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education if a school bus service will be provided for students attending secondary school in Johnstown, County Kilkenny from Ballyragget, County Kilkenny; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [38863/21]

*255. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén comhfhreagras a bhí idir a Roinn agus an Chomhairle Náisiúnta Curaclaim agus Measúnachta maidir le forbairt na sonraíochta le haghaidh an dá chúrsa Gaeilge don Ardteistiméireacht ag leibhéal T1 agus T2; ar lorgaíodh treoir ón Roinn maidir leis an bpróiseas a leanfaí i mbun na hoibre seo; más rud é gur lorgaíodh, cén treoir a lorgaíodh agus cén treoir a tugadh; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38864/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 435 of 1 June 2021, if there has been further progress in advancing a building project at a school (details supplied) in view of the concerns of the wider school community regarding delays in having this much

needed additional and upgraded accommodation provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38892/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the shortage of school places in the areas of Newbridge and Kildare town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38893/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education the immediate steps that are being taken to ensure the provision of a school place as close as possible to the family home suitable to meeting the requirements in the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38983/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts that are being made to ensure the provision of an appropriate educational place for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38984/21]

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

*260. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the increase seen or expected in the back to school allowance as a result of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39027/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the social insurance contribution record of a person (details supplied) in Ireland; if such contributions can be taken into account in determining pension entitlements in the United Kingdom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [38747/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the inequitable treatment of persons on invalidity pension that wish to move on to partial capacity benefit and to establish themselves as self-employed (details supplied); if these significant disincentives to taking up employment will be examined and addressed; and if the feasibility of applying similar rules to invalidity pension and partial capacity recipients as those that apply to persons on disability allowance will be examined. — Róisín Shortall. [38792/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 878 of 15 June 2021, when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive a decision on their carer's allowance. — Michael Creed. [38813/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the situation for undocumented workers in the hospitality, retail and service sector who have been in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment until now who may be called in for intermittent precarious days and hours of work and who may not be entitled to a jobseeker's payment thereafter if they don't receive ongoing days or hours employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38835/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the publishing of the report by the Commission on Pensions; and when she plans to publish the report of the Commission (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [38846/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff by location and function in each office of her Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and

the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38848/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the widow's, widower's or surviving civil partner (contributory) pension will be adjusted to make long-term partners eligible to receive the payment. — Holly Cairns. [38872/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will disregard maintenance payments in the assessment of the working family payment in circumstances in which the court ordered payer is not making payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38897/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons awaiting determination of their application for a domiciliary care allowance; the current wait time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38898/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons awaiting determination of their application for the children's allowance; the current wait time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38899/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will furnish a detailed explanation for the significant difference in content of information in relation to the correspondence furnished to a person (details supplied) on 3 September 2020 and 1 July 2021, pertaining to their entitlement to a State pension (contributory); the reason for the difference in the treatment of their reckonable credited contributions for 2005 and 2006 in July 2021 when compared to record and treatment thereof furnished in September 2020; if same will now be reviewed further; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [38915/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of scam calls reported to her Department in view of the surge in fraudulent calls claiming to be from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39037/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the increase seen or expected in the back to school allowance as a result of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39054/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a one parent family allowance will be restored in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32814/21]

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

*275. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way the national standards for accommodation offered to persons in the protection process have operated since coming into effect at the start of 2021. — Pa Daly. [38796/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding restraints are affecting the availability of placements for young person's moving within the children's residential network; if funding issues are affecting the availability of placements for young persons who are aging out of care or in aftercare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [38834/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the asylum seekers being moved from Cork to Letterkenny despite the impact this will have on integration (details supplied); if they are being moved for own-door accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [38837/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff by location and function in each office of his Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38858/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it will be ensured that all children and families in direct provision being moved from congregated hotel-style living are housed in own-door or independent living accommodation as close as possible to the community in which they have been residing. — Holly Cairns. [38869/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will suspend the compulsory moving of five families from a direct provision congregated setting (details supplied) until own-door or independent living accommodation can be located within the community they have been residing in. — Holly Cairns. [38870/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions the State is taking to achieve its obligations under the Istanbul Convention to provide one space per 10,000 women in domestic violence refuges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38905/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff who process requests in the Adoption Authority of Ireland; and if the service is operating at full capacity following pandemic related restrictions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [38910/21]

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

*283. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the outcomes of each of the 52 actions outlined in the Further Education and Training Strategy 2014-2019; the actions which have been successfully completed ongoing and yet to be initiated, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39025/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the apprenticeship incentivisation scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38730/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports planned to integrate students back on campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [38731/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when English languages schools are permitted to reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [38824/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff by location and function in each office of his Department nationally by location;

if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38853/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices employed by each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39012/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices employed by each State and semi-State body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39013/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices employed in each university, technological university and institute of technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39014/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices waiting to access off-the-job training on a county basis in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39015/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of full-time further education students by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39017/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of registered employers in the apprenticeship programme; the number of active employers in the programme; the number of apprenticeship participants by type and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39018/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of green certificate places that will be provided by Westport FET in September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39019/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the apprenticeship training available by apprenticeship type in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39021/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships that have been furloughed; the number that have been made redundant as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [39026/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a university (details supplied) is requesting over €3,000 in up-front payments for on campus accommodation for the coming academic year despite the Government currently enacting legislation to prohibit same; and if he plans to intervene. — Eoin Ó Broin. [39033/21]

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

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a citizenship application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [38727/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for the expansion of Garda CCTV in Cork city to deter criminal activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [38732/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of complaints made by prisoners’ family members to the Irish Prison Service in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [38780/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding an application by a person (details supplied) considering that no reply has been forthcoming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [38784/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans for an easing of restrictions on passengers who are also partners of Irish nationals travelling into the country (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [38847/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff by location and function in each office of her Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38854/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice when measures will be introduced to curb online gambling in view of the well-documented problems arising from such gambling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38884/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will expand the role of peace commissioners to include the signing of forms which would prevent the need for persons to attend a Garda station to have such relevant forms signed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [38895/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí stationed in each Garda station in County Wexford by station in each of the years 2011 to date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [38917/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of motorised vehicles in each Garda station in County Wexford by station and by vehicle type in each of the years from 2011 to date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [38918/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of garda bicycles in each Garda station in County Wexford by station in each of the years from 2011 to date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [38922/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by a person (details supplied) for international protection. — Pa Daly. [38939/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has been appraised of a situation (details supplied) and if she will refer the matter to the Garda Ombudsman. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38940/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects the refurbishment improvements works to a Garda station (details supplied) to be completed; when the station will commence operating as

a community policing centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [39035/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that are being taken to address the surge in scam calls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [39036/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the status of resumption of technology for appointments in each hospital. — Sean Sherlock. [31617/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health if the numbers attending meetings for an addiction service (details supplied) can be increased. — Cathal Crowe. [31624/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE staff that took part in the pilot of the Digital Covid Certificate here; the findings of the pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [31640/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health when zolgensma will be made available for a child (details supplied) given the fact that the sooner the drug is received the better the outcome in cases in which the drug is administered before the child is two years of age. — Paul Murphy. [31681/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered engaging with NIAC on giving those who received a first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine (details supplied) an mRNA vaccine as their second dose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [31682/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to cervical cancer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [31683/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to Government policy on conducting a public inquiry into deaths in nursing homes from the Covid-19 as recommended by the Oireachtas Special Committee on Covid-19 Response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31713/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the number of protected disclosures made by staff in the HSE since 2010; the action taken to protect those making such disclosures; the number of protected disclosures that have led to actions or changes in policy as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [31714/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are available for a family waiting for night nurse services for their newborn child in the case of a family in County Tipperary have been informed they will have to wait at least six months for this service through the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [31737/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allow the administration of a second dose of a vaccine (details supplied) to healthcare workers who have received a first dose of another vaccine and are concerned about the overall efficacy of the first vaccine against some variants after two doses in certain circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [31750/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the system he has put in place to record side-effects of Covid-19 vaccinations carried out in Ireland; if such data is published or the way it can be accessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [31751/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health when he will review the EMA approval of a vaccine (details supplied) for 12-15 year olds; if medically vulnerable children in this age cohort will be included in cohorts 4 and 7 for the vaccine roll-out; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31819/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health when respite can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); if all options have been considered in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31858/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the role he envisages rapid antigen testing playing in respect of Ireland's implementation of the EU Digital Covid Certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [31859/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with a hotel group (details supplied) regarding a mandatory hotel quarantine refund with a view to processing the refund. — Róisín Shortall. [31860/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the requirements for air changes per hour regarding air filtration systems to help create clean air spaces in ensuring workplaces are safe to return to following the publication of the recent return to work safety protocol that was drafted in conjunction with the HSA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [31871/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are available to persons who have had an adverse reaction to one of the Covid-19 vaccinations as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if the persons concerned should proceed to take a second dose of the vaccine. — Willie O'Dea. [31917/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if Ireland is planning to forgo its portion of the 550 million antigen tests that have been procured by the European Commission in order to facilitate the Digital Covid Certificate and make travel within the EU affordable for all; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31931/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has examined a review of the gene therapy medicine zolgensma for use in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [31932/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the policy his Department will adopt for employees who opt out of the Covid-19 vaccination programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [31933/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the current rules in respect of permitting residents of nursing homes to go out into the community for recreational and hospitality visits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [31956/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health if the pandemic unemployment payment is being used as reckonable income for medical card and general practitioner visit card applications. — Sean Sherlock. [31957/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will approve and make available in Ireland the drug known as zolgensma; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [31963/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of graduates hired in the areas of occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language, dietetics and audiology in each CHO area, by each sub area of each CHO area in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [31991/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a hip operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [32006/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the issues as outlined in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the movement of ferries on the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32007/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to enhance supports for breastfeeding mothers in Irish maternity units and at home to ensure that mothers who choose to breastfeed are supported in that choice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32008/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the National Immunisation Advisory Committee to examine the possibility of giving a vaccine (details supplied) as the second dose for those who have already received a vaccine for a first dose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32034/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve the request for a rehabilitation bed for a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [32038/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the number on a waiting list for the National Rehabilitation Centre in three month increments up to and including 24 months by county of residence in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [32039/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health if students who are going on Erasmus or study abroad programmes for the upcoming academic year will be provided with a Covid-19 vaccine ahead of the 2021-2022 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32047/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered procuring more sustainable personal protective equipment for use in community-based care circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [32057/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if steps are being taken to address glitches in the Covid-19 vaccination appointments system given that some persons in the older age cohorts have been overlooked for their appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32071/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the appropriateness of an appointment to the board of Safefood Ireland (details supplied); his views on whether this represents a conflict of interest in the context of Safefood Ireland progressing Ireland's breastfeeding strategy in addition to the WHO's recommendations on breastfeeding; if he will review this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32072/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding an appointment for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [32073/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of additional charges to the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32127/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be ensured that a person (details supplied) is provided with the awarded amount of home help hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32128/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new early intervention teams that have been established since July 2020 in view of the Programme for Government commitment to fully implement the access and inclusion model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32129/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost of running a full staff early intervention team, including an occupational therapist, psychologist and speech and language therapist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32130/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the number of school age teams that are currently operating across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32131/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost of running a full staff school age team, including an occupational therapist, psychologist and speech and language therapist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32132/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) would need to enter mandatory hotel quarantine on return to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32136/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the availability of zolgensma (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [32183/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects a decision on the approval of a drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32184/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32185/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the appointment of a person (details supplied) to an advisory role with Safe Food Ireland; his views on whether the appointment demonstrates a conflict of interest and is contradictory to the national policy of trying to promote and improve the uptake of breastfeeding; the basis for their appointment; his further views on the influence that such a person can have on the board in terms of promoting the use of infant formula above breastfeeding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [32186/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding a counselling service for stroke victims (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32187/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to social media influencers to promote the Covid-19 vaccination programme; the list of influencers who have been used in a public relations campaign relating to Covid-19; the campaign details for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [32188/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE breastfeeding action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32189/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health if staffing levels of lactation consultants will be increased in line with international staffing benchmark and be fully accessible in all maternity units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32190/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to remove any barriers to recruitment of new international board certified lactation consultant hospital posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32191/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will have their procedure covered under the National Treatment Purchase Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [32282/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health when day care centres will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [32290/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the status of public health lists (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [32362/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health if he can remove the visitation rules for the partner and or other nominated birth companion after the baby is born so that those who have given birth can be supported; if attendance for partners and or other nominated birth companions through all stages of labour including induction can be ensured; and if it can be ensured that partners and or other nominated birth companions can be present at all antenatal appointments given that all antenatal appointments have the potential to contain news of emotional significance as per the HSPC guidelines. — Paul Murphy. [32363/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement process for the drug zolgensma for the treatment of spinal muscular atrophy; the progress made to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [32364/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend the temporary assistance payment scheme for nursing homes Covid-19 after 30 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [32365/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health if approval will be given for the use of the drug zolgensma in the case of a child (details supplied). — James O'Connor. [32382/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health if medical cannabis can now be prescribed to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [32389/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarification on a vaccine-related matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32394/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of food that is wasted or thrown out in public and voluntary hospitals in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; if the food is given away or donated in order to avoid waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [32395/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to long waiting times in the emergency unit at the Rotunda Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [32441/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the status of talks in relation to the drug zolgensma. — Louise O'Reilly. [32442/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to vaccinating teachers who will be undertaking the July provision in summer 2021. — Louise O'Reilly. [32443/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the necessary capital and revenue resources for day care dementia services to reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32518/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 671 of 11 May 2021, when a person (details supplied) will receive a decision on their primary medical certificate application. — Michael Creed. [32519/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health when persons aged between 60-69 can expect to receive their second dose of a vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32520/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the petition submitted to Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People from this Deputy in 2020 on behalf of a person (details supplied) calling for 24/7 access to emergency mental health care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32530/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of follow-up physiotherapy for stroke survivors in Tallaght University Hospital; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that patients who had been receiving daily physiotherapy sessions while staying in hospital have found themselves with no physiotherapy support provided when they are discharged leaving them with no other option but privately paid physio at a cost of €70 per half hour; and if his Department will be providing these facilities given that this service is vital to the progress for stroke survivors to lead a relatively independent life. — Paul Murphy. [32540/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of an inquiry into the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate to treat epilepsy. — Emer Higgins. [32552/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the four currently unfilled epilepsy nurse specialist posts approved in 2018 to manage the mandatory patient safety requirements for women who are prescribed sodium valproate. — Emer Higgins. [32553/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a procedure for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32554/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the potential for funding for the subsidisation of children's PCR and antigen testing inbound and outbound at airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [32561/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make funding available to enable PCR and antigen testing at airports in line with the Digital Covid Certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [32562/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health if personal assistance hours which have been approved will be put in place for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [32563/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who has received their first vaccine (details supplied) dose and is due to receive their second dose must receive the vaccine as their second dose or can choose which vaccine they can avail of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32564/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health if there are employment opportunities in County Kerry for audiologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32570/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health if an alternative vaccine can be offered to persons who received their first dose of a vaccine (details supplied) but want to be given an alternative vaccine for their second dose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [32574/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a number of studies have shown that mixing vaccines, particularly mixing a mRNA vaccine after an initial dose of a vaccine (details supplied) may provide more efficacious outcomes against the variants than administering the same vaccine twice; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that a number of countries including Canada, Sweden and Norway are adopting this approach; if he will permit individuals to choose which vaccine to take for their booster dose and in particular for the 60-69 age cohort who were required to take a particular vaccine for their initial dose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [32575/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for their surgical procedure; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32576/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ease Covid-19 restrictions in order that third-level university exchange students can undertake their required face-to-face interviews in foreign embassies located in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32794/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the location identified for the new multidisciplinary early intervention and respite care centre (details supplied) for children with complex additional needs within the grounds of St. Otteran's Psychiatric Hospital, Waterford; if, as circumstances allow, he will visit the proposed site with representatives of a charity with a view to progressing the development which was included in the HSE Capital Plan for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32795/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health if an alternative MRNA vaccine will be made available for those in the 50-69 age cohort if a vaccine (details supplied) is not available within an eight week

period for the second dose of the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32796/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the catch-up scheme for the HPV vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32797/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the amount his Department and associated agencies have spent on social media advertising since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32798/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health the amount his Department has spent on social media content production since the beginning of January 2021 until 12 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32799/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the amount his Department and all associated agencies have spent on public relations consultancy costs since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [32800/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve a drug manufactured by a company (details supplied) as part of the medicinal cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [32803/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his key policy achievements in his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [32804/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to introduce a no-fault vaccination compensation scheme for severe adverse reactions to State-promoted vaccination programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32805/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which his Department and agencies under his remit are working towards enabling access to employment for persons from minority and or disadvantaged communities, including, but not limited to, persons with disabilities, persons from ethnic minorities, Travellers, Mincéirí; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [32806/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the originally announced proposals for the new national maternity hospital continue to be part of the plan; if particular issues have arisen which might derail the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32807/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which discussions continue to take place with general practitioners and consultants in regard to the implementation of Sláintecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32808/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the new children's hospital plan is proceeding as anticipated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32809/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the national trauma care plan is best placed to meet any and all emergencies as they arise regardless of geographical location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32810/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the Naas Hospital development plans are proceeding; when work is likely to start on-site given the urgent necessity for the extension of the facilities and the necessity to meet the increasing demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32811/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of primary care centres in County Kildare; the number proposed; the delivery date of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32812/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health if additional home help will be allocated to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32813/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend reforms to the nursing home support scheme to address inequalities (details supplied) in the scheme which leads to fair deal poverty for some nursing home residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32815/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of money allocated to each CHO area in tabular form for mental health in each of the years 2017 to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [32816/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health if he has requested the HSE and its advisory bodies to consider the mixing and matching of Covid-19 vaccines already being administered in this country in relation to the second vaccination as is happening in other countries in Europe and elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [32817/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health when a drug will be approved for use; if an emergency use authorisation can be made for a time sensitive case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [32818/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health his views on comments (details supplied) in relation to the possible mix and match of vaccines in order to protect the most vulnerable quicker than previously planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32819/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the current status and progress of the proposed new national maternity hospital; if the originally intended location of the hospital has been confirmed; if agreement has been reached in respect of the site with the donor; if specific conditions are being imposed or introduced; if there has been a deviation from the original plan and proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [32825/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 986 of 28 April 2021, the reason funding was refused under the treatment abroad scheme in the case of a person (details supplied) given a previous application was approved on 20 September 2019; if the procedures are available in hospitals here; if so, the hospital that carries out same; if there is a waiting list; if so, the timeframe involved; if he will examine the case of the person as a matter of urgency with a view to ensuring that the two procedures recommended by their consultants are expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [32853/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the position for persons aged over 60 receiving the second dose of a vaccine (details supplied); if the time between vaccines will be reduced from 12 weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [32854/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the number of workers in section 39 agencies that are currently earning below the living wage; and the estimated annual cost of bringing them in line with this. — Mairéad Farrell. [32879/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the wait time for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [32880/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to amend the vaccine protocol for the 60-70 age cohort in the context of offering persons in this age profile the option of receiving an alternative to a vaccine (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [32881/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health if a service (details supplied) will be reinstated; the reason funding was withdrawn; if there are plans for an alternative service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32882/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will have their service restored; the reason for the withdrawal of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [32883/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding a vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [32887/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health when a vaccine (details supplied) will be recommended in Ireland for the age group of 12 to 15 years of age in particular those in this age group with underlying conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [32896/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date to receive a second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. — Chris Andrews. [32915/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of running the former St. Michael's psychiatric unit in Clonmel, County Tipperary in each of the five years up until it closed in 2012. — Martin Browne. [32925/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement process for zolgensma; the progress made on this issue to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [32926/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 152 of 22 April 2021, if he will again seek a response from the Health Service Executive in relation to the lack of a general practitioner service in Enfield, County Meath; and if the reply will issue as a matter of urgency. — Peadar Tóibín. [32958/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health when section 39 workers can expect to see full restoration of their pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [32959/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health when children aged 12 to 15 with conditions leading to a higher risk of severe outcomes from Covid-19 can expect to be vaccinated following the recent

approval by the European Medicines Agency of a vaccine (details supplied) for children aged 12 to 15. — Neasa Hourigan. [32960/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that women are being refused gynaecology care in emergency departments in State-run hospitals that have gynaecology wards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [32971/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health if additional staff will be recruited for a centre (details supplied); when and the location in which he expects these positions to be advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [32972/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health when the commencement of the medicinal cannabis access programme will happen in a practical sense; when this medicine will be available to eligible epilepsy patients by prescription who are in urgent need of this medicine; if this medicine will be covered by the long-term illness card and medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [32976/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health if the appropriate support can be provided by CAMHS including documentation outlining medical history and detailed interaction with psychological services in the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32996/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications waiting for a primary medical certificate by county; the current application processing time for a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [32997/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health if he will directly intervene in the crisis in dental services for medical card holders in County Kerry given there are currently no dental practices in the county providing dental services for medical card patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [32998/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have arrived in Ireland from the UK since the requirement for home quarantining was introduced; the number of those who have taken PCR tests after five days of quarantining as has been the rule up until now; and the percentage of those PCR tests that are negative and positive, respectively. — Paul Murphy. [33015/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider new arrangements for patients using a drug manufactured by a company (details supplied) who currently have to pre-pay for medication and reclaim the costs resulting in many having to hold €10,000 available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [33028/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be facilitated in obtaining the Covid-19 vaccine at the earliest possible date given the necessity for special arrangements in line with their medical condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33029/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if a person will be prioritised for another vaccination if they refuse a vaccine (details supplied) as a second dose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33053/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 150 of 3 June 2021, the cost of the initial pilot project; the number of staff required; the salary cost of staff inclusive of salary and PRSI costs; the type of training required; the cost of training in tabular form; the duration of the pilot project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33066/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health the current and capital cost of a new specialist eating disorder bed per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33067/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinicians on each specialist eating disorder team; the estimated cost of employing each clinician, respectively inclusive of salary and PRSI costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33068/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health the capital and revenue cost of a mental health bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [33069/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health if toilax has been withdrawn for use in Ireland; if there is a supply issue given that it is essential in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33070/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the annual capital funding received by each agency under section 38 of the Health Act 2004 in each of the years 2016 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [33073/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health the long-term support scheme which will be put in place to support the private nursing home sector in the medium and long term given that the temporary assistance payment scheme is due to cease on 30 June 2021; if he will consider extending the scheme until a permanent scheme which supports the sector continues to ensure measures implemented derived from Covid-19 bring lasting improvements within the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33074/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to general practitioners in respect of the Covid-19 vaccination programme for 2021 to date. — Pa Daly. [33091/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will work with community groups to publicly identify the location of defibrillators around the country and to establish a publicly accessible list of defibrillator locations. — Emer Higgins. [33099/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made on the case of a child (details supplied) with complex needs who is having difficulties accessing respite care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [33100/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding Covid-19 vaccinations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33136/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the recruitment process for leading positions in Safefood; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [33137/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have gone through mandatory hotel quarantine; the number of hotels used for mandatory hotel quarantine; the names and addresses of the hotels used for mandatory hotel quarantine; the number of persons accessing mandatory hotel quarantine from each port of origin, including Rosslare Port, Dublin Port, Port of Cork,

Dublin Airport, Cork Airport, Shannon Airport and any other port offering international transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33168/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend the remit of HIQA in order that it can investigate specific complaints regarding individual private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [33173/21]

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

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of new food businesses registered with his Department between July 2020 and June 2021, by county; the number of same for the period July 2019 to June 2020, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [38770/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is in receipt of correspondence (details supplied); and if he will clarify the situation to the correspondent. — Michael Creed. [38839/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of staff by location and function in each office of his Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38862/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a salmon farm (details supplied) which had its licence discontinued in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38867/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on increasing the ewe payment to €30 per animal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [38868/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expected percentage of felling licence applicants screened in for appropriate assessment which will no longer require Natura impact statements following the issuing of circular 08/2021; the expected improvements in licensing output; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [38883/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to introduce a temporary tie-up scheme for fishing boats as part of the response to the changes brought about by Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38888/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to introduce a decommissioning scheme for fishing boats in view of the significant loss of quota by the Irish fishing fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [38889/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he will introduce as a matter of urgency to ensure that there is an adequate supply of domestic peat for the mushroom and horticulture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38911/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that the concerns of the mushroom and horticulture sector in relation to the harvesting of horticultural peat

are addressed in view of the importance of peat for that sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [38912/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which negotiations are taking place with or through the EU to address Brexit related issues in respect of Irish food exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38943/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps being taken to ensure that the Northern Ireland Protocol is not used as a means to selectively target Irish food exports to the UK or elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38944/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he and his Department are engaged in addressing Brexit related issues likely to impact on Irish food exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38945/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the rules governing food imports into the EU perform to the highest standards in husbandry, production and traceability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38946/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continue to ensure the sustainable development of the food industry here, notwithstanding Brexit-related issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38947/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to liaise with his Government colleagues in order to ensure the sustainable and viable development of the agri-food sector and the fundamental importance of same and the need to reduce carbon emissions; if he remains satisfied that both objectives can be achieved without damaging the other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38948/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total production in the dairy sector here in each of the past five years to date; the degree to which action has been taken to minimise greenhouse gases associated with the sector in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38949/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure the future of the agri-food sector here on a sustainable basis given the high level of sustainability already achieved by the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38950/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which beef production has fluctuated in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38951/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the poultry production sector here continues to maintain production and sustainability throughout the poultry sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38952/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which new regulations are being imposed on the pig production sector given that new regulations have only

been introduced in the past number of years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38953/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which sustainable production levels continue to be maintained in the beef, dairy, poultry, pig meat and lamb sectors; the potential for growth in the future; the extent to which measures continue to be taken to limit the growth of greenhouse gases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38956/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which his Department continues to examine ways and means of carbon sequestration in line with requirements while maintaining the viability of the agri-food sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38957/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the strict rules in relation to food production and traceability continue to apply in jurisdictions from which Ireland imports or exports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38958/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of new markets identified for Irish food and food products in the wake of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38959/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which alternative third-country markets are being established for Irish agricultural produce given the impact of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38960/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the establishment of new markets for dairy, beef and pigmeat in the wake of Brexit with particular reference to addressing the issues of greatest or most pressing need at the earliest possible date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38961/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his Department has identified new EU or non-EU markets for Irish quality product in the dairy, beef and or pigmeat sectors with a view to ensuring sustainability and viability in the future for family farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38962/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a response will issue in relation to queries raised by an organisation (details supplied) in respect of the treatment of potato crops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [39053/21]

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*485. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of staff by location and function in each office of her Department nationally by location; if the property is State owned or leased; and the detail of these leases in the case of those properties on a lease in terms of cost, term and next break date. — Joe Flaherty. [38849/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding allocated to date through the various schemes controlled by her Department by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38963/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding allocated to date through the various schemes controlled by her Department in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38964/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which her Department continues to target urban or rural deprivation by way of specifically designed assistance in financial terms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38965/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department has progressed the concept of digital hubs in order to minimise long commutes to work while at the same time replicating a work place environment both from the point of view of the employer and employee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38966/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of digital hubs envisaged by her Department throughout the country with a view to enabling persons to remain in their own communities while in a work place environment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38967/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of projects throughout the country in urban or rural areas currently in place through her Department aimed at addressing issues of social or economic disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38968/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which she and her Department continue to liaise with urban and rural communities with a view to identifying the most appropriate means of offering support to meet their specific concerns particularly in the aftermath of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38969/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the success to date of the various initiatives introduced by her Department to address issues of social or economic deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38970/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her medium to long-term objectives to ensure that economic progress is spread evenly throughout the country in a sustainable way; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38971/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department continues to be in contact with urban or rural based groups seeking to improve opportunities for employment and social development within the communities; the success of such schemes to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38972/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expenditure to date under the town and village renewal scheme by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38973/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expenditure to date under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; the extent to which the fund has attracted local indigenous support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38974/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of participants currently benefitting from or likely to benefit from awards made by her Department under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38975/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of persons currently benefitting from the use of urban or rural digital hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38976/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which her Department continues to address the issue of rural isolation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38978/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department continue to address the issue of urban isolation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38979/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to build on the success of her rural regeneration plans in all areas throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38980/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she can foresee further development and expansion of the town and village renewal scheme with a view to maximisation of beneficial impact; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38981/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of persons in urban and rural areas likely to benefit from initiatives taken by her and her Department through the aegis of the various schemes in place; if any new schemes or extension to existing schemes are proposed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38982/21]

