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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the role of his Department in the north-east inner-city initiative. — Gary Gannon. [43760/21]

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

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report to Dáil Éireann on his recent meeting with the leader of the Democratic Unionist Party. — Seán Haughey. [42366/21]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent discussions with the First and Deputy First Ministers of Northern Ireland. — Neale Richmond. [43739/21]

6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education last met; and when it will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [43261/21]

7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education last met; and when it will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [43759/21]

8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43762/21]

9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with education last met. — Mick Barry. [43780/21]

10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43828/21]

11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met; and when it will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [43262/21]

12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met. — Cian O'Callaghan. [43652/21]

13. To ask the Taoiseach the role his Department will play in the monitoring and implementation of the Housing for All plan. — Cian O’Callaghan. [43653/21]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43761/21]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [43764/21]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [43767/21]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met. — Mick Barry. [43782/21]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met; and when it is next due to meet. — John Lahart. [43816/21]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health last met; and when it will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [43263/21]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43523/21]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet committee on Health last met; and when it is next due to meet. — John Lahart. [43815/21]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with children and youth affairs will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43521/21]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality met last; and when it is next due to meet. — Dara Calleary. [43745/21]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Justice will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [43765/21]

25. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with sporting issues. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [43784/21]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43522/21]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue coordination unit of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [43654/21]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island unit of his Department. — Neale Richmond. [43737/21]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island unit in his Department. — Brendan Smith. [43771/21]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent discussions with the UK Prime Minister. — Neale Richmond. [43738/21]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report his recent visit to Oxford to meet with the British-Irish Association. — Seán Haughey. [43741/21]

32. To ask the Taoiseach the details of his recent address to the British-Irish Association. — Brendan Smith. [43772/21]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Seán Haughey. [43742/21]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe last met; and when it will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [43758/21]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 met last; and when it is next due to meet. — Dara Calleary. [43743/21]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination met last; and when it is next due to meet. — Dara Calleary. [43744/21]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43763/21]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [43766/21]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [43769/21]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Climate will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [43768/21]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change met last. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [43783/21]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland last met; and when it is next due to meet. — Brendan Smith. [43770/21]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee which deals with marine and fishing will next meet. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [43785/21]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagement with European Commission Vice-President providing an update on the protocol. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [43787/21]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment last met; and when it is next due to meet. — John Lahart. [43814/21]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when legislation delivering a right to request remote working will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [43777/21]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline in the context of the Corporate Enforcement Authority, the organisational structure and the required human resources from a both civil and public service and Garda Síochána perspective; and if a memorandum of understanding is in or will be put in place to ensure guaranteed Garda resources are available at all times. — Catherine Murphy. [44054/21]

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans for the introduction of a living wage as committed to in the Programme for Government. — Louise O'Reilly. [43778/21]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures he will take to ensure the maximum possible engagement with workers and their representatives in the process of the return to work with the easing of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [43779/21]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied that Irish food export companies are fully prepared for the changes proposed as part of the post-Brexit process specifically in relation to products of animal origin which are due to be introduced on 1 October 2021; the steps taken by him to assist Irish food export companies which will be impacted by changes; if his Department has engaged with Enterprise Ireland in relation to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [43474/21]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 41 of 16 June 2021, the status of the examination by the Low Pay Commission of a universal basic income; if he has received the final report to date; if not, when he expects to receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43792/21]

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the mid-east Regional Enterprise Plan. — James Lawless. [43818/21]

53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding provided under the online retail scheme to date by county; if further funding rounds are being considered as part of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43381/21]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the Mid-West Regional Enterprise Plan. — Jackie Cahill. [43807/21]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or his Department have considered any mechanisms which could accommodate workers that need to stay at home with a self-isolating schoolchild due to Covid-19 or being a close contact of a person with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [43732/21]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the heads of the right to flexible working Bill will be published; the legal protections that are currently in place to support workers that are asked to return to the workplace but would prefer to remain working remotely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [43749/21]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of the most recent communication with the Department of Foreign Affairs in relation to Ireland's stance on the Trade Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights Agreement, if Ireland has a stance in relation to TRIPS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44463/21]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if time spent on the pandemic unemployment payment will count towards redundancy entitlements; if he plans to bring forward legislation on this matter; if the suspension of redundancy rights will be lifted at the end of September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [43750/21]

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Kilkenny that have applied to the small business assistance scheme; the number of same that have received funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [43829/21]

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on his recent trade mission to the UK, France and Germany respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43421/21]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department can facilitate the urgent staff requirements in the construction, catering, food processing and tourism sectors; if a means can be found to accelerate the procedures thus eliminating long delays in the processing of applications for work permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43621/21]

62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he plans to legislate to provide employees with the right to request remote working. — John Lahart. [43609/21]

63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the IDA commitment to establish a further facility (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Alan Dillon. [43841/21]

64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will call on the European Union to support a temporary TRIPS waiver on Covid-19 vaccines, medicines and diagnostics at the upcoming WTO meeting. — Alan Kelly. [43383/21]

65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans in relation to consulting interested groups regarding the proposed legislation to grant access to the Workplace Relations Commission for retired workers that was deferred for 12 months in the last term of Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43718/21]

66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Tipperary that have applied to the small business assistance scheme; the number of same that have received funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43808/21]

67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on his recent visit to the UK and the meetings with his UK counterparts on issues including Brexit and the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergús O'Dowd. [43371/21]

68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department engage with local authorities regarding the development of digital hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [43802/21]

69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress over summer 2021 on the development of an IDA property (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [43205/21]

70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the South-East Regional Enterprise Plan. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43790/21]

71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has had any involvement in the ongoing industrial dispute at Dublin Bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [43844/21]

72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the actions his Department is taking under the Action Plan for Insurance Reform. — James Lawless. [43817/21]

73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to ensure that Covid-19 vaccine trade-related aspects of intellectual property rights waiver is addressed through the WTO TRIPS Agreement. — Holly Cairns. [43803/21]

74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Ireland will call on the European Union to support a temporary TRIPS waiver on Covid-19 vaccines, medicines and diagnostics at the upcoming WTO meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [43757/21]

75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in the wake of a recent major jobs' announcement for Dublin, his Department and the IDA are engaging to have multinational online selling and distribution companies based in the midwest area. — Cathal Crowe. [43723/21]

76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of the Sustaining Enterprise and Accelerated Recovery Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [43830/21]

77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider additional supports for indoor leisure businesses that have had to remain closed but due to the size of their premises have borne significant overheads for rent, mortgages and utilities to keep their business intact during the pandemic. — Pa Daly. [43476/21]

78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures he is taking to safeguard jobs in the retail sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [43774/21]

79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the work to reform insurance with a view to reducing the cost on individual consumers and businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [43811/21]

80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the development of the regional enterprise plan to 2024 for the west of Ireland; when the plan will be completed and published; the analysis his Department carried out in the preparation of the plan into the potential of community-focused, indigenous industries in providing sustainable employment opportunities in the future particularly in view of job losses due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43796/21]

81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of non-EEA employment permits for the homecare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43655/21]

82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the initiatives his Department is taking to promote social enterprise. — John Lahart. [43610/21]

83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the detail of the progress of the Sustaining Enterprise and Accelerated Recovery Fund since its launch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43422/21]

84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the introduction of the small company administrative rescue process which is aiming to be a simplified, timely and cost-effective restructuring process for viable small companies. — Richard Bruton. [43532/21]

85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal that have applied to the small business assistance scheme; the number of same that have received funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [43806/21]

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will call for the European Union to enforce a temporary TRIPS (Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights) waiver on Covid-19 vaccines. — Brian Stanley. [43364/21]

87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he has taken to advance representative rights for retired workers especially in relation to access to the Workplace Relations Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43719/21]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Cork that have availed of the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [43824/21]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of any ongoing engagement between the indigenous enterprise, SMEs and entrepreneurship division of his Department and other Departments and agencies with regard to the promotion of indigenous industries in Ireland particularly in view of the lessons learned from the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43794/21]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if, in advance of a phased return to office-based working from 22 September 2021, he and his Department will publicly state that the preferred option of Government is for employers and managers to agree for a blended working model with workers and their trade unions which takes into account the health and safety of workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [43731/21]

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the new Brexit impact loan scheme will reopen for applications. — Niamh Smyth. [43846/21]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan. — Joe Flaherty. [43825/21]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if training and financial supports available to businesses setting up online can be increased to meet the support needs arising from the growth of e-commerce due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [43847/21]

94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans in relation to the continuity of Covid-19 business supports as business reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [43798/21]

95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of his engagement at EU and WTO level with regard to the waiving of intellectual property rights in respect of Covid-19 vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43793/21]

96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the recent purchase by the IDA of two land banks in County Louth; the plans for these sites; if any other associated details in relation to same will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43372/21]

97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on whether adequate resources have been allocated to the Health and Safety Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [43833/21]

98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to progress a living wage. — Thomas Gould. [43800/21]

99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to deal with the recruitment crisis presently facing all trade and retail sectors; the incentives his Department

will be introducing to encourage persons to return to the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [43836/21]

100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the detail of the overall trends in import and export trade, trade between Ireland and both Great Britain and Northern Ireland, distinguishing overall volumes of exports and those supported by Enterprise Ireland; and the policy challenges which they raise. — Richard Bruton. [43533/21]

101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has considered introducing a points-based system for the entry into the country and naturalisation of skilled workers and their families similar to that in place in Australia and now being considered by the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [36838/21]

102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position of workers that wish to continue working remotely even after the scheduled national return to the workplace on 22 September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [43748/21]

103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are plans to include businesses that missed the deadlines for Covid-19 business supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [43797/21]

104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to address the labour shortage in the mushroom industry; if he plans to reintroduce the pilot labour permit scheme; and if he further plans to implement other supports in this regard. — Matt Carthy. [43525/21]

105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in counties Longford and Westmeath that have applied to the small business assistance scheme; the number of same that have received funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [43826/21]

106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has considered adopting the economic model of community wealth building which has been successful in Ayrshire, Scotland and Preston, England. — Brian Stanley. [43363/21]

107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the North-West Regional Enterprise Plan. — Marc MacSharry. [43805/21]

108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will call on the European Union to support a temporary TRIPS waiver on Covid-19 vaccines, medicines and diagnostics at the upcoming WTO meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43651/21]

109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement he has had with business representatives in Northern Ireland in relation to the Northern Ireland Protocol. — Brendan Smith. [43734/21]

110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the analysis his Department has carried out into the removal of dental nurses from the ineligible list of occupations for employment permits particularly in view of the fact that emergency dental practice activities are

listed as essential services under Covid-19 public health guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43795/21]

111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an overview of the efforts his Department, the IDA and Enterprise Ireland are making in terms of attracting new businesses to locate in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [43722/21]

112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has plans to develop a green jobs programme in view of the climate crisis and the current situation of mass unemployment. — Paul Murphy. [43832/21]

113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way that his Department, IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Údarás na Gaeltachta plan to promote remote working among their client companies to drive regional job creation. — Alan Dillon. [43842/21]

114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of meetings he has had with businesses, workers and representatives of the events industry since July 2020; and the dates of each meeting. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43286/21]

115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will call on the European Union to support a temporary TRIPS waiver on Covid-19 vaccines, medicines and diagnostics at the upcoming WTO meeting. — Marian Harkin. [43648/21]

116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on pursuing existing flexibilities in the WTO TRIPS agreement to allow for compulsory licensing regarding Covid-19 vaccines and facilitate the universal and equitable access to vaccines. — Holly Cairns. [43804/21]

117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on any meetings or engagements he or his Department have held with the play and leisure industry or amusement trade associations. — Pa Daly. [43475/21]

118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures he is taking to facilitate hybrid working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [43823/21]

119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider a review of Government policy on the development of data centres in Ireland until a cost-benefit analysis has been carried out in relation to energy security, energy prices and their potential to impact on Ireland's ability to meet climate targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [43753/21]

120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the South-West Regional Enterprise Plan. — Aindrias Moynihan. [43848/21]

121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will intervene via legislation or otherwise to protect workers who must stay at home with their school-aged child who has to self-isolate in accordance with public health guidelines; if he will ensure leave is available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43755/21]

122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that have been taken to protect businesses such as retail and hospitality from commercial landlords attempting to recoup rent waived during periods of lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43819/21]

123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the general scheme of the sick leave Bill will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [43752/21]

124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or his office have had engagement with Dublin Bus drivers or their trade unions in relation to the current industrial relations dispute at the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [43728/21]

125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Carlow that have applied to the small business assistance scheme; the number of same that have received funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43791/21]

126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the North-East Regional Enterprise Plan. — Brendan Smith. [43733/21]

127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are plans to update the Government statement on the Role of Data Centres in Ireland's Enterprise Strategy report taking into account increased growth in the sector since the policy was devised in 2017, new climate action legislation that has been enacted since and other relevant Government policies that have been drafted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [43754/21]

128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the interactions he has had with his EU counterparts regarding the extension of Brexit grace periods. — Matt Carthy. [43526/21]

129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the recent trade mission to the UK, France and Germany; the number of Irish companies that have expanded into these markets during the Covid-19 pandemic period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43727/21]

130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of companies by county that have availed of the Covid-19 credit guarantee scheme since its introduction; the closing date for this scheme; his plans to introduce further schemes to support businesses in the budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [43812/21]

131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to upgrade the IT systems of his Department and bodies under his remit with a view to maximise the protection against cyber criminals. — Niamh Smyth. [43845/21]

132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of collective redundancies on a monthly basis have been notified to his Department in July and August and to date in September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [43751/21]

133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has had any involvement in the ongoing industrial dispute at the Dublin Airport Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [43843/21]

134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will put in place measures to solve the current staffing crisis in the hospitality industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [43827/21]

135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the efforts he is making to reduce insurance costs in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43788/21]

136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress being made by his Department in providing supports to businesses under the Sustaining Enterprise and Accelerated Recovery Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43382/21]

137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he can facilitate the increased number of requests for work permit-related visas having particular regard to the acute shortages of staff in the various sectors; if an urgent evaluation can be undertaken of the waiting times involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43620/21]

138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address the fact that 116 workers employed by Shannon Group are currently working below the minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44156/21]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*139. To ask the Taoiseach the current policy regarding the employment of persons with disabilities in his Department and in each State and semi-State body under the aegis of his Department; the disability quota of his Department at present; if there is an active campaign to increase the disability workforce from the current target of 3% to a minimum of 6% by 2024; if this quota has now been exceeded; if so, the details of same; and if there has been an advertised competition in relation to the quota. — Fergus O'Dowd. [41604/21]

*140. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department or a State agency booked or paid for an event (details supplied); if so, the date the booking was made; and the reason for the event and the payment. — Réada Cronin. [41744/21]

*141. To ask the Taoiseach if he has ordered an investigation of a possible leak from Cabinet in the matter of the appointment of a person (details supplied); if not, the reason; if so, if he will publish the findings in the public interest; and when this will occur. — Réada Cronin. [41745/21]

*142. To ask the Taoiseach the roles held by a person (details supplied) with or involving his Department or any State agencies. — Réada Cronin. [41901/21]

*143. To ask the Taoiseach the measures he is taking to promote or facilitate remote working for staff in his Department or bodies under the aegis of his Department; the costs this has generated in terms of the provision of laptops, desktop computers or contributions to wi-fi costs or phone-related expenses; and the number of staff who have applied for permission to work from home on a permanent or hybrid-model basis (details supplied). — Carol Nolan. [41963/21]

*144. To ask the Taoiseach the steps being taken to facilitate remote working within his Department in particular to encourage remote working for those who live in the regions. — Dara Calleary. [42717/21]

*145. To ask the Taoiseach the way in which his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit are accommodating requests for persons to work from home. — Holly Cairns. [42749/21]

*146. To ask the Taoiseach the number of freedom of information requests responded to by his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of responses that included documents related to text messages and other phone message communications such as messages sent through an application (details supplied) in tabular form. — Matt Carthy. [42973/21]

*147. To ask the Taoiseach the cost of each commission of investigation under the remit of his Department over the preceding decade. — David Cullinane. [43001/21]

*148. To ask the Taoiseach if his Ministerial phones have been hacked or attempted to be hacked during the term of office. — Gary Gannon. [42933/21]

*149. To ask the Taoiseach if he has ever used his personal phones for Government business; and if so, if the personal phones have been hacked during his term of office. — Gary Gannon. [42951/21]

*150. To ask the Taoiseach if he and or his special advisers and or officials use or have used services (details supplied) to communicate in the past 18 months. — Catherine Murphy. [43082/21]

*151. To ask the Taoiseach when the next BERD survey will be published. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43028/21]

*152. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; and the purpose of any such engagements. — Carol Nolan. [43247/21]

*153. To ask the Taoiseach if an investigation has been undertaken into the leak at Cabinet (details supplied); if so, the stage this investigation is at; if it has concluded; if not, when it will conclude; and if the results of same have been referred to An Garda Síochána. — Peadar Tóibín. [43570/21]

*154. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; and the titles of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [43715/21]

*155. To ask the Taoiseach the grade of each staff member in the shared island unit of his Department in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43970/21]

*156. To ask the Taoiseach the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures the Department has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44012/21]

*157. To ask the Taoiseach the membership and terms of reference of the north-east inner-city oversight group chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [43264/21]

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

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43236/21]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the case of a person (details supplied); if any help or advice will be provided in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [43353/21]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated full-year cost of recruiting five additional full-time professional accountants grade 1 and two additional full-time solicitors for the Office of the Director of Corporate Enforcement. — Catherine Murphy. [43411/21]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which efforts are being made to source an adequate supply of operatives to facilitate the meat processing sector having particular regard to the serious backlog that currently exists affecting the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43416/21]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to deal with the reported current shortfall in construction workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [43493/21]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has engaged with local enterprise offices on their funding allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [43494/21]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to address the labour shortage in the mushroom industry; if he plans to reintroduce the pilot labour permit scheme; if he further plans to implement other supports in this regard; the status of the referenced review in reply to Parliamentary Question No. 135 of 5 May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43510/21]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 44 of 23 June 2021, if his Department has completed its review of the public consultation submissions on furniture fire safety regulations; when he expects further recommendations on revised regulations to be issued; if his attention has been drawn to comparative domestic fire mortality rates in the EU and the United States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43617/21]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43704/21]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of IDA Ireland site visits to County Cork in quarter 2 of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [43956/21]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of businesses in County Cork that have applied to the small business assistance scheme; the number of same that have received funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [43957/21]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44001/21]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 made by the IDA and Enterprise Ireland in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures that each respective body has put in place or are implementing to reduce late payment interest and or penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44017/21]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to ensure that workers who wish to do so can work from home. — Paul Murphy. [44022/21]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on lower minimum wages for young workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44023/21]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps he is taking to ensure rapid implementation of the employment regulation order for the security sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44024/21]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 141 of 24 March 2021, the engagement his Department has had with the Competition and Consumer Protection Commission on the need to conduct an investigation into potential mis-selling by Irish agents involved in the French leaseback property scandal particularly in view of the fact that the Direction générale de la Concurrence, de la Consommation et de la Répression des fraudes in France has now completed its investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44042/21]

*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to remove care workers and home carers from the ineligible list of occupations for employment permits in view of the ongoing recruitment issues facing the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44043/21]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which his attention has been drawn to the difficulties experienced by various sectors in the economy to obtain the necessary levels of staff in the aftermath of Covid-19; if he has in mind specific actions to address this issue sector by sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44168/21]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which he has received communications from employers throughout the country who are experiencing difficulty in recruiting staff as Covid-19 restrictions are eased; if his attention has been drawn to the need for the expeditious processing of work permit applications or the use of other methods in order to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44169/21]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he expects staff shortages in the construction sector to be met with particular reference to the need to address such deficiencies in full at an early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44170/21]

*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of work permit related visa applications currently awaiting processing with particular reference to various aspects of the economy particularly affected by staff shortages; the means by which the Minister expects to address this issue in the short to medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44171/21]

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to monitor difficulties experienced by Irish exporters arising from Brexit; the measures in place or proposed in respect of these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44172/21]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to monitor each trade and industry to identify how they are impacted by Covid-19 and Brexit; if he remains satisfied that adequate steps can be taken to address such issues in the short and medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44174/21]

*182. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which investment in employment-creating sectors continues notwithstanding the impact of Covid-19 and Brexit; if he is satisfied that industry can look to the future with optimism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44175/21]

*183. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which Irish persons overseas can be encouraged to return to Ireland in order to meet staff vacancies throughout industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44176/21]

*184. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which particular efforts are being made to assist employers particularly hit by staff shortages in the wake of Covid-19; if specific measures are being taken to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44177/21]

*185. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which employment has fluctuated over the past two years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44178/21]

*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which his Department has identified barriers to the recovery of the economy in the wake of Covid-19; his proposals to deal with such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44180/21]

*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he remains satisfied that Ireland remains an attractive location for foreign direct investment notwithstanding changes to corporation tax levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44182/21]

*188. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which the concept of working from home or through digital hubs is being progressed with a view to ensuring the optimum results for employer, employee and the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44184/21]

*189. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department can address any issues arising from any lack of competitiveness for foreign direct investment in the wake of changes in corporation profits tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44185/21]

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

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged with the EPA regarding its guidelines which prevent the licensing or expansion of poultry within parts of counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43605/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43237/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the criteria for the Western Lakes Plan as recently announced by his Department; the geographical areas it covers; the reason a lake (details supplied) in the midlands has been left out of the scheme; the actions planned under this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [43250/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current process of identification for the disposal of scrap metal at permitted waste disposal facilities; his plans to introduce further measures to improve the traceability of those disposing of scrap metal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43310/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to provide extra resources to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland to enable it to reduce the current timeline for the processing of applications under the better energy warmer homes scheme which is currently approximately 24 months; if his attention has been drawn to the amount of unnecessary burning of fossil fuel this is causing and the physical and financial distress that the delay in processing the warmer home scheme applications is having on applicants who require urgent insulation works carried out to their properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43361/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a recent report (details supplied); the steps Ireland is taking to further address climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43425/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures being taken to ensure that future infrastructural energy projects are climate resilient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43426/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his position on new EPA guidelines which prevent the licensing or expansion of any poultry within parts of counties Cavan and Monaghan; the length of time he expects this guidance will be in place; if a similar ban will put in place in other local authority areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43602/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total funding allocated to compensate eel fishermen and women through a targeted support scheme announced in 2018; the person or body that administered the scheme; the amount of the fund spent on administration costs; the breakdown of administrative costs associated with the fund; the amount paid directly to fishermen and women; the average payment received by fishermen and women in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43603/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged with Inland Fisheries Ireland regarding its decision to cease the education and outreach programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43604/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the legislative framework for the deposit return scheme will be introduced; when he expects the scheme to be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [43606/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of SEAI EXCEED certified grant expressions of interest that were received since 1 January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [43608/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current number of SEAI EXCEED certified grant stage 1 applications to date; the number of EXCEED stage 1 successful letters that have been issued; the number of EXCEED stage 1 grant draw-downs that have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [43611/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current number of SEAI EXCEED certified grant stage 2 applications to date; the number of EXCEED stage 2 successful letters that have been issued; the number of EXCEED stage 2 grant draw-downs that have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [43612/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of successful grant draw-downs of SEAI EXCEED certified grant stage 2 expressions of interest that were received since January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [43613/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are grant schemes to support persons to improve the energy efficiency of their properties as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [43615/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the proposed timelines for completion of the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan in an area (details supplied); the plans to designate a property as a broadband connection point under the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43616/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when fibre broadband will be available for residents in County Tipperary through National Broadband Ireland by municipal district in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43650/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the provision of an annual support towards the cost of pay by weight bin charges for households disposing of incontinence wear; when such a support will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43670/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to deal with threats to the State's power supply in the coming period, specifically actions in relation to proposed data centres; if he will support proposals for a ban on proposed data centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43677/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when fibre broadband will be available at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [43680/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43705/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of staff working in the National Cyber Security Centre in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [43883/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of any communication with telecommunications companies and network providers to address the increase in scam and fraudulent calls and messages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [43913/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of recyclable waste produced in the State in 2019 and 2020. — Michael McNamara. [43973/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if items (details supplied) are recyclable in Ireland. — Michael McNamara. [43974/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if items (details supplied) with plastic spouts and lids are recycled in Ireland; and if so, if consumers are required or advised to separate the plastic from the rest of the packaging. — Michael McNamara. [43975/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Tetra Pak cartons containing polyethylene and or aluminium are recyclable or recycled in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [43976/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44002/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount applied for and drawn down to date under the encroachment element of the contingency subsidy that is capped at €100 million in the context of the National Broadband Plan; and if he has received a request to decrease or increase that capped threshold. — Catherine Murphy. [44030/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will review the grant application by a person (details supplied) who did receive support for attic insulation but is now precluded from availing of SEAI home energy grant for wall insulation despite the fact that wall insulation was not originally covered by the grant; his views on whether it is fair or reasonable for this person to struggle to afford to heat their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44187/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a review of the SEAI home energy grants has taken place and been published; if not, the reason a review of the scheme has not yet taken place or been published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44188/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the terms and conditions of revisiting properties under the SEAI home energy grants due to take place in late 2021 in circumstances in which it is feasible and appropriate. — Gary Gannon. [44189/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if the working condition of HGV drivers is contributing to the labour shortage in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43936/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has reviewed a copy of the report by a person (details supplied) relating to the development of the western rail corridor; his views on the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [43219/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the development of national road projects both for primary and secondary roads in County Mayo; and his plans for future developments of same. — Dara Calleary. [43220/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the position in relation to rail freight access at Dublin Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [43221/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the R312 in County Mayo; the funding that has been draw down by Mayo County Council in relation to same; and if a commitment will be

given for the inclusion of additional resources for regional roads in the forthcoming review of the NDP. — Dara Calleary. [43222/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43249/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport if a response will issue to correspondence from this Deputy on 3 August 2021 (details supplied) regarding the outsourcing of jobs at Dublin Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [43279/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that taxi drivers are encountering problems getting plain glass into new EV cars (details supplied) which means they cannot licence the vehicle as the standard tint is not acceptable for a taxi suitability test; if there are plans to introduce a temporary measure or waiver to off-set this problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [43283/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual budget allocation for the Road Safety Authority's digital portal for essential driver training; the number of personnel employed to oversee the IT system; and if the system is monitored 24/7. — Louise O'Reilly. [43327/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional allocations for roads investments in non-national roads will be made available to local authorities before the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [43367/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if customer services officers are onboard all intercity trains; and if not, the estimated cost of ensuring at least one customer service officer is onboard each intercity train for each rail journey. — Catherine Murphy. [43400/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the income received by Dublin Bus from advertisements in each of the past three years in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43401/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given by his Department to extending current learning permits expiry dates due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43431/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons awaiting a driving test; the measures being taken to address this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43432/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures being taken to ensure that all taxis will accept electronic and card payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43440/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that residents of islands who have island rate car tax on their island-based cars cannot renew the tax online given that they are not allocated a pin number with their renewal notice; if he plans to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43465/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport when a licence will be issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [43555/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport when the planning application for the railway order for Metrolink is expected to be lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [43607/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport the initiatives taken by his Department to access EU funding to provide free Covid-19 testing in order to facilitate safe transport and movement of citizens and to support the transport sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43644/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport when the appointment of a chair of Shannon Group plc will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [43666/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport the detail of the fines for service failures over the past two years for Dublin Bus and Go Ahead; and the reasons and formulae for deciding these fines. — Bríd Smith. [43678/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the fines issued to Dublin Bus by the NTA over the past period, specifically those that relate to the operations of the new PA hybrid bus; if his attention has been drawn to concerns (details supplied) that such fines are being issued erroneously by the NTA for failure to deliver services which have in fact operated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43679/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport the current guidelines governing the regulation of private clamping companies; and if he plans to reform these regulations. — Ivana Bacik. [43692/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43717/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport the frequency with which Irish Rail staff are trained to deal with major accidents onboard a train or within a station building. — Darren O'Rourke. [43885/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase the frequency of Bus Éireann route 245x from four to six services in each direction on the Cork to Dublin route. — Darren O'Rourke. [43886/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for the refurbishment of the Irish Coast Guard building in Howth, County Dublin; and if so, when this work will commence. — Darren O'Rourke. [43887/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44014/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 made by Irish Rail, Dublin Bus, Luas, Bus Éireann and the NTA in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures that each respective company and authority has put in place or are implementing to reduce late payment interest and or penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44015/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify a matter (details supplied) regarding the price of bus tickets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44038/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test can be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44073/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test can be expedited for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44074/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that private bus operators will be permitted to stop at Reaghstown, County Louth for the purposes of collecting passengers as was previously the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44080/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application for a driving test for a person (details supplied) who requires a licence for work. — Holly Cairns. [44213/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which his Department has examined the number and location of countries most likely to benefit from international changes in corporation profit taxes; if it has been possible to identify the way such countries are likely to compete with this jurisdiction for foreign direct investment in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44183/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43238/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are plans to extend tax relief to counselling and psychotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [43254/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to counselling and psychotherapy in the context of Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [43257/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance the advice which can be provided in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43268/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a financial incentive for first-time buyers who intend purchasing a vacant property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [43275/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the benefit-in-kind exemption for electric vehicles beyond the current date of 31 December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43300/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost to the Exchequer for exempting counselling and psychotherapy services from VAT; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43347/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated full year cost to the Exchequer of extending tax relief to counselling and psychotherapy services as a qualifying health expense; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43348/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the practice of a bank (details supplied) of charging negative interest rates on deposit accounts above a certain threshold; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that these charges are being imposed on small pension funds held by fund management companies regardless of the threshold; if he will intervene to prevent this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [43351/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the case of a person (details supplied); if any help or advice will be provided in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [43352/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding income tax returns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [43368/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the adult dependant allowance on the State pension (contributory) is double-taxed given that while the income is taxed the tax credit for the person involved is removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [43370/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of employees in the Central Bank dedicated to international financial services including the funds and assets management industries; and the number of open vacancies in the area. — Catherine Murphy. [43391/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of nitrous oxide seized by customs each year since 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [43413/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures his Department is taking to prepare for a reduced reliance on a cash-based economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43433/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance the efforts being taken to increase security of electronic transactions and related infrastructure as the economy increasingly moves towards a cashless system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43434/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has discussed the possibility of negative interest rates being passed on to customers by banks in a cashless economy with European partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43435/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance the long-term view of his Department regarding personal savings in line with overspend trends in cashless economies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43436/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the Ireland Strategic Investment Fund; the details of investments made to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43437/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance the countries in the European Economic Area that provide a tax credit system for research and development; the countries in the European Economic Area that apply a tax credit system for research and development that applies to research and development activity in circumstances in which the activity is carried out in another jurisdiction of the EEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43442/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of cash repayments made on research and development tax credits in circumstances in which the company involved did not have sufficient tax liability for each year since 2015; the amount scheduled to be paid out in 2021, 2022 and 2023 under ongoing repayment instalments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43443/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance if a credit union and or financial institution is allowed to upon granting a new loan add conditions to previous outstanding loans. — Thomas Gould. [43519/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a situation by which credit unions are requiring persons, when taking out a new loan, to waive the guarantee on previous loans due to change in circumstance, for example, a recent cancer diagnosis. — Thomas Gould. [43520/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance if Uninest student accommodation provides support in the form of tax incentive for the construction of student accommodation at Ardcairn House, Dublin 7; the value of the incentive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43549/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43706/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to the extension of the help-to-buy scheme past the current 31 December 2021 deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [43953/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44003/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to extending the help-to-buy incentive until 31 December 2022. — Holly Cairns. [44203/21]

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

*286. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans by the Office of Public Works to address a number of issues in respect of a site (details supplied); and the total amount spent on the restoration of the site. — Catherine Murphy. [43214/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43244/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of qualified horticulturists employed by the OPW as of 1 September 2020 and 1 September 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43399/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures and projects to which funding under the National Recovery and Resilience Facility and Plan are being allocated in 2022 disaggregated by measure and project, funding allocation and Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [43470/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the commissioning of services other than by public tender is an option for public bodies provided for under EU procurement requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43683/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43712/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding will be provided for works (details supplied) in County Meath. — Darren O'Rourke. [43879/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when his officials will make a final determination on the sanction of compensation to be paid to a club (details supplied) agreed in principle by the Department of Education in April 2021. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43978/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44009/21]

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

*295. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43248/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of meetings she has had with businesses, workers and representatives of the events industry since July 2020; and the dates of each meeting. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43287/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a schedule of swimming pools delivered under the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund will be provided by county; if a schedule of swimming pools at planning and construction phase under the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund will also be provided by county; and if the information will be provided from the date on which the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund came into operation to date. — Catherine Murphy. [43530/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the population analysis and pool to person ratio that is used to determine if an application for a swimming pool under the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund can be granted will be provided. — Catherine Murphy. [43531/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position in respect of the release of monies under the 2018 sports capital programme and in particular the monies due to a club (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [43587/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a roadmap for the amateur and professional music and arts sector as the reframing the challenge, continuing our recovery and reconnecting plan is rolled out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43694/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of Bills prepared by her Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43716/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are funding streams available for ultra-triathlon competitors such as a person (details supplied) that wish to compete in a series of events culminating in the ultra-games grand final in August 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43850/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated expenditure on high performance sports in 2020 and 2021; and the expected expenditure for 2022. — Darren O'Rourke. [43897/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by her Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures she has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44013/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 made by Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures that each respective

body has put in place or are implementing to reduce late payment interest and or penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44016/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the sports capital grants will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44214/21]

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

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the State's obligation in preventing raw sewerage being discharged into Lough Swilly which is a special area of conservation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [44163/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the dates on which the various changes in income eligibility, in thresholds and ceilings and the commencement of applications for the various affordable schemes referenced in the Housing For All document are due to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [43211/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [43213/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43242/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a point-by-point report of the progress made to date in respect of the Programme for Government commitments in respect of housing defects; and the status of the work of the Independent Working Group to examine the issue of defective housing. — Catherine Murphy. [43284/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if section 48 of the Affordable Housing Act 2021 will apply to houses purchased through affordable housing schemes; when he expects section 48 of the Act to be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43311/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the affordable housing schemes referred to in the Housing for All policy document will commence and will be open for applications; when the criteria for eligibility will be available including the new local authority led affordable purchase scheme, the new first home affordable purchase share equity scheme, the cost rental scheme and the expanded local authority home loan scheme; when they are likely to be established in the Dún Laoghaire Rathdown County Council area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43339/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the new local authority led affordable purchase scheme, the new first home affordable purchase share equity scheme and the expanded local authority home loan scheme will be available to applicants who have previously been homeowners but have lost their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43342/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time staff by job title working in the Office of Planning Regulator as of 7 September 2021; and the number of vacant staff by job title in this office. — Catherine Murphy. [43385/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount his Department spent on the fire services Ctri project in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43386/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost in 2022 of recruiting five extra full-time hydrometeorologists. — Catherine Murphy. [43387/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the proposed scheme to implement drinking water fountains per EU Directive 2020/2184; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43502/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the details of the shared equity scheme for first-time buyers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [43511/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a response will issue to a request in regard to fire defects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [43552/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Environmental Protection Agency carries out monitoring of the water quality of Lough Atorick given its importance as a trout hatchery. — Michael McNamara. [43643/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites on the derelict sites register of each local authority. — Michael McNamara. [43657/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of notices issued under section 11 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 by each local authority in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Michael McNamara. [43658/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of directions made by him and his predecessor under section 12 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in respect of each local authority in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Michael McNamara. [43659/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of directions made by him and his predecessor under section 13 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in respect of sites held by statutory bodies in each local authority in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Michael McNamara. [43660/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of derelict sites acquired by each local authority under the powers provided in the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Michael McNamara. [43661/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the sum payable to each local authority in 2019 and 2020 as a result of the derelict sites levy. — Michael McNamara. [43662/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites on the derelict sites register in each local authority in which the derelict sites levy was not payable in 2020 as a vacant site levy was payable in accordance with the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015. — Michael McNamara. [43663/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of prosecutions initiated by each local authority under the powers provided in the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Michael McNamara. [43664/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of derelict site acquired by each local authority under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, the Derelict Sites Act 1961, or the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act 1940, used for the purpose of housing in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Michael McNamara. [43665/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43710/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount in acres of publicly owned development land, including land owned by State agencies and bodies, that has been sold to private developers since the LDA was setup in 2018, by public body, county and year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [43873/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of the social homes and the number of the affordable homes projected for each year and in total in the new Housing for All plan that will be sourced by means (details supplied); the projected annual and total cost for any housing being provided through these means in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43926/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current estimated average cost of directly built local authority or AHB public and affordable housing on publicly owned land, providing the estimated cost for one, two, three and four-bed housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43927/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current number of HAP and RAS leasing tenancies across all local authorities including long term leases by AHBs; the projected number of these for each of the years in the lifetime of the Housing for All plan; the annual cost for each year and in total for the lifetime of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43928/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legislation that exists to date to compensate householders whose home property is lost due to coast erosion, climate change; if there is existing legislation in place, his views on whether such legislation is necessary and should be prioritised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [43952/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors

in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44007/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the name of Ballycroy National Park was changed to Wild Nephin National Park; the name of the person or body that made this decision; if he will restore the name of the park to its original name; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44041/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the independent expert advisory group established by him to evaluate applications for inclusion on Ireland's UNESCO World Heritage Sites Tentative has completed its evaluation and made recommendations as to which properties should be considered for inclusion on a new list by early September 2021 as anticipated; if he will publish the evaluations and recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [44052/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures which can be taken by an applicant for a grant for housing adaptation that is needed due to the fact the applicant has recently been diagnosed with motor neuron disease and can no longer work (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44070/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to reform the tenant purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [44091/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to introduce a deposit protection scheme for tenants as promised in Housing for All; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [44149/21]

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

*343. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which his Department continues to examine and address issues arising from Brexit with particular reference to the operation of the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44179/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he is alert to any and all difficulties caused for the economy in the wake of Brexit and the operation of the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44181/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current status of an application (details supplied); the reason documentation was returned given that additional documentation had been sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [43209/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the processing of applications received for foreign birth registrations will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [43224/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the plans that are in place to assist asylum seekers to exit from Afghanistan, either directly or through a third country; if there will be an agreement of safe passage with the current Afghan government; and the documentation that needs to be provided. — Dara Calleary. [43226/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43239/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport is likely to issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43256/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when passport offices will reopen for the issuing of emergency passports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [43274/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [43319/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the informal and formal communications between his senior officials and those of the Department of An Taoiseach in a matter (details supplied) at all stages; if he will publish those communications and contacts and their dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [43335/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if construction works have commenced on a new Ireland house in Tokyo, Japan; and if not, when works will commence. — Catherine Murphy. [43388/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken formally to the United States Secretary of State in the past two months to request when fully vaccinated Irish citizens can visit the US for tourist purposes. — Catherine Murphy. [43402/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43472/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he plans to take to ensure the efficient turnaround of online passport applications especially first-time applications which is targeted as 40 working days (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some applicants who apply for such passports in order to travel abroad for essential reasons are not even receiving passports in that timeframe; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that in cases in which there are queries on such passports that there can be a delay of over 40 days before queries are raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43473/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the Passport Office will return to regular processing times for all types of passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [43500/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the operational staffing numbers for the Passport Office on a monthly basis from January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [43501/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) concerning the refoulement of Syrians to Syria; his plans to address the issues raised in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [43518/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will now issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43583/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will bring forward new procedures for the appointment of special envoys; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [43649/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43707/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the process in cases in which an Irish passport could be granted to a person through descent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [43872/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43960/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when he expects his Department to resume the processing of working holiday authorisations from New Zealand; if the Irish Embassy in New Zealand is currently accepting applications for working holiday authorisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43984/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44004/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [44037/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44048/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the case of person (details supplied) who applied to become an Irish citizen through foreign birth registration. — Gary Gannon. [44186/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a family which has applied for a passport for their child (details supplied) can expect to receive the passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44191/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*371. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43234/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 392 of 13 July 2021, when the requested information will be made available by the military authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43304/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Defence the current strength of the Reserve Defence Forces by rank; the establishment of the Reserve Defence Forces by rank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43307/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of full-time civilian pharmacists working in each military barracks as of 7 September 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43396/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of armoured personnel carriers that were delivered in either 2001 or 2002 that are still in active service; and when these vehicles will be replaced. — Catherine Murphy. [43397/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason that he chose not to act when it was brought to his attention in January 2017 through a protected disclosure that a captain was bullied, sexually abused, victimised and discriminated against in the Defence Forces and that he informed the person that their protected disclosure was subjective. — Peadar Tóibín. [43573/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason he accepted an Ombudsman of the Defence Forces report which ruled that a person (details supplied) was discriminated against given it was later determined by the Workplace Relations Commission that they were discriminated against; and if he has confidence in the Ombudsman for the Defence Forces given the contradiction in the conclusions. — Peadar Tóibín. [43574/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Defence if he or his Department have ensured that an independent or external investigation was carried out into sexual abuse, harassment and or discrimination within the Defence Forces in Ireland to date; and if not, the reason. — Peadar Tóibín. [43575/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Defence if he or his Department will ensure that an independent and external investigation of sexual abuse, harassment and or discrimination carried out within the Defence Forces in Ireland to date is carried out. — Peadar Tóibín. [43576/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Defence the research and investigation that his Department carried out into sexual abuse, harassment and or discrimination carried out within the Defence Forces in Ireland to date. — Peadar Tóibín. [43577/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Defence his views on whether there a systemic or institutional difficulty within the Defence Forces in dealing with sexual abuse, harassment and or discrimination. — Peadar Tóibín. [43578/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of complaints, allegations and protected disclosures that have been brought to his attention and the attention of his Department in relation

to sexual abuse, harassment and discrimination by serving or former personnel of the Defence Forces in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [43579/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has ever met with representatives of those who have suffered sexual abuse, harassment and or discrimination within the Defence Forces; and if not, the reason why such a meeting has not taken place. — Peadar Tóibín. [43580/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will consider an amnesty to be afforded to all those who have suffered sexual abuse, harassment and discrimination in the Defence Forces in order for them to tell their stories anonymously. — Peadar Tóibín. [43581/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will consider allowing those who have suffered sexual abuse, harassment and discrimination in the Defence Forces the right to access the gardaí and the civil courts in terms of the crimes that they have suffered. — Peadar Tóibín. [43582/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43702/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Defence the renewal and replacement programme that is in place by his Department and the military authorities for weaponry and other military equipment in the years 2022 and 2023; and when tenders for same will be issued. — Darren O'Rourke. [43881/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Defence if a contract to replace the LÉ Eithne will be put out to tender before the end of 2021. — Darren O'Rourke. [43882/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to a campaign which aims to highlight global instances of misogyny and abuse experienced by female members of national Defence Forces; if his attention has been further drawn to any such instances of abuse involving female members of the Irish Defence Forces; if so, if he will support the establishment of an independent commission to investigate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43983/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [43999/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*391. To ask the Minister for Education if an English higher level diploma level 8 will qualify a student to teach English at secondary school level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [44148/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider granting additional resources to a school (details supplied) to allow it to provide additional places in the school given the additional demand resulting in many locally-based children unable to obtain a place in the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [43206/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education if she has plans for renovating or converting unused school buildings for economic purposes or for remote working; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43215/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43235/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for a sports hall by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [43251/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a school (details supplied) will be reconsidered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [43255/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [43258/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 139 of 2 June 2021, the position regarding the acquisition of lands for the provision of additional school buildings dedicated to the needs and education of children with autism at a school in Celbridge, County Kildare; if her Department has provided funding and or assistance to the school in respect of this project; and if she has had contact from the school authority regarding the issue of title to the property. — Catherine Murphy. [43271/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education the reason her Department has not fast forwarded funding for energy retrofitting of schools already committed to under the EU Energy Performance in Buildings Directive given the urgent need for the ventilation-for-health component to keep schools safe and open in the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [43281/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education the latest guidance for schools and parents on when a student should or should not attend school based on their symptoms (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [43296/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of the tendering process and the appointment of a contractor for the construction of schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43303/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education the steps being taken for the care of children with allergies at primary and post-primary level; her Department's plans to introduce further measures in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43308/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education if antigen testing will be recognised in schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43314/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education if matter (details supplied) in relation to the wearing of masks for physical education will be given consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43316/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education if advice will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43318/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reduce class sizes in primary schools in line with the European average as part of Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [43324/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education if she will restore funding to primary schools to pre-recession levels as part of Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [43325/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a formal process by which parents of children in a school which is in receipt of public funds can request the school to introduce co-education; if not, her plans to develop such a process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [43334/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education if she will approve the retention of a primary school teacher at a school (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [43341/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education if the policy advice from the NCSE regarding educational outcomes for students with special educational needs has been finalised in relation to special classes and special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [43344/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education when the review of the policy on reading classes and schools will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [43345/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education her Department’s position with regard to the wearing of face coverings for second-level students in school settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43358/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education if the steering group reviewing the school transport scheme has examined the possibility of issuing school bus tickets earlier than present, in July for example, which would allow for concessionary tickets to be processed before the school term resumes in order that parents can make alternative travel arrangements if necessary. — Mattie McGrath. [43359/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that are available for children with severe dyslexia. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43378/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education the plans there are to increase schools specifically for those with dyslexia in Dublin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43379/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education the amount her Department spent on a school (details supplied) in each of the past four years and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43384/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new school building project at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43439/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education if legal obligations exist to ensure that there are reporting procedures to statutory authorities to ensure attendance at school in circumstances in which a child is of school-going age and does not attend school. — Sean Sherlock. [43471/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that there is immediate re-engagement around the issue of school secretaries and caretakers' terms and conditions with a view to paving the way for a dramatic improvement on the original offer made by her Department in order to bring this longstanding matter to a successful conclusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [43497/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to extend the cut-off point for applying for school transport and remote area grant to facilitate those forced to move house or change schools after the April closing date; if exceptions can be applied in these circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [43499/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education when persons (details supplied) will be facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [43508/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made with the application by a school (details supplied) for additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [43512/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of a child (details supplied) and the consequential effects for their family; and if a provision could be made to get the child transport for an initial period. — Thomas Gould. [43529/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties experienced by individuals such as a person (details supplied) who is having difficulties in re-registering with the Teaching Council; and if she will contact the Teaching Council to request if it can help resolve the issue for this and other similar applicants. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [43553/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made in recent months towards permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43564/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education if she liaised with her colleague the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to advise on adding extra capacity to high points courses, given the particular conditions of the 2021 leaving certificate with expected higher grades and increase in points with attendant squeeze on places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [43569/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider introducing a mechanism to enable the retention of the same special needs assistants for children as they transition from primary education to second level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43690/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Bills prepared by her Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43703/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education the number of educational welfare officer positions nationwide that need to be filled. — Darren O'Rourke. [43888/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications from primary and post primary schools in County Meath that her Department received for works to be carried out under the 2021 summer works scheme. — Darren O'Rourke. [43889/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education the status of negotiations in respect of the need to regularise the employment status of school secretaries in primary schools throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43915/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the catch-up fund for primary and post-primary schools; the funding amount that will be made available; the conditions under which the funding will be distributed and used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43916/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education if a new school building will be provided in respect of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [43918/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education the research and programmes in place or planned to update the teaching of mathematics in primary and second-level schools; the funding available to support any such modernisation of the teaching of mathematics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43919/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene, if necessary, using compulsory purchase powers in relation to the situation at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43929/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education when it is expected to finalise appropriate pay and conditions for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [43942/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education if administrative status will be provided to primary school teaching principals with special classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43949/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated costs of providing administrative status to primary school teaching principals with special classes; the number of schools involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43951/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education when a club (details supplied) will receive compensation agreed by her Department in April 2021. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43972/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list all new primary schools in County Louth and east County Meath with associated final costs of same for 2010 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43981/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list all new post-primary schools in County Louth and east County Meath with associated final costs of same for 2010 and to date

in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43987/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of additional accommodation works carried out on all primary and post-primary schools in County Louth and east County Meath with associated final costs of same for 2010 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43988/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of emergency accommodation works carried out on all primary and post primary schools in County Louth and east County Meath with associated final costs of same for 2010 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43989/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of all live applications for new schools, additional accommodation and emergency accommodation in County Louth and east County Meath with the projected costings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43990/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by her Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures she has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44000/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education the process to make submissions to the primary school curriculum and assessment board to support an innovate product that will enhance the primary school teaching methodology. — Alan Dillon. [44021/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education the measures and proposals her Department has taken or plans taking to regularise pay, conditions and pensions of secretaries and caretakers to ensure they are treated in the same way as other staff in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44027/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education when proposals will be developed to sanction public service status for secretaries and caretakers in schools who are seeking parity with clerical staff working in ETB schools. — Alan Dillon. [44028/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education when examiners will be paid for the written corrections of leaving certificate papers completed in summer 2021 considering that their work was completed some time ago; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44029/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education the plans in place for the leaving certificate 2022; if there will be accommodations to reflect the disruption experience by those in fifth year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44044/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to reduce class sizes, support school leaders and increase school funding in the future given that these issues are of concern to teachers and principals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [44057/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reply to correspondence (details supplied) regarding schools in the south County Dublin area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44071/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education if additional information is being considered for an SNA appeal for a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44075/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the teaching of a school subject; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44092/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education the average length of time that school principals are waiting for direct contact from the HSE following a confirmed case of Covid-19 in the school since schools reopened for the 2021-2022 school year. — Gary Gannon. [44192/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide further post-primary schools in addition to increased provision within existing schools for the Dublin 9 area given the acute increase in population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44195/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to reduce the costs of returning to school for parents; if she will consider issuing guidelines to schools in relation to school uniforms in order that parents are not obliged to purchase expensive branded uniforms and instead can purchase generic lower cost uniforms onto which a school crest can be ironed on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44196/21]

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

*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding efforts to resolve the issue of providing a pension scheme for community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [44164/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider allowing more flexibility for participants over 55 years of age that are currently engaged in a community employment scheme given that at present they are unable to have their contracts renewed. — Kathleen Funchion. [43207/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the eligibility criteria for jobseeker’s allowance in order that adult children living with their parents can be assessed as individuals regardless of household income in order for them be eligible for the workplace experience programme and similar schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [43216/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43246/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when payment will be reinstated in the case of a person (details supplied) who received no payment this week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43253/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on a carer's allowance review application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [43270/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position for mature students returning to full-time education who wish to also keep claiming for social welfare credits towards their pension as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [43278/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason State registry offices are only allowing ten guests at civil ceremonies in view of the current health guidelines allowing 100 guests at weddings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43285/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of meetings she has had with businesses, workers, and representatives of the events industry since July 2020; and the dates of each meeting. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43288/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a free travel companion pass by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43302/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a domiciliary care allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43320/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount allocated towards the work placement experience programme. — Louise O'Reilly. [43328/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a domiciliary care allowance backdating appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43343/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a matter in relation to the upcoming Budget 2022 and pensioners who have not received an increase in their payments in the past few budgets or during the pandemic for fuel (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43365/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the interdepartmental review of community employment schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [43412/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons still receiving the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43427/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Social Welfare Appeals Office will recommence in-person oral hearings with appropriate Covid-19 safety measures in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [43535/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for jobseeker's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); the reason a HRC1

form is again being requested when they have been issued this payment previously and has been continually living in Ireland for the past nine years; when payment is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43561/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a transfer from disability allowance to invalidity pension can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); if the recovery level on the overpayment can be reduced given that it is causing hardship and the applicant is in poor health and on regular dialysis; if the matter will be addressed as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43625/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which an overpayment assessment was reached in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Mayo; and the weekly breakdown of her Department's reviews and assessments and any other documents that may be relevant to an appeal of this decision by her Department. — Michael Ring. [43647/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to address the disparities (details supplied) inherent in payments between the blind pension and disability allowance, which may leave blind persons significantly worse off than those with other disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43685/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) will be examined. — Ivana Bacik. [43695/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of Bills prepared by her Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43714/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to establish a welfare payment for those who have been forced to work reduced hours due to medical reasons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43852/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated additional revenue that would be generated if the higher rate of the employer social insurance contributions rose by 2% from 11.05% to 13.05% on earnings in excess €140,000 per year. — Darren O'Rourke. [43880/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will respond to the appeals of staff in local employment services to immediately halt the tendering out process currently underway and to establish a stakeholder forum which allows for meaningful engagement with all stakeholders in the sector with Government to establish the best way forward for the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43925/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a public services card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43961/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the non-contributory pension application by a person (details supplied); and if a supplementary welfare allowance can be awarded in the interim. — Paul McAuliffe. [43971/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend existing community employment schemes that were previously extended to October 2021 in view of the effect Covid-19 has had on participants and the training provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [43977/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by her Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures she has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44011/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility for the back to education allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44026/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for an exceptional needs payment can be received in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44035/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a backdated allocation can be awarded to a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [44051/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of claims submitted and the number of persons that have received enhanced illness benefit for Covid-19; the number of claims that were in payment for 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 weeks, respectively; the number of claims that transferred over to illness benefit after the ten-week payment period had expired; the number of these claims that were in payment for more than two weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44081/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) was means tested twice within a year; if they are receiving the correct pension amount; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44084/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of one parent family payments that were referred to social welfare inspectors for further investigation or which required further information in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and the number of payments that were disallowed as a result in 2018, 2019 and 2020. — Gary Gannon. [44197/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of working family payments that were referred to social welfare inspectors for further investigation or which required further information in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and the number of payments that were disallowed as a result in 2018, 2019 and 2020. — Gary Gannon. [44198/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of social protection reviews and applications by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44199/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of the number of nationals (details supplied) that are recorded as departing Ireland between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2021, inclusive in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [44212/21]

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

*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43233/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered matters raised by an organisation (details supplied) in its report; the steps being taken to respond to the report in order to help ensure that Ireland honours its commitments under the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and given that Ireland has the lowest rate of employment and one of the highest poverty rates for persons with disabilities in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [43277/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his advice for parents who are required by their employer to return to office-based work in cases in which they have no childcare given that the after-school service is currently not resuming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43293/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that because there is only one intake per year for the ECCE scheme some children can only avail of one year due to their birth date; his plans to return to two intakes per year to ensure an equitable system; if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43297/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost of recruiting 12 additional full-time childminding development officers in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43403/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status of afterschool childcare and the way restrictions will apply to such childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43676/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the publication of the amended Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Ivana Bacik. [43688/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43701/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [43998/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of CHICKS cancelled in 2020 and to date for 2021.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [44019/21]

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

*507. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43240/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason the University of Limerick has received such a small proportion of the €38 million in capital investment announced on 6 September 2021 in comparison to other universities, technical universities and institutes of technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43276/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships taken up in each of the years 2016 to 2020 inclusive; the number of those who have left apprenticeship programmes in the same period in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43299/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional higher education places added over and above the total amount in 2021-2022 academic year; the additional higher education places in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43329/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [43340/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of funding the Higher Education Authority provided to Maynooth University in each of the years of 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43398/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which payments received under the pandemic unemployment payment are treated in the SUSI grant application in terms of means; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [43415/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the reopening of English language schools and international student recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43438/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown of spending under the heading employee development provision including WBEF of the National Training Fund expenditure, particularly the amount allocated for WBEF in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43441/21]

*516. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta an bhfuil i gceist aige aon rud a dhéanamh lena chinntiú go mbeidh comhionannas ann do mhic léinn atá ag dul ar an gColáiste i mbliana bunaithe ar thorthaí Ardteistiméireacht 2019 seachas 2021, ag cur san áireamh leibhéal i bhfad níos airde na marcanna a bronnadh ar an meán don Ardteistiméireacht i mbliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43464/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that certain purpose-built student accommodation has been given permission to function as short-term tourist accommodation despite the shortage of suitable student accommodation; his views on the decision to grant permission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43550/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if on an exceptional basis, more places can be added to dental science in Trinity College Dublin for this academic year, given the unfair lottery situation facing students with maximum points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [43566/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he already has or will enter into talks with Trinity College Dublin on the workability of laboratory and or other learning situations in order to facilitate entry for those students who are fully qualified points wise but denied a place due to lack of capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [43567/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of qualifying students seeking a place on the dental science degree course at Trinity College Dublin that were entered into the lottery for places; the number of places given; the number of students who were denied a place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [43568/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the analysis his Department carries out into drop-out rates among first year students in higher education; the details of drop-out rates among first year students in higher education in the academic years 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43614/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43708/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a HEAR application initially submitted with the incorrect year of income can be further reviewed following an unsuccessful application and appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43851/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration will be given to funding for third-level education providers for the provision of courses aimed at students with intellectual disabilities, for example, the contemporary living course

in UCC is no longer on the 2021-2022 prospectus due to lack of available funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [43950/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will respond to queries raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of their upcoming graduation ceremony; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [43954/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the decision by a university (details supplied) to hold a graduation ceremony online despite the return of face-to-face lecturing and the planned easing of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [43959/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44005/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will work with Technological University Dublin and those due to graduate to help them provide, if possible, an in-person graduation ceremony within public health guidelines considering the graduation is due to be held in the week between 26 and 29 October 2021 after the date for lifting the final Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44053/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number and value of overpayments made and recouped by SUSI in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [44190/21]

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

*530. To ask the Minister for Justice if short stay family visit visas are currently being issued to non-EU citizens; if not, when the service will resume; and if consideration will be given to granting short stay family visit visas to non-EU citizens who are fully vaccinated. — Eoin Ó Broin. [43199/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service will resume processing short stay exam visas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [43201/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Justice if all aspects of the Parole Act 2019 have been enacted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [43204/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43243/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects to publish a scheme for the regularisation of undocumented migrants; when she expects such a scheme to commence accepting applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [43252/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a brief outline of the changes consequent to the Parole Act 2019 and the particular way that this legislation impacts on eligibility for parole; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [43260/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of the Garda Reserve by rank; the establishment of the Garda Reserve by rank; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43306/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to request an inquiry into the treatment of persons (details supplied) in police custody; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [43321/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason a person (details supplied) has experienced a delay in receiving a renewed GNIB card; the course of action the person can take to ensure they have no issues re-entering the State if they leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [43337/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the delay a person (details supplied) has experienced in renewing a GNIB card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [43338/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Justice if all documentation for an application for citizenship has been received in the case of a person (details supplied); if any documentation remains outstanding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43350/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and motorcycles attached to Garda north Dublin roads policing unit as of 7 September 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43404/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Justice if a competition to fill the vacancies in a unit (details supplied) will be held before the end of 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [43405/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Justice the budget allocation to the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau, Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau and Criminal Assets Bureau in 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43406/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to the street crime unit in the Dublin metropolitan region as of 6 September 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [43407/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new marked Garda vans that came into the fleet in 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of vans withdrawn from the fleet during same period. — Catherine Murphy. [43408/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Justice the names of the companies that supplied an Garda Síochána with batons in each of the past four years in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43409/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons sentenced between 8 and ten years for offences under section 4 of the Criminal Justice (Theft and Fraud Offences) Act 2001 in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43410/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address a series of matters in relation to fees provided to criminal barristers (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [43414/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated final cost for the Limerick Prison redevelopment project currently under construction; the date when the contract was placed with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [43588/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Justice if the final tender award evaluation report in respect of the contract for the Limerick Prison redevelopment project as prepared by a company (details supplied) is available to interested parties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [43595/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 234 of 26 February 2021, when a necessary approval will be offered in respect of a visa (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43624/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the withdrawal of the deportation order in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43626/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide figures relating to domestic abuse incidents across all divisions of An Garda Síochána in the year to date, including the number of calls received by An Garda Síochána to respond to domestic abuse incidents, the number of criminal charges referred for breaches of domestic abuse court orders and the number of criminal charges reported for crimes involving an element of domestic abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [43667/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum applications from Afghanistan between 1997 and to date in 2021; the number given some form of international protection in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43669/21]

*555. 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. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43675/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Justice when it is proposed to commence section 30 of the Data Protection Act 2018. — Ivana Bacik. [43689/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been brought to recent incidences of violent antisocial behaviour in the south inner city of Dublin; the steps her Department is taking to address escalating crime in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43691/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Justice if matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) relating to naturalisation requirements with regard to sexuality will be examined. — Ivana Bacik. [43696/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Bills prepared by her Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43711/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated full year cost of recruiting three additional full-time occupational psychologists and six additional psychologists for the Irish Prison Service in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [43890/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of successful prosecutions obtained under section 8 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 1993 for the years of 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [43891/21]

*562. To ask the Minister for Justice if a recent contract for the provision of new Garda roads policing unit vans was put out to tender and if so, when the new vans will come into the fleet. — Darren O'Rourke. [43892/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans in 2022 to replace any of the helicopters or aircraft in the Garda air support unit. — Darren O'Rourke. [43893/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has spoken to the United States Secretary of Homeland Security to date in 2021. — Darren O'Rourke. [43894/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fixed penalty notices that gardaí issued for parking on double yellow lines in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [43896/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of any communication with telecommunications companies and network providers to address the increase in scam and fraudulent calls and messages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [43914/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider a visa extension beyond 20 September 2021 for stamp two visas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43934/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will extend the date for the registration of the right of way past 30 November 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [43958/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to waive charges for special exemption orders for late bars and nightclubs for a period of time in order to aid their revival following Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [43968/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Justice if action will be taken to address the long delays in completing inquests at the Coroner's Office in Cork city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [43982/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps being taken to progress the application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when it is expected that the application will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43986/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by her Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures she has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44008/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44047/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps being taken to address pet thefts. — Holly Cairns. [44202/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will review the criteria for the issue of firearms licensing. — Holly Cairns. [44208/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of the current number of valid firearms licences including details on the types of firearms. — Holly Cairns. [44209/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of the number of firearms licences issued and renewed in each of the years 2014 to 2020. — Holly Cairns. [44210/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of the number of nationals (details supplied) that are recorded as departing Ireland between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2021, inclusive in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [44211/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allow for a six-month extension for applicants to run the general practitioner practice in Templemore, County Tipperary which performs a vital service for the town and its hinterlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [43198/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an increase in persons waiting for an appointment with the National Gender Service; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that wait times have lengthened; and the steps he is taking to ensure increased resources and timely access to transgender healthcare for those who require it. — Eoin Ó Broin. [43200/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health if he is contemplating legislation to amend the Misuse of Drugs Act 1977 which would allow the industrial cultivation of hemp by legislating for the THC level in line with European Parliament recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [43202/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding awareness of spinal muscular atrophy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [43208/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if steps will be taken to address the unacceptably long waiting list for the National Gender Service; his plans to revise the role of the National Gender Service in gatekeeping transgender healthcare to allow transgender persons access care in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [43210/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that medical card holders are routinely being charged for blood tests in many general practitioner practices; if medical card holders should be charged for blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [43212/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that orthodontic treatment for children in County Carlow in the public system is only being carried out on an emergency basis in view of the fact private patients are able to access orthodontic treatment easily; the reason a child (details supplied) in County Carlow was referred five years ago for orthodontic treatment via the HSE school dentist and is still awaiting an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43223/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health when the results of a scan will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [43230/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health when certificates and passports for vaccinations administered will issue to persons who recently have moved here from outside the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [43231/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43241/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for establishing a commission on care as per the commitment in the Programme for Government; the process and timeline involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [43265/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the implementation plan for funding the carer's guarantee funding before the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [43266/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to challenges in recruiting persons to fill home help hours as in persons to work these hours for persons allocated hours; and if he will engage with colleagues across Government in order to address this challenge. — Dara Calleary. [43267/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will provide support for braces for patients with pectus carinatum such as a person (details supplied) in particular in circumstances in which there is evidence of associated conditions. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [43269/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health when a birth certificate will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43272/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health if schoolchildren tested in walk-in centres as opposed to school contact tracing in which some parents are reporting in excess of 72 hour wait times and wish

to proceed with testing on their own, will if they are positive be deemed community transmission or school transmission; and if they are deemed positive due to community transmission, if he will amend the classification in the interest of clarity regarding school transmission and virus presence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [43280/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health the current timeframe for the passage of the Human Tissue (Transplantation, Post-Mortem, Anatomical Examination, and Public Display) Bill through the Houses of Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [43282/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant consultant posts including posts filled on a temporary basis or by locum staff by hospital and by hospital group in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [43289/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to fully remove private healthcare from public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [43290/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of delivering free general practitioner care to all children up to the age of 18 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [43291/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health when pre-registration examination system level 3 medical exams will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [43292/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is no dietician provided for rheumatology patients in Ireland; his plans to address this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [43298/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the reason level 2 contact tracers are not paid the same as level 1 staff; if the quota will be removed for phone calls per day with the understanding that some calls are difficult and take longer than others in order to remove the pressure that staff face doing this important job; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43301/21]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the provision there is in legislation for persons who cannot get vaccinated for medical reasons in relation to the vaccine passport system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43305/21]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to expand the long-term illness scheme or to broaden the eligibility criteria for the long-term illness card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [43312/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health if the public orthodontist in the orthodontic unit of St. Columcille’s Hospital Loughlinstown, County Dublin is currently on sick leave; if so, the length of time they will be on leave; the provisions that have been made to replace and cover the position; if the orthodontist is still practising in their private clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43313/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide comprehensive details from each national director and assistant national director in the HSE in relation to matters (details supplied) for the

area of responsibility of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43315/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health when phase 2 of the digital vaccine certificate programme will begin which will allow citizens vaccinated outside the EU to obtain a digital certificate. — Patrick Costello. [43323/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for assessment by the HSE National Gender Service; and the action that is being taken to reduce waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [43326/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43330/21]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider facilitating a vaccine roll-out in special schools in an effort to cater for some students who would otherwise find it stressful to attend large vaccine clinics that may be intimidating for some; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [43331/21]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged with the Medical Council to ensure that PRES 3 candidates will be given an opportunity to sit their exams as soon as possible; his plans to allow PRES 3 candidates to obtain temporary registration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [43332/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43333/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health when as part of the Housing for All plans he expects any reform of the fair deal scheme to take place; the process by which this will take place; if he will provide an expected timeline on the commitment and the number of units he would expect may be brought back into use by any such changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43336/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health when primary care services and a new primary care facility will be established in Tullow, County Carlow; the location of same; the timescale for this service to be established; the planned location of the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43346/21]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists based in the Coolock area of Dublin and who are available to provide services for children with dyspraxia; the catchment area that is served by Coolock; if all physiotherapy posts for this area are currently filled; the current waiting times for children to receive physiotherapy services for dyspraxia in this catchment area; the way it compares with services in other parts of the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [43349/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding turnaround times for ambulances in University Hospital Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43360/21]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health if pre-employment checks have been completed and if a start date has been agreed for a vacant dentist position for the school dentistry service based in Tuam, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [43362/21]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients hospitalised following Covid-19 vaccination or hospitalised with suspected adverse reactions to a Covid-19 vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [43366/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health if full body scans are available to all patients at Tipperary University Hospital; if MRI and CT scanners are available and in use 24/7 in the hospital; the number of MRI and CT scans provided to public patients at the hospital in each of the past three years; the number of scans provided to private patients for the same period at the hospital; if all scanning equipment based at the hospital is available to public patients; the arrangements including financial between a company (details supplied) and Tipperary University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [43369/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for a device by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [43373/21]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for a resilience roster within hospital systems to ensure adequate staffing levels are maintained to cover close contact exclusion and sick absent healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [43374/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure healthcare professionals are subject to clear policies and procedures in relation to encouraging breaks and providing spaces to rest in order to help avoid burnout in the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [43375/21]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure healthcare workers themselves have access to appropriately resourced occupational health services including mental health supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [43376/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in relation to the roll-out of eHealth initiatives as per the 2019 general practitioner agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [43377/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff by job title working in the accident and emergency departments of the Mater Hospital, St. James's Hospital and Beaumont Hospital, respectively. — Catherine Murphy. [43392/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant psychiatrists with a special interest in gender identity employed by the HSE; if this number will be further increased; and the locations in which these consultants are based. — Catherine Murphy. [43393/21]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant consultant posts by speciality that are currently in Naas General Hospital; and when each vacant consultant post will be filled in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [43394/21]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric bone densitometry scanners in each of the paediatric hospitals in tabular form; and if all scanners are sufficiently staffed. — Catherine Murphy. [43395/21]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the number of minors on dialysis to date in 2021 as compared to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43428/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health the number of minors awaiting a kidney transplant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43429/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the number of minors who received a kidney transplant in 2020 and to date in 2021, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43430/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take steps to ensure that all surplus Covid-19 vaccines, many of which are approaching their expiration date are immediately collected and dispatched to countries that need them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43466/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for a knee operation in Galway University Hospital taking into account the exceptional circumstances in this case; if the person will be considered for the surgery under the National Treatment Purchase Fund given the severity of their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43469/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate ophthalmic services at Letterkenny University Hospital to complement the community ophthalmic services in County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [43480/21]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors on duty at Letterkenny University Hospital from 10pm to 7am, seven days a week in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [43481/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women currently awaiting a cervical screening test or smear test in County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [43482/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a recommendation by a person (details supplied); if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that in the Critical Care Strategic Plan 2020 and HSE National Service Plan 2021 there was no mention of development in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will ask for a review of these plans given the plan increases critical care beds from 255 to 446 an increase of 191 beds in Dublin, Limerick and Cork and not one for the northwest. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [43483/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the budget for aids and appliances for persons with disabilities for each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [43485/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health if the cost of PPE has been included in the budget for appliances for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [43484/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the average cost of the various personal emergency response systems, surgical footwear, hearing aids and prosthetic limbs provided by the HSE in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [43487/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the costs incurred with the provision and care of persons with hearing aids, surgical footwear prosthetic limbs in 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [43488/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if the inclusion of PPE in the budget for appliances for persons with disabilities will result in patients receiving inferior care or quality of prosthetic limbs, surgical footwear, hearing aid and personal emergency response systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [43489/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered having the budget for the provision of prosthetic limbs separate to the overall budget for appliances for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [43486/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health if ICU beds were closed or taken out of use at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in the past six months; if so, when these ICU beds were closed or taken out of use; the reason for same; and the number of fatalities that occurred in the emergency department at the hospital in each month over the past year. — Peadar Tóibín. [43490/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made by his Department and by the board of the HSE to close the emergency department at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan for any hours overnight; the opening times the emergency department would have if the decision was implemented; when the Ireland East Group plan to implement this decision given that Drogheda Hospital and Connolly Hospital are under enormous pressure, that Covid-19 is still circulating in the community and that nearly one million persons are on hospital waiting lists; and his views on whether the decision to seek the overnight closure of the emergency department in Navan is a reckless and dangerous one. — Peadar Tóibín. [43491/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the director of decision support services to submit the code of practice in respect of Part 8 of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 to him for approval and publication in view of the inordinate delay since December 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [43495/21]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment with the orthopaedic clinic, Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Barry Cowen. [43496/21]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health when the required managed access programme being developed by the HSE Medicines Management Programme will be completed; if a drug will be included (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [43498/21]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an orthodontic appointment for a child (details supplied); when they will be seen by an orthodontist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43516/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health if the waiting time of 18 months designated by CEIS for an assessment of need for a child (details supplied) will be reviewed; if there is a way this process can be expedited in view of the fact that the child's mother has obtained a diagnosis privately but accessing supports and services is delayed until the CEIS assessment of need has taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [43534/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health when County Carlow will have an ambulance base which is fit for purpose; his views on whether it is acceptable for a town the size of Carlow to not have its own ambulance base and no communication from the HSE in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43536/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to increase resources at the air ambulance service based at Custume Barracks, Athlone, County Westmeath; the number of missions tasked in each month to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43537/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance personnel who were tasked with Covid-19 testing in the past 12 months; the current number of ambulance personnel who are working as Covid-19 testers; the number of personnel out of the total that are currently working on purely ambulance duties; the average length of time it is taking for ambulances to reach persons who have called them out in each county in tabular form; the longest length and shortest length of time it is taking for ambulances to reach persons who have called them out in each county in tabular form; if he will detail these figures for each level of injury, ill-health and severity; if he will provide the details for the past five years up to 30 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43538/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the electric ambulance bought by the National Ambulance Centre; the amount the electric ambulance cost; when it was bought; the length of time it was in operation; the number of miles it was driven; if the ambulance is currently in operation; if not, the location in which the ambulance can be found; if the National Ambulance Service was refunded for same; if there are more plans for roll-out of such vehicles nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43539/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times in 2020 and to date in 2021 an emergency ambulance has been used for hospital discharges in which the intermediate care ambulance is not rostered on in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43540/21]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the current average ambulance response time in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43541/21]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes for an ambulance to arrive at a scene after a call was received by county in tabular form; the number on a response area basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43542/21]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the current availability on any day of an ambulance in County Carlow; the procedure when that ambulance has left the base; the availability of relief ambulance resources on any given day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43543/21]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times in 2020 and to date in 2021 an emergency ambulance from Carlow was called to a premises in another county by county in tabular form; the highest calls to lowest calls; the length of time it took each call to return to base in Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43544/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health if delays to developmental checks for young children in counties Carlow and Kilkenny will be addressed; when these developmental checks by public health nurses will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43545/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has examined studies which identify significant advantages for babies if they are breastfed; his plans to initiate a campaign which would promote same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43546/21]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of taxpayer funding which has been paid to support research or research positions which would benefit the infant formula industry in Ireland; the amount of funding paid to support breastfeeding research or research positions in Ireland independent of the formula industry, excluding industrial involvement; if research funding devoted to analysis of breastmilk by formula companies is classified as formula company research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43547/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Owenacurra mental health facility, Midleton, County Cork is to close by October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [43556/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the location in which the 19 residents and patients will be redeployed to in east County Cork after the closure of the Owenacurra mental health centre, Midleton, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [43557/21]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the location to which the staff will be redeployed in east County Cork after the closure of the Owenacurra mental health centre, Midleton, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [43558/21]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the purpose for which the Owenacurra mental health centre, Midleton County Cork will be used once it closes later in 2021; if the building is deemed not fit for purpose if it be will used for an alternative purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [43559/21]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place for the site of the Owenacurra mental health centre, Midleton, County Cork in order to reinstate the services that were there previously; if the existing building will be demolished and a new centre built in its place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [43560/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the level of funding assigned to residential care provision for children with complex needs in each of the past five years to date; the extent to which each allocation has been fully utilised; the area in which expenditure was the most prevalent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43563/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be considered for a physiotherapy appointment at the physiotherapy department, St. Columbanus Hospital, St. Margaret's Road, Killarney, County Kerry if a cancellation should occur. — Brendan Griffin. [43565/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer deaths in each month for the past five years; and the cancer services that are fully operational or in which scanning, diagnostic and treatment services remain closed or partially closed, respectively. — Peadar Tóibín. [43618/21]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health if a health centre (details supplied) in Midleton, County Cork is in the ownership of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [43619/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2694 of 27 July 2021, the status of the business case for the establishment of six regional health areas; when the business case will be completed and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43627/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3321 of 27 July 2021, his plans to introduce a national registry of heart valve disease to include data from public and private hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43628/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3322 of 27 July 2021, the number of cardiac physiologists currently employed in Galway city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43629/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3324 of 27 July 2021, the number of echocardiogram machines in Galway city and county including in acute hospitals and primary care; the location of these machines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43630/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 3323 of 27 July 2021, the number of patients on waiting lists for echocardiography services across primary care in Galway city and county in tabular form; the number of these patients waiting 3, 6, 9, 12 and 18 months, and 2, 3 and 4 plus years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43631/21]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1923 of 27 July 2021, the status of the development of a registry of women who have been prescribed sodium valproate during pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43632/21]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1924 of 27 July 2021, the number of epilepsy specialist nurse posts in the State; the number of these which are unfilled; the location of each epilepsy specialist nurse post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43633/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the inquiry into the historical licensing and use of sodium valproate in Ireland; when the terms of reference will be published; the status of the establishment of a stakeholder group to address ongoing concerns relating to the use of sodium valproate; the membership of the stakeholder group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43634/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently on the waiting list for respite in Galway city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43635/21]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1423 of 27 July 2021, the status of the development of the primary care centre on Inisbofin; when the promised centre will be operational; the engagement his Department has had with the HSE on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43636/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2575 of 27 July 2021, the status of the audit of cervical smear test results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43637/21]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent specialists in public health medicine currently employed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43638/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants in public health medicine employed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43639/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional public health roles of the 255 announced in September 2020 which have been filled to date; the breakdown of the specific positions filled; when all 255 roles will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43640/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent vacancies in the role of specialist in public health medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43641/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent vacancies across public health in Ireland; the breakdown of the job titles of these vacant roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43642/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health if the Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork is in the ownership of the HSE; if not, the body or organisation which owns the centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [43645/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding received to date from the European Commission to provide free Covid-19 testing as part of the roll-out of the EU Digital COVID Certificate; the number of these free tests which have been made available to date and the locations of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43646/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of lactation consultants that are currently available in the public health service to support new mothers; if he will provide a breakdown by maternity unit; the number of publicly employed lactation consultants that are currently working on Covid-19 related duties such as swabbing; if there are personnel assigned to do so, when they started and when they will return to maternity services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43684/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the Government's policy regarding the use of congregated residential settings for care of older persons in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43686/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the resumption of indoor choir rehearsals. — Ivana Bacik. [43693/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department plans to enable persons who received a vaccine dose (details supplied) to select a different manufacturer for their second dose. — Ivana Bacik. [43697/21]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address staffing shortages in the homecare sector arising from the exclusion of home carers from the critical skills exemption to the non-EEA employment permit system. — Ivana Bacik. [43699/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43709/21]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is in a position to avail of the National Treatment Purchase Fund for a knee replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43853/21]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days the medical assessment unit in Nenagh Hospital has been closed in 2021 as a result of staff shortages; if he will provide dates of closures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43854/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days the medical assessment unit in Nenagh Hospital did not take patients when it was scheduled to do so to date in 2021 but did not officially announce it was closed; if he will provide details of these dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43856/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days the medical assessment unit in Nenagh Hospital rescheduled or cancelled an entire day's appointments due to an inability to see patients as a result of staff shortages; if he will provide details of these dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43857/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health if there was a day in 2021 when the medical assessment unit in Nenagh Hospital did not see patients or take referrals due to staff shortages, resulting in an effective closure of the unit and no official announcement was made that the unit would be closed that day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43859/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health if there is funding available to cover the cost of a person with special needs travelling by taxi to attend the Cashel day centre, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43860/21]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has attempted to fill the vacant addiction counsellor position in Drummin House, Nenagh, County Tipperary; when this position will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43861/21]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health when the consultant psychiatrist position in Drummin House, Nenagh, County Tipperary will be filled on a full-time basis given that it is constantly being filled by a locum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43862/21]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health when respite services will return for service users of adult day care services in Thurles, County Tipperary who attended a facility (details supplied) prior to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43863/21]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria that must be met for a medical card to cover the cost of dentures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43864/21]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health if additional supports will be provided for early intervention services for children with a disability in north County Tipperary in the HSE mid-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43865/21]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide a temporary replacement for a speech and language therapist who is currently on maternity leave and who works in early intervention services for children with a disability in Nenagh, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43866/21]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is acceptable that parents of children born with disabilities are being advised to remain in the care of hospital services often in Dublin for as long as possible rather than changing to local early intervention services in Nenagh, County Tipperary due to short staffing in early intervention services in Nenagh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43867/21]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there are adequate staffing levels in early intervention services in Nenagh, County Tipperary for children with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43868/21]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health if he will appoint a person to oversee all early intervention services that are supposed to be made available to children with disabilities in the north County Tipperary area of the mid-west region in order that services are co-ordinated appropriately and parents receive proper communications; if so, if a person will be appointed to the role who has an understanding of the needs of such children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43869/21]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health if there is adequate funding of early intervention services for children with disabilities in north County Tipperary considering some physiotherapists are operating clients lists of up to 500 children locally and many children cannot access the services they desperately need at an early age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43870/21]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of a full-time consultant to the medical assessment unit of Nenagh Hospital as a matter of priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [43871/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has not been added to the waiting list for occupational therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [43874/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the need for additional specialist rehabilitation units and psychiatric intensive care units. — Darren O'Rourke. [43898/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be approved for the recruitment of an additional full-time consultant paediatric endocrinologist for CHI Temple Street. — Darren O'Rourke. [43899/21]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting 20 additional full-time Parkinson's disease nurse specialist posts in 2022. — Darren O'Rourke. [43900/21]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time transplant and pulmonary hypertension pharmacists at the Mater Hospital in each of the years of 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [43901/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional full-time speech and language therapists, psychiatrists and psychologists recruited from early intervention and school age assessments teams in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [43902/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the recruitment process used to advertise nurses and other medical staff in community hospitals. — Darren O'Rourke. [43903/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied with the number of cranial facial specialists for paediatrics here; and his plans to recruit additional specialists. — Darren O'Rourke. [43904/21]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to grant an extension to a general practitioner (details supplied) in view of the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43920/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners across the country that have been granted an extension by the HSE to allow them to continue to see GMS patients beyond the age of 72 years and continue to see those patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43921/21]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the current permanent ICU bed capacity; the further plans there are to increase capacity given that the HSE recommended in 2009 an ICU capacity of 579 beds; if he aims to reach the number of beds recommended in 2009; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43922/21]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the projected cost of achieving the ICU bed capacity fully staffed of 579 recommended by the HSE in 2009. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43923/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff in public health across the country at each of the grades broken down by public health area; the plans to increase these number; the timescale for these increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [43924/21]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the new Sláintecare public-only consultant contract to be fully operationalised as the standard contract for new consultant appointments; the date from which this will occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [43946/21]

*726. 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. [43963/21]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which efforts continue to eliminate hepatitis C here given previous aspirations in this regard; if a particular strategy is being pursued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43965/21]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will provide a medical card and prescription card to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [43969/21]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the action he and his Department are taking in view of a recent judicial review which overturned permission for medically supervised injection centres in Dublin city to ensure that these important services are offered without delay. — Patrick Costello. [43979/21]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter in relation to visiting in nursing homes and hospital facilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43980/21]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [43985/21]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44006/21]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be given permission by the HSE to sell a part of their lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44031/21]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of post Covid-19 clinics nationally; if any of these clinics are accepting children under 16 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44032/21]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the supports available for children and young adults currently experiencing long-term effects and impacts following a Covid-19 infection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44033/21]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any long or post Covid clinics for children in Ireland; if so, the locations of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44034/21]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health when the renewal of a medical card will be issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44036/21]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding disability services in County Offaly; the way this compares to services in the rest of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [44039/21]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding disability services in County Laois; the way this compares to services in the rest of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [44040/21]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health when occupational therapy and speech and language therapy will be provided to address the complex needs of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [44045/21]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health the costs incurred in the distribution of the Covid-19 vaccines to vaccination sites around the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [44046/21]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been awaiting correspondence from Croom Orthopaedic Hospital. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44049/21]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health if the diabetes care instrument FreeStyle Libre system will be considered for supply through the GMS medical card to patients who need it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44055/21]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the rolling out of the Covid-19 vaccine to children under 12 years of age given that it is a concern to both parents and teachers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [44056/21]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health if discussions are expected on the way waiting times in hospitals for outpatient appointments can be reduced; if other options will be examined to ease the crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [44058/21]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health if supports will be put in place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [44069/21]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that the current wait time for orthodontic treatment when assessed is 72 months; his views on the impact this delay would have on the formation of young person's oral cavity; the reasons for the delay; the efforts that are being made to address the delay; the average wait time in each of the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [44076/21]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44090/21]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive support hours and services. — Sean Sherlock. [44142/21]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44150/21]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the immediate and urgent measures being taken to address the now critical deficit in the delivery of homecare hours to persons approved for care packages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [44151/21]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health the number of approved HSE homecare hours in County Wexford; the number of HSE homecare hours presently being delivered in County Wexford; the number of approved hours presently waiting allocation of delivery to approved clients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [44152/21]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the vacancies within the CAMHS Wexford south services that are presently with the national recruitment service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [44153/21]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the hours for the HSE helpline for principals; and if he will extend the hours following issues arising from principals not being able to access timely communication. — Gary Gannon. [44193/21]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of staff working on the dedicated helpline for school principals. — Gary Gannon. [44194/21]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health if safe transport will be provided for a person (details supplied) that needs to travel from west Cork to CUH for a weekly appointment. — Holly Cairns. [44204/21]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that residents of shelter housing provided by section 39 of the Health Act 2004 organisations (details supplied) are enabled to return to residences which were suspended for Covid-19 reasons. — Holly Cairns. [44205/21]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make the HPV vaccine available free of cost to all persons that would medically benefit from same including those that missed receiving it in school. — Holly Cairns. [44206/21]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the provision of abortion services by telemedicine, in particular the initial appointment with the general practitioner, as allowed during Covid-19 restrictions, will stay in place permanently. — Holly Cairns. [44207/21]

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

*760. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which he remains confident that ways and means can be found to ensure that the negative impact of Brexit on Irish food exporters can be alleviated to the greatest extent possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44173/21]

*761. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43232/21]

*762. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposals he is seeking to advance in the context of CAP reform to deal with a category of farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [43259/21]

*763. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the extremely serious shortage of staff in the pigmeat slaughter and butchering sector; if immediate steps will be taken to address this issue by whatever means which seriously affects the industry on the island of Ireland; if he will expedite the necessary procedures in order to bring about immediate beneficial effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43356/21]

*764. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [43357/21]

*765. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the necessary funding to resurface and remark at a location (details supplied); and if so, when these works will commence. — Catherine Murphy. [43389/21]

*766. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated full-year cost of increasing the hours his officials are present at the border control post at Dublin Airport from the current hours of 9am to 5.45pm Monday to Friday to 7.30am to 10pm seven days a week. — Catherine Murphy. [43390/21]

*767. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of veterinary officers his Department has available to support the implementation of the proposed changes further to his statement on 6 July 2021 in relation to further post-Brexit changes for food exports from Ireland to the UK; the number of additional veterinary officers his Department will have in place by 1 October 2021 and 1 January 2022, respectively to support the implementation of new rules covering products of animal origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [43417/21]

*768. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Irish food export companies that will be impacted by changes proposed as part of the post-Brexit process which could have a very significant disruption for food exports from Ireland specifically in relation to products of animal origin which are due to be introduced on 1 October 2021; the details of his engagement with Bord Bia and with Enterprise Ireland on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [43418/21]

*769. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications to the reconstitution and underplanting scheme; the number of those applications which were successful by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43444/21]

*770. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis on which land will be determined to have higher environmental priorities with regard to the Agri-Environment Climate Measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43445/21]

*771. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria which will determine if an area is deemed to be in deficit resulting in targeted incentives with regard to the organic farming scheme during the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43446/21]

*772. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of lambs imported to Ireland during the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43447/21]

*773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tonnage of sheep meat imported to Ireland during the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43448/21]

*774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of successful animal welfare prosecutions his Department has appealed from 2016 to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43449/21]

*775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of unsuccessful animal welfare prosecutions his Department has appealed from 2016 to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43450/21]

*776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the drug research unit of the Irish Horseracing Regulatory Board was closed; the way in which any associated animals were disposed of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43451/21]

*777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, with regard to Article 41 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 809/2014, a beneficiary's eligibility for a payment can be amended using evidence gathered during an on-the-spot or physical inspection in which no control report was completed under; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43452/21]

*778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to an issue with his Department's connection to a mart (details supplied) which has resulted in a degraded export service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43453/21]

*779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of suckler farmers in the State; the number of Bord Bia approved suckler farmers by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43454/21]

*780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of refused applications to the BEAM scheme on the grounds of the applicant not being a member of the Bord Bia quality scheme by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43455/21]

*781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of refused applications to the beef finisher payment on the grounds of the applicant not being a member of the Bord Bia quality scheme by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43456/21]

*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered allowing mart operators apply for Covid IT grant supports on a retrospective basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43457/21]

*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the TB incidence rate in cattle for the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by month in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43458/21]

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the TB incidence rate for each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by county and quarter in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43459/21]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the alternative products that are available in response to the banning of plastic used to cover maize; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43460/21]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his position on new EPA regulations that will prevent the establishment of new and or expansion of existing poultry facilities in County Monaghan; if he has engaged with the EPA and local authorities to resolve this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43463/21]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has any discretion with regard to the payment of farmers under the basic payment scheme in County Kerry in which penalties have been imposed as a result of fires which those farmers have not been deemed responsible for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43467/21]

*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to include to continue the traditional farmhouse grant as part of a scheme in the new CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43504/21]

*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made towards facilitating the resumption of Irish beef exports to China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43505/21]

*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered extending the GLAS scheme for all participants for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43506/21]

*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers by county who have received a penalty on their BSP as a result of burning or flooding they were not themselves responsible for; if the penalty related to burning or flooding; the average and total amount per county and year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43507/21]

*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to allow all veterinary medicines to be dispensed by farm supply companies; if he will elaborate on his approach to ensuring that this happens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [43509/21]

*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered the impact of new EPA guidelines which prevent the licensing or expansion of any poultry facilities within parts of counties Cavan and Monaghan; if per EPA statements his Department will be providing supports to the sector to abate emissions and facilitate further production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43514/21]

*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of applications received from a local authority (details supplied) for piers and harbour funding in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [43517/21]

*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the detail of all FLAG funding awarded to organisations in Achill in the past five years in tabular form; the name of the organisations and project details; the amount of funding awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [43548/21]

*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis and purpose of including a requirement that a farmer be part of a Bord Bia quality assurance scheme to secure entry to a Departmental scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43585/21]

*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the €100,000 report on the development of a woollen industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43586/21]

*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average size of farms of applicants that secured a place in the REAP scheme; the average size of farms of applicants whose applications to the scheme were unsuccessful in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43589/21]

*799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the applicants for the REAP scheme were prioritised in any manner based on size of farm holding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43590/21]

*800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered allowing retesting with regard to BVD in order to reduce the need for compensatory payments and reduce interruptions of farm business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43591/21]

*801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken to support the development of domestically certified organic seed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43592/21]

*802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he has taken in response to challenges organic farmers will face in securing seeds as a result of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43593/21]

*803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with the European Commission regarding the BEAM scheme to seek flexibility with regard to farmers that did not avail of a reference year deferral and did not meet the scheme required nitrates reductions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43596/21]

*804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a participant in a Departmental scheme appeals the recoupment of payments made, if interest penalties apply from one month after the notice or one month after the appeals process has been exhausted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43597/21]

*805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid through the BEAM scheme to date by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43598/21]

*806. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in the BEAM scheme; the average payment by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43599/21]

*807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in the BEAM scheme for whom recoupment is being sought by county; the average and total amount by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43600/21]

*808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the delays in processing of data required for Horse Sport Ireland by a company (details supplied); the subsequent delays in the issuing of horse passports by Horse Sport Ireland and the detrimental

effect this is having on the breeders that rely on the sales of young horses at the six-month-old stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [43601/21]

*809. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Bills prepared by his Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43700/21]

*810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has spoken formally with the United States Secretary of Agriculture to date in 2021. — Darren O'Rourke. [43884/21]

*811. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review the conditions in relation to improving fishing effort for boats under 10 metres under the tie up scheme being administered by BIM as there is no obligation on these boats to keep logbooks of fishing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43911/21]

*812. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the funding allocated for piers and harbours under the EU Brexit fund will be allocated to local authorities; the criteria being used to assess these allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43917/21]

*813. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the impact of proposed changes in the UK in dealing with Irish food imports with particular reference to a company (details supplied) in County Kildare with facilities in Longford and Naas; if there has been any success achieved in dealing with the UK authorities in order to streamline access to an already well established market for the products of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [43964/21]

*814. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by his Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures he has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [43997/21]

*815. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 made by Greyhound Racing Ireland in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures that the body has put in place or are implementing to reduce late payment interest and or penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44018/21]

*816. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to continue the supports for students of agricultural colleges arising as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic for the 2021-2022 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44077/21]

*817. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or body responsible for ensuring that invasive diseases affecting forestry were not imported to Ireland at the time and prior to the first occurrence of ash dieback in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44078/21]

*818. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action he has taken to address the lack of capacity in Ireland to slaughter pigs resulting loss of income for pig farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44079/21]

*819. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way the total catch limit in 2021 of 1,000 tonnes for inshore sprat for vessels over 18 metres in length is monitored; the person or body that monitors same; the amount of sprat caught by these vessels to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44141/21]

*820. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the planned support for beef farmers in the new Common Agricultural Policy. — Holly Cairns. [44200/21]

*821. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to address the illegal sale or transportation of abducted animals. — Holly Cairns. [44201/21]

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

*822. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of the grants and supports available to bridge clubs seeking to return to in-person play in line with the roadmap for the easing of Covid-19 restrictions in order to ease the financial burden of bringing their premises in compliance with Covid-19-related hygiene protocols; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44165/21]

*823. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason an application by a person (details supplied) in County Mayo under a funding scheme was unsuccessful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [43227/21]

*824. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding allocated to local authorities for a scheme (details supplied); the amount of funding that went to the private sector separately; the number of applications grant aided by the local authorities under this scheme; the way the criteria were set; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [43228/21]

*825. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has utilised the services of organisations (details supplied) at any time from 1 January 2015 to date; if so, the expenditure costs related to same; the purpose of any such engagements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [43245/21]

*826. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 642 of 13 July 2021, if there have been communications within her Department with the dog control unit or members or representatives thereof with regard to a proposed move of the unit; if so, her position on such; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [43584/21]

*827. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of Bills prepared by her Department since 27 June 2020; the number and title of those Bills that included a Regulatory Impact Assessments; the title of the Regulatory Impact Assessments that have been published by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [43713/21]

*828. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount paid in late interest payments and penalty payments by her Department in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of late payments being made to suppliers, service providers and contractors in tabular form; and the measures she has put in place and or is implementing to reduce late payment interest and penalty payments. — Catherine Murphy. [44010/21]

*829. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department will provide funding to set up a digital hub at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44025/21]

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

1. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the Celtic Interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43992/21]

2. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on his approach to preparation for the COP26 summit in Glasgow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44063/21]

3. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on windfarms; and if he will consider transitioning to off-shore windfarm developments from now on as is being implemented in Denmark. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44139/21]

4. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the policy measures being taken by his Department to ensure the resilience and security of energy supply at times of peak demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43931/21]

5. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason an area (details supplied) is one of the few areas in the country to have not been prioritised to date in the implementation of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44059/21]

6. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans for potential investment in offshore wind and tidal projects in County Mayo; his further plans to increase the renewable energy infrastructure in County Mayo; the way in which he plans to support this investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44216/21]

7. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the lengthy application process for end of waste licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [44122/21]

8. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the involvement his Department will have in future developments across Ireland to ensure they are sustainable and climate conscious; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43721/21]

9. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the remedial actions under the National Development Plan contract his Department has put in place with NBI to address the impact Covid-19 has had on the delivery of the project; and the way he plans to accelerate the program in the months ahead. — Alan Dillon. [43996/21]

10. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on expected electricity demand and supply for winter 2021 following recent Eirgrid amber alerts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43419/21]

11. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on potential electricity outages in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44161/21]

12. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the implementation of the National Broadband Plan in Dún Laoghaire; the delays that are expected as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43720/21]

13. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the publication of the NESC Report No. 154 Digital Inclusion in Ireland: Connectivity, Devices and Skills. — Alan Kelly. [33503/21]

14. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he intends to take to ensure that no proposal for a LNG terminal will be developed in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43673/21]

15. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the commencement date of the feed-in tariff scheme for the national grid. — Patrick Costello. [43479/21]

16. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he requested the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to issue a Ministerial policy directive as per section 29 of the Planning Act 2000 to An Bord Pleanála that reflected the Government's policy statement on the importation of fracked gas which includes a moratorium on the development of LNG terminals pending the review of security of supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [44121/21]

17. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on claims made in advertisements relating to carbon offsetting and neutrality by companies that provide little detail on such claims; if he will strengthen legislation in this area to prevent misleading advertisements or greenwashing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44101/21]

18. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will place a levy on construction and demolition waste under the Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [44125/21]

19. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated total energy use in 2021 for all operational data centres in Ireland; the estimated amount by which it is expected to increase by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44231/21]

20. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the work underway in his Department to support the speed up the implementation of the National Broadband Plan; the position regarding Covid-19 and its impact on any penalties for delays in the implementation of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [44224/21]

21. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the policy of his Department with regard to the production and use of green hydrogen in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43930/21]

22. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will investigate the role played by data centres in relation to recent shortfalls in electricity availability; the extent to which data centres add to greenhouse gas emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44064/21]

23. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the shortfall to some homes on scope of works being provided under the warmer homes scheme free energy upgrades; if he is satisfied that all upgrades available are being provided to homes under this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44086/21]

24. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of a review into the north-south interconnector. — Matt Carthy. [43527/21]

25. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current status of the working group established to examine national end-of-waste applications backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42527/21]

26. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to establish on a statutory footing a just transition commission with a remit that covers all relevant sectors and areas across Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [44124/21]

27. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the latest date by which it is expected that all premises private and business will have a fibre telecommunications connection available to them; the steps he is taking to expedite same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43878/21]

28. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the unprecedented number of scam phone calls and texts that are being received by persons at present; the efforts being made by his Department to address these scams; his views on the actions that can be taken by the phone and communications companies to address this disruption; the discussions that he has had with the companies concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [44222/21]

29. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports for local authorities in terms of litter awareness and anti-dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43991/21]

30. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the Government review on the north-south interconnector; the number of times the review group has met; when its report will be finalised and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44098/21]

31. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress made to date with the roll-out of offshore wind, wave and tidal renewable energy harnessing; the amount of energy being generated at present in this way; the projected amount that will be generated in this way by 2030 by type of generation; the steps being taken to expedite same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [43877/21]

32. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which he plans to enforce the new standards for all domestic solid fuels which he plans to introduce across the State; the way in which he plans to prevent suppliers from Northern Ireland from selling non-compliant fuels; the body which will be responsible for enforcing these new regulations; if he plans to increase the funding and resources to the body responsible for enforcing these new regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [44146/21]

33. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the changes he plans to make to current Government policy on climate action in light of the recent IPCC report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43674/21]

34. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the anticipated impact of the upcoming new solid fuel standards on persons on lower incomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [44135/21]

35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes and businesses connected to high-speed broadband in 2021 under the National Broadband Plan; the number of homes and businesses passed under the scheme; the reasons for delays to date; his plans to ramp up the scheme in the time ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44100/21]

36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of premises connected, not surveyed, to broadband by National Broadband Ireland in counties Roscommon and Galway to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44112/21]

37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 78 of 1 June 2021, if he will provide an update on the engagement he has had to date with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to supporting and promoting efforts at local government level on climate action, particularly in relation to County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43966/21]

38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures he is taking to address the increasing number of scam and nuisance phone calls and texts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44102/21]

39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the implementation of the National Broadband Plan is on schedule for 2021; if not, the measures which can be taken in order to expedite it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44060/21]

40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position in relation to the national broadband roll-out; the delays encountered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [44217/21]

41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans for future iterations of the warmer homes, better energy communities and SEAI schemes due to the need to ramp up retrofitting of homes, the need to fast-track current applications and delivery of such schemes; the current number of applications being processed by county and by the length of time for works to be carried out in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [44225/21]

42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan; the advances that have been made following Covid-19 delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44229/21]

43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress in the past year towards the extension of high-speed, high-quality broadband to all areas throughout the country; the degree to which the infill of gaps in the services is being tended to; the extent to which the programme continues in line with expectations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44154/21]

44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action he has taken in response to the findings of a report (details supplied) published in 2020 regarding the future of the post office network; the engagement he has had with a union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44113/21]

45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the take-up of retrofitting grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [44145/21]

46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to meet retrofitting targets; if he will set out year-on-year targets by retrofitting programme; if he has examined other funding mechanisms for retrofitting houses given the number of homes that need to be retrofitted and the high up-front cost to households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44099/21]

47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 227 of 3 June 2021, his plans to introduce a minimum requirement in respect of the number of members a renewable energy community can have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43967/21]

48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way Ireland can ramp up production of renewable energy in order to prevent future energy supply issues. — Cathal Crowe. [44230/21]

49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date of Bord na Móna's large-scale peatlands restoration project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [42536/21]

50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered regulations on the usage of energy by data centres in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44232/21]

51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the feed-in tariff legislation will be in place to allow homes with micro-generation to sell excess electricity back to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [44134/21]

52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way his Department will support persons with long-term incontinence with respect to the disposal of medical incontinence wear; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44132/21]

53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on Ireland's contributions to the international preparation for COP26 in November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [43420/21]

54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on introducing a public service obligation of approximately €17 million per annum for the post office network. — Holly Cairns. [44131/21]

55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the progress of the Climate Action Plan 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [44144/21]

56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which progress is being made towards achieving climate action targets as set out; the degree to which efforts continue to be made to encourage full participation in achieving such targets while at the same time ensuring the continuation of the agri-food sector which in the past has proven to be the main stay of the economy; if efforts continue to be made to ensure that hedgerows, boglands and Ireland's existing natural sequesters of carbons are fully included in climate change alleviation calculations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44155/21]

57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when funding for climate action staff and for the development of local authority climate action plans will be provided; if this funding will result in more staff at local council level or through the CARO offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [44123/21]

58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied with the pace of roll-out of the National Broadband Plan; the number of homes expected to have the service available; the actual number achieved at the end of 2020 and to date in 2021; the steps he plans to take to increase the pace of roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44085/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

59. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to support public transport outside of the major urban centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44067/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of funding in place for N22 surfacing works at Coolcower, County Cork; when contractors will be appointed to carry out the works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44088/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on any recent communication he has had with Dublin Bus management or trade unions in relation to industrial relations matters in the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44062/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport the new cycling infrastructure projects which have been approved in Fingal as of September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [43938/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of the Ardee bypass; the funding spent to date on the project; the targeted timelines for commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43908/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport when a chairperson will be appointed to the board of the Shannon Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44116/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on his efforts to clear the driving test backlog including the plan to hire additional driving testers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44094/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of plans to expand the DART to Drogheda and the electrification plans for the northern line; the expected timeline for the proposed diesel hybrid fleet to commence services to Drogheda ahead of the electrification; if any other relevant detail will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [43907/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide additional funding to the National Transport Authority in order to increase the frequency of the LocalLink service in a town (details supplied) from two days per week to four days per week given the demand for the service and the ability of the service provider to provide the increased service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44119/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding his Department has made available to facilitate the design and construction of relief roads around towns and villages, such as Castlemartyr, County Cork; his policy on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43932/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to take measures to accelerate the provision of active travel infrastructure as pandemic restrictions recede; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [44133/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the appointment of the CEO for the Shannon Group and the proposed review of the Shannon Group governance structures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44157/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects the railway order application for MetroLink to be submitted to An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [43941/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the future extensions to the Luas in Dublin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44223/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the creation of safe walking and cycling space on rural roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44159/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions he has had with the RSA regarding the need to increase driving testing and theory testing capacity to clear the current waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44227/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions he has held in relation to the directly elected mayor of Limerick regarding the provision of powers to the mayor in relation to Limerick's transport strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44127/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made in making safer the N22 between Macroom and Ballincollig, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44087/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he and his Department intend to undertake to address the workplace relations concerns between the Irish Aviation Authority and air traffic control workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44103/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the N26 in County Mayo; and if a commitment will be given for its inclusion in the forthcoming review of the NDP. — Dara Calleary. [43217/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to sign the statutory instrument to allow for agreed pension entitlement changes to the CIÉ regular wages scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43681/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the work being carried out in relation to the issuing of driver licences to applicants for international protection, that is, asylum seekers which is currently not permitted; the timeline for introduction of legislation to the Houses of the Oireachtas as committed to in the Government White Paper to end Direct Provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43725/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures his Department is taking to ensure better air connectivity to Ireland's regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44117/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress in reducing the use of fossil fuels in the public transport fleet including the use of electric vehicles; the timeline for the use of such vehicles

in cities such as Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [44226/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has had any engagement with Dublin Bus drivers or their trade unions in relation to the current industrial relations dispute at the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44114/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with a company (details supplied) and all other employers at Cork Airport to ensure that no worker is laid off or disadvantaged in terms of pay and conditions whilst runway works are ongoing for a period of 10 weeks from now until November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44110/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the implementation of regulations for scooters and ebikes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [44233/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Transport the financial supports he will put in place over the next two to three years to secure the recovery of Cork Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [44111/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to concerns regarding the public consultation process on a company (details supplied) proposal of the preferred red corridor route including accessibility of information being provided, availability of one-on-one meetings, the short timeframe and a lack of a public meeting in view of the considerable impact this proposal could have on a large number of residents in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [44158/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to phase out fossil fuel powered vehicles from the fleet operated by the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [44136/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand capacity on the Luas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43994/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the delivery an updated national cycle manual in view of the letter received from 28 groups (details supplied); if the guidance in the manual will be integrated with the design manual for urban roads and streets; his views on whether there is a need to adopt interim standards to ensure quality of infrastructure rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [44082/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to review speed limits for rural and urban roads particularly in view of recent road fatalities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [44083/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress in making the LocalLink service more accessible to persons with disabilities, including expanding the geographical and temporal span of services and ensuring all services are fully wheelchair accessible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44129/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Transport the average wait times to complete a theory test and driving test at the Castlebar and Ballina NDLS centres, County Mayo; and the steps his Department and the RSA are taking to address this backlog. — Alan Dillon. [43995/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the trial use of hydrogen powered buses in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [43993/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Transport when the ongoing review of the Navan rail line will be completed; if he has received a cost estimation of reopening the rail line; the steps that will be taken in the next 24 months on this proposed project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44093/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding and status of the initial introduction of phase one of BusConnects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [43724/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on plans to install new bus shelters in County Cork in the next year. — Holly Cairns. [44130/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to commission a feasibility study that would assess the prospect of delivering rail infrastructure through County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [44066/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the challenges in the bus and haulage sectors in terms of rising costs and difficulty to recruit staff; the measures he plans to take to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44095/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to legislate for mandatory speed reduced school zones or slow zones in residential estates and built-up areas for vulnerable users nationwide separate from local authority bye-laws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43910/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has had any engagement with front-line maintenance workers at Dublin Airport regarding attempts by the Dublin Airport Authority to outsource front-line maintenance work at the airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [44115/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 50 of 17 June 2021, the progress made in relation to the identification of suitable sites for park and ride in Galway; when this service will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43906/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being made to ensure the urgent investment needed to prepare Rosslare Europort as the most strategically preferred port for the construction of an off-shore wind farm construction base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [44126/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which his Department is improving rural transport services under the Our Rural Future - Rural Development Policy 2021-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [38321/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to support the taxi industry in the time ahead in view of the fact that work volumes remain significantly reduced related to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44096/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to help small rural communities move to more environmentally sustainable modes of transport in cases in which on-demand transport may not be economically viable. — James O'Connor. [44234/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made in relation to projects associated with the school active travel programme in County Mayo; and the level of investment and future proposals to support these future initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44235/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has had examined the role of his Department in the case of a person (details supplied); if he has had discussions with the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the use the European fisheries funds to seek compensation for the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [44050/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding and status of the initial introduction of BusConnects phase one, which was introduced in north-east Dublin during the summer. — Emer Higgins. [43876/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there were no air traffic controllers available at State airports, namely Cork and Shannon airports, during dates in July 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44128/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine the decision to cease the 20 and x20 Bus Éireann route from Galway to Dublin in view of the importance of this route as a link to Portiuncula Hospital especially for older persons living in nearby rural towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [44118/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the introduction of legislation for the use of e-scooters and associated vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [43933/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Transport the advice sought and given on the safety measures and mitigations required for public transport workers and users in the return of services to 100 % capacity; if he will publish same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [43810/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the progress of the investment in greenway projects arising from the carbon tax fund of €4.5million that was allocated for 26 projects. — Emer Higgins. [43875/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will facilitate the recruitment of additional driving testers to address the existing backlog. — Matt Carthy. [44065/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will further extend the deadline for expiring learner driver permits due to the continuing effects on the service due to the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [43937/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has instructed the NTA to engage with local residents and business owners in Kimmage in relation to the BusConnects plans following a recent Dublin City Council motion and signed letter from locals and elected representatives. — Patrick Costello. [43478/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet representatives of workers in CIÉ who face reduced pension entitlements as a result of the delay in signing a statutory instrument to give effect to agreed changes to the CIÉ regular wages scheme; the timeframe for signing the statutory instrument given the numbers of workers adversely affected by the continued delay in signing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [43682/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will initiate a radical rethink in the way existing space on rural roads is utilised; his views on whether there is underutilisation of space that could be more appropriately utilised for safer walking and cycling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44160/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 53 of 17 June 2021, his plans to commission a stand-alone feasibility study of light rail in Galway which would feed into the upcoming review of the Galway Transport Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [43905/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will commit to a study of the benefits of free public transport in his Department such as have taken place in Estonia and Luxembourg; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [43939/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Transport the engagement between his Department and the National Transport Authority with regard to the provision of replacement Bus Éireann route 20 services for passengers using free travel passes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44068/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the preparation of the NDP review and the inclusion for a commitment on the development of the western rail corridor within that review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [43218/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Transport the proposals in place to address the personnel shortage in the HGV driving fraternity to ensure supply chains are not interrupted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [43840/21]

125. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to carry out a review of the implementation of slow zones in accordance with Jake's Law nationwide; if data has been collected on a county-by-county basis of county speed limit reviews; if there are plans to put in place a streamlined speed limit review process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [43909/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions and consultations and their outcomes with public transport workers and their representatives in advance of the direction to return to 100% capacity on services; when such discussions and consultations took place; the public health advice regarding same for the workers and users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [43809/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received representations from air traffic controllers requesting his immediate intervention and investigation into the activities and conduct of members of the executive team of the Irish Aviation Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [44097/21]

128. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on his engagements with transport workers and trade unions regarding the move to full capacity on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44061/21]

129. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to extend the LocalLink service throughout County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [44147/21]