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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

1. To ask the Minister for Finance the correspondence or contact he has had with retail banks and the Central Bank regarding the use of allowances under the mortgage lending rules for mortgage applicants who are required a minimum deposit of 20% but have properties affected by MICA and pyrite. — Pearse Doherty. [44865/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the activities of certain companies (details supplied) in respect of corporation tax; if he will act to amend the Ireland-Malta tax treaty to ensure that companies can no longer use tax shelters outlined in a recent report to minimise their corporation tax bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44846/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a vacant property tax in the context of Budget 2022; if so, the current status of those plans; the date by which it will be introduced; and if he will expedite those plans in the context of the housing emergency. — Pearse Doherty. [44866/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of funding Ireland is set to receive from the EU Recovery Fund; his views on the amount of funding Ireland is set to receive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45183/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the impact of the Competent Authority Agreement entered into by the Revenue Commissioners and the Maltese tax authorities in shutting down the structure known as the single malt; if he or his officials were at any time aware that the single malt structure was still in use despite the provisions of that Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44867/21]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

6. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in counties Carlow and Kilkenny that have registered under the business resumption support scheme. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44780/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that insurance premiums are being successfully reduced for motorists, businesses and other users in line with the revision of guidelines for personal injury awards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44813/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Finance his position in respect of the OECD corporation tax reform process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44840/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to extending the help-to-buy incentive until 31 December 2022. — Niamh Smyth. [44723/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax incentives and measures that are currently being considered to support continued remote and flexible working options; the potential impact of increase of remote working options on the financial services sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44684/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on discussions he has had with the management of banks (details supplied) in relation to the closure of a bank; the steps he will take to ensure the protection of jobs and services in the bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44871/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to review the policy framework within which credit unions operate. — Holly Cairns. [44839/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to phase out the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44834/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in County Kildare that have registered under the business resumption support scheme. — James Lawless. [44791/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a VAT exemption for psychotherapists and counsellors in line with the equivalent offered to psychologists to ensure equity of treatment between mental health professionals. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44832/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in counties Longford and Westmeath that have registered under the business resumption support scheme. — Joe Flaherty. [44869/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Finance the value to date of requests for tax changes in the 2022 Budget in pre-budget submissions; the main areas for which allocations have been sought; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [44805/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions his Department has held with the ESRI following its special report titled prudent government borrowing can mitigate inadequate housing supply and upward pressure on prices and rent. — Thomas Gould. [44802/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of corporate taxation receipts to date in 2021. — Joe Flaherty. [44868/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he acknowledges that inflation has become an issue likely to impact on Ireland's economy in the future; the steps taken to date or envisaged to combat this trend; the actual individual direct causes of the inflation; his views on the steps that need to be taken to arrest the trend at an early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44795/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the amount of interest paid on the national debt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44870/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on his recent engagements with the credit union sector. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [44794/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of a proposed review into extending section 664A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 to include agricultural contractors for the purpose of providing them similar status as farmers regarding the carbon tax on green diesel. — Matt Carthy. [44744/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Finance the way he plans to increase competition in the insurance sector. — Marc MacSharry. [44819/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in counties Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal that have registered under the business resumption support scheme. — Marc MacSharry. [44820/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revised revenue and deficit projections for each of the years 2021 to 2025, in tabular form in view of recent tax performance as demonstrated in the latest Exchequer tax returns outlined in the Fiscal Monitor for August 2021. — Pearse Doherty. [44864/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of any recent engagement with the banks in Ireland. — John McGuinness. [44875/21]

28. 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. — Niamh Smyth. [44724/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the publication of the tax strategy group papers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44842/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of his recent engagements in Croatia and Slovenia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44779/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to introduce budgetary measures to address the increased costs of building materials considering the current housing shortage. — Matt Carthy. [44745/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement he has undertaken with insurance companies to drive down the cost of insurance premia for consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44856/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider in the context of Budget 2022 introducing a refundable tax credit equivalent to 8.5% of annual rent at a cap €1,500 for tenants in private rental accommodation in the context of a rental crisis that is damaging living standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [44883/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he will undertake in Budget 2022 to address remote working tax rules which can impose a double tax on cross-Border workers seeking to

work remotely post-pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44860/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax incentives and measures under consideration to support remote and flexible working options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [44681/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will take measures to ensure that the insurance sector does not apply the principle of risk equalisation whereby homes that have never been flooded are being denied insurance that incorporates flood protection cover. — Cathal Crowe. [44673/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in counties Offaly and Laois that have registered under the business resumption support scheme. — Barry Cowen. [44797/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Finance if an urgent review will be carried out of the current 10% rate allowed under the e-working tax relief towards heating and electric expenses incurred from working from home given there is no legal obligation in place for an employer to pay an allowance to recompense an employee directly for working at home; the measures that are being taken to address this economic disparity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [44814/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the pre-budget letter of the Governor of the Central Bank and the pre-budget submission by IFAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44841/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has recently met with a union (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [44876/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in counties Cork and Kerry that have registered under the business resumption support scheme. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [44793/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to enable the credit union movement to grow as a key provider of community banking in the country. — Holly Cairns. [44838/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Finance if credit unions will be facilitated to provide mortgages for private housing purchases. — Michael Moynihan. [44859/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of changes announced to the research and development tax credit for small and micro-companies under section 25 of the Finance Act 2019; the reason engagement with the Commission began only in March 2020; when the changes are expected to commence; if he will consider amending the research and development tax credit in the context of Budget 2022 by allowing small and micro companies to receive payable credits in one instalment not earlier than the relevant tax pay and file date for the company's accounting period in which the qualifying expenditure was made rather than three instalments over a 33 month period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [44862/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress being made by his Department in its areas of responsibility under the Action Plan for Insurance Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44790/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the opinion expressed in the interim pre-budget report 2022 of the Committee on Budgetary Oversight that pension-related tax expenditures should be considered as part of the wider reform of the pension system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44843/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will refrain from further increases in the carbon tax in the context of Budget 2022 in view of significant energy price increases and its impact on the cost and standard of living on Irish households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [44884/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of the research and development activity subsidised by the State through the research and development tax credit that is conducted outside of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [44853/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions he is taking to reduce insurance costs. — Brendan Smith. [44785/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in Dublin city and county and the number of companies in County Wicklow that have registered under the business resumption support scheme. — John Lahart. [44788/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Finance the latest assessment of the financial robustness of the Irish banking sector in a European context; if Ireland can expect lower risk loadings on interest rates to follow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [44806/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Finance the role his Department has undertaken with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to develop a vacant properties tax. — Thomas Gould. [44801/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Finance if credit unions will be facilitated to provide mortgages. — Jackie Cahill. [44792/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in counties Cavan and Monaghan that have registered under the business resumption support scheme. — Brendan Smith. [44786/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has plans to reduce the excise duty on renewable energy products particularly biogases that are produced through the treatment of farm slurries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44674/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax incentives and measures that are under consideration to support remote and flexible working options. — Neale Richmond. [44880/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the conclusion of the recent CCPC investigation regarding insurance; and his views on whether the binding agreements entered into by insurance companies will further reduce insurance premiums for drivers. — Emer Higgins. [44682/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which the existence of even moderate inflation can affect Ireland's economy in the future; the extent to which the causes of same continue to be identified with a view to addressing the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44796/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has given consideration to the recent ESRI article which recommends increased borrowing to double capital investment in public housing including the delivery of cost-rental units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [33423/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Finance the analysis his Department has carried out into the potential for the reduction of VAT rates for the music and entertainment sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [44835/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Finance the total spend to date on the Covid-19 pandemic; and the amount by which the national debt has risen as a result. — Willie O’Dea. [44886/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in counties Mayo and Roscommon that have registered under the business resumption support scheme. — Dara Calleary. [44800/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on and response to recent reports that companies have continued to avail of the single malt despite the Competent Authority Agreement being enacted; and if he or his officials have been in contact with the Revenue Commissioners or the Maltese authorities since the agreement was put in place. — Mairéad Farrell. [44877/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated qualifying expenditure against which capital allowances have been claimed with respect to data centres and the estimated revenue foregone as a result since 2014; if his Department will undertake an analysis of the use of capital allowances with respect to data centres in the context of the State’s climate action objectives and energy capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [44878/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a recent study (details supplied) which suggests that 86% of workers who received the temporary wage subsidy scheme are now faced with a tax liability and that 75% of those who received the pandemic unemployment payment are faced with a tax liability; the number of persons who availed of the temporary wage subsidy scheme and pandemic unemployment payment, respectively who have faced a tax liability associated with these schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44844/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Finance his assessment of the current state of the public finances. — Barry Cowen. [44798/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for reform of the credit union sector. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [44781/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses and recipients in County Mayo that qualified for the Covid restriction support scheme and the employment wage subsidy scheme; the total expenditure paid out under both schemes within the county to date since the onset of Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [44855/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Finance his proposals to enable credit unions fund social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [44858/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress made in implementing the Finance Action Plan 2021 which has four priority areas sustainable finance, diversity, regionalisation and digital finance. — Neale Richmond. [44879/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on his discussions on corporate taxation. — John Lahart. [44787/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress on implementing the Finance Action Plan 2021 with specific priority for sustainable finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44683/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he will be taking to address dual pricing in insurance. — Dara Calleary. [44799/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the recent engagements he has had with insurance underwriters in order to bring more into the market; the further progress made in relation to the Action Plan for Insurance Reform Implementation Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44778/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Finance if the reduced VAT rate for the hospitality and tourism sector including hairdressers from 13.5% to 9% will be extended to include beauticians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45412/21]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to delays in processing both normal and trusted partner work permit applications; his plans to address and remove these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44584/21]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on whether delays in processing work permit applications is impacting on Ireland's attractiveness for foreign direct investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44585/21]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a venue (details supplied) has applied to be a designated venue or if it has applied to have any of its events designated under the Sale of Tickets (Cultural, Entertainment, Recreational and Sporting Events) Act 2021. — Pa Daly. [44671/21]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44910/21]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagements his Department has had with a person (details supplied) in relation to accusations against them and their dismissal from an industry body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [45014/21]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45034/21]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will review a case concerning a charity (details supplied) and filing fees; and if latitude can be extended in the context of a lack of resources available to small operations that were unable to meet obligations as a result of public health guidelines that were issued. — Catherine Murphy. [45105/21]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on whether chefs could be included in the list of eligible occupation for critical skills employment permits due to the shortage of this skill set within the hospitality sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [45205/21]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details on the level of trade between Ireland and Bahrain in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [45210/21]

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

*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to incentivise microgeneration; if he will put a feed-in tariff in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44677/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the schemes that are available for a homeowner to upgrade or retrofit their homes if they are working and paying PRSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44825/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the schemes that are available for a homeowner to upgrade or retrofit their homes if they are working and paying PRSI and if the home was built after 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44826/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when access to effective, high-speed broadband will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44494/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on right-to-repair regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [44496/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the work that is being done by his Department to identify technical and regulatory solutions to the problem of scam calling. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44501/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on whether there has been a large increase in scam calling recently; if work has been undertaken to identify the amount of this increase that is as a result of the hacking of the HSE and the resulting loss of data. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44502/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the work that is being carried out by his Department to identify technical and regulatory solutions to the problem of neighbour spoofing (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44503/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the adequacy of consumer protection and security for consumers in the mobile phone industry; and his views on whether security solutions are outdated and inadequate to protect customers from scam calling. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44504/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has carried out investigations of measures being taken to protect citizens from scam calling in other jurisdictions such as the TRACED ACT (Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence) Act, in the US; and if he has legal and regulatory powers to legislate against such scam calls here. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44505/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any work is being carried out at European level to prevent citizens from scam calling and other unethical phone practices. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44506/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has carried out any investigation of robust call authentication SHAKEN and STIR protocols to verify caller identification; and if he has had any communication with the Commission for Communications Regulation on technological solutions to neighbourhood spoofing and other unethical practices. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44507/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the adoption of call authentication technologies to verify that incoming calls are legitimate before ever reaching consumers; if he has had any discussions with the regulator, industry bodies, the Departments of Justice, Enterprise, Trade and Employment, or any other bodies regarding the adoption of authentication technologies for the telephone industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44508/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the conditions that must be fulfilled before a person may engage in the commercial sale of peat and or peat-related products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44510/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the increase in scam phone calls being received and reported by members of the public; and the role he sees for his Department under the consumer protection remit in building a picture of the nature and quantity of scam calls. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44515/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the role his Department has in protecting consumers from automated scam calls. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44516/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action his Department has taken to investigate the impact of scam calls based on age; if his Department has data on whether reliance on telephony makes older persons more susceptible to scam calls; the action being taken by his Department to protect older persons from scam calls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44517/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will establish a joint working group on scam calling with the relevant Departments, regulatory and industry bodies to identify legal, technological and regulatory solutions to the related issues of autodialling commercial calls, telephony fraud, number spoofing and leaking of customer data which leaves vulnerable consumers open to targeting for commercial exploitation, excessive contact, sharp practice and fraud over the telephone. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44518/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the research that has been conducted by his Department into the carbon emissions embedded in the materials used to retrofit homes; and the timeframe for them to be offset by the associated energy savings. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44534/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when projects on the 4th Projects of Common Interest will cease to benefit from having PCI accreditation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44535/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the State's position on reform of the Energy Charter Treaty has changed in response to the recent ruling C-741/19, by The Court of Justice of the European Union which held that EU climate polluters could not use the ISDS arbitration system under the Energy Charter Treaty to claim compensation in disputes between member states for legislating for changes in social and environmental laws. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44537/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of warmer homes schemes units that have been sold within five years of receiving the grant; and the breakdown of the costs recovered. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44538/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking in response to the finding in the EPA report Packing Waste in Ireland in 2019 that Ireland has had a gradual fall in packaging recycling rates in recent years from 70% in 2013 to 64% in 2018 and 62% in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44591/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to ensure that all commercial waste companies offer customers compost bins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44592/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will make available any assessment of the impact of data centres on national energy consumption and their impact on Ireland's carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44593/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the schemes available to retrofit redbrick and stone-built houses; the insulation products approved by the National Standards Authority of Ireland for this purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44602/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to compensate drift and draft net fishers affected by the ban on commercial salmon fishing; his views on whether the hardship scheme introduced following the ban should be reopened to relevant fishers who did not avail of it at the time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44719/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration has been given to a buy-out scheme for salmon fishery licence holders; if so, the position regarding same; if a compensation package will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44720/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration will be given to allowing draft salmon licence holders the option of transferring licences or offer them for public sale; if consideration will be given to making a compensation package available for draft salmon licence holders who previously declined a compensation package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [44725/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the introduction of an annual grant for persons with lifelong or long-term medical incontinence that will help persons meet the average annual cost of disposal of incontinence products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [44851/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking in response to the finding in the EPA report Packing Waste in Ireland in 2019 that Ireland has had a gradual fall in packaging recycling rates in recent years from 70% in 2013 to 64% in 2018 and 62% in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44897/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44911/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the way in which the Budget 2021 allocation of €221.5 million for SEAI residential and community retrofit programmes has been allocated and spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44970/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the work done with SEAI to update the comprehensive assessment of the potential for efficient heating and cooling in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44971/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the policy framework aimed at encouraging the development of district heating in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44972/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45035/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of premises in each county connected under the National Broadband Plan in the past 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45065/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the review of the security of energy supply of Ireland's electricity and natural gas systems; and if

the review will examine the cost of a ban on the importation of fracked gas within the timeframe included in that review. — Ivana Bacik. [45137/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated annual cost of including glass bottles in the proposed deposit return scheme of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [45138/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the micro-generation support scheme will be rolled out (details supplied). — James O'Connor. [45242/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the fact that tariffs (details supplied) are not available yet in Ireland; when the tariffs will be made available to customers in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [45277/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport the way the exchange of a driver licence for a person (details supplied) can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44424/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of his latest discussions with the NTA with a view to obtaining approval for the implementation of a more flexible tax saver product; his views on whether a flexible tax saver product is required in view of a flexible return to offices in the coming months; the status of his discussion with the Department of Finance regarding this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44489/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost to the Exchequer of the introduction of a propose flexible tax saver product to account for the shift to blended working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44500/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of legislation in relation to scooters; if work is being undertaken to legalise scooters for use on roads here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44509/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to conduct a business case review into the BusConnects project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44511/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NDLS can arrange for a person (details supplied) to be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [44544/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a delay in progress in the M20 project; and if he will clarify the recent sustainable transport policy as referenced by the project team in its statement on the delay. — Thomas Gould. [44550/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress made and work completed within this stage of the M20 project. — Thomas Gould. [44551/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost to date of the M20 project. — Thomas Gould. [44552/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a company (details supplied) is regularly cancelling scheduled services on the number 63 route between Dún Laoghaire and Carrickmines causing service users to arrive late for their employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44565/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 196 of 1 December 2020, if he was referring to an EU regulation (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [44616/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport the date by which the two appeals on pension matters made to his Department in February 2020 and November 2020 under section 41(7) of the Irish Aviation Authority Act 1993 will be deliberated upon. — Cathal Crowe. [44617/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will call on the Labour Court to engage with the Irish Aviation Authority and the constituent trade unions of the staff panel to formulate an industrial relations agreement to facilitate the enactment of the Air Navigation and Transport Bill 2020 and the subsequent establishment of AirNav Ireland. — Cathal Crowe. [44618/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that local authorities are refusing to give letters of permission to lay cables on public roads to facilitate connection to the grid for solar farms and windfarms thus delaying the planning process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44675/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received representations from air traffic controllers requesting his 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. — Louise O'Reilly. [44687/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding driving tests needed for rigid and artic driving licences; the position regarding these protocols; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [44717/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to ensure the N52 Ardee bypass is not built through Ardee Bog and its supporting habitat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44732/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to issues with the Road Safety Authority in relation to the sending out of verification codes in the renewal of provisional licences; his plans to address this issue in order that provisional licence holders can renew their licences online before they expire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44749/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of provisional licence holders in County Tipperary whose licence is due to expire on or before 31 December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44750/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of provisional licence holders waiting for a date for their driving test for a car licence in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44751/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons in County Tipperary that hold a full licence for a car and that will have to renew that licence on or before 31 December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44752/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is planned to provide bus shelters as a matter of policy on all bus routes nationwide and in particular along the R343 bus route to Leitir Mealláin and Cárna, County Galway, which services bus route 424 given the urgent need for the provision of a shelters on this route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44831/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of legislation to regulate electric scooters using public footpaths given the danger to pedestrians in particular elderly pedestrians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44848/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44922/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport the total Government subsidy for public transport for 2021 by bus, rail, including light rail, DART and Luas, taxi and others. — Gino Kenny. [44945/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of increasing the Dublin Bus fleet by 500 buses. — Gino Kenny. [44946/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of increasing the Dublin Bus fleet by 500 electric buses. — Gino Kenny. [44947/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of increasing the national bus fleet by 500 buses. — Gino Kenny. [44948/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of providing a 75% and 100% grant respectively, to public service vehicle drivers to fund purchase of electric vehicles for the entire PSV fleet. — Gino Kenny. [44949/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if a response will issue in writing to an organisation (details supplied) in respect of its letter to him dated 26 August 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [44964/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address all seven points raised by an organisation (details supplied) in its letter to him dated 26 August 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [44965/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the development in conjunction with the NTA of a new DART station at Woodbrook, Shankill, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44973/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an urgent date for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45001/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45046/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the of reliability issues on the number 63 bus route which is operated by a company (details supplied); if his officials have met with the NTA to assess the quality and consistency of bus services across Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45080/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport when the next phase of the real time display board programme is due to be installed across Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45082/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Programme for Government commitment to develop a ten-year strategy for the road haulage sector; if he has received the submission by an organisation (details supplied) on the strategy; his assessment of the submission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45101/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of legislation to deal with the issue of scramblers; if he will provide assurances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45132/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of providing 100 additional buses to the Bus Éireann fleet. — Ivana Bacik. [45133/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on his recent meeting with his European counterparts in Croatia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45213/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to repeated difficulties being reported in cases in which goods purchased by Irish consumers from vendors outside the EU are being returned to senders by An Post in instances in which the correct customs information is being provided by sellers on packages and that responsibility for the returns are being passed between An Post and the Customs Service; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that consumers and overseas sellers are reporting that the scale of such returns is unprecedented internationally and appears to be only a matter for goods shipped through An Post and not through other freight companies; if there has been any communications between his Department and An Post and the Customs Service regarding the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [44429/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he plans to take to tackle the issue of potential home buyers being denied access to a mortgage on the basis of their pre-existing illness or medical conditions; and if he considers this to be discrimination. — Paul Murphy. [44432/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost in 2021 and 2022 of reducing the rate of interest on deferred local property tax from 4% to nil. — Paul Murphy. [44454/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the scheme of accelerated capital allowances for fitness centre facilities by employers to employees introduced in the Finance Act 2017; the projected cost of the scheme at the time of its inclusion in the Finance Act 2017; the cost to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44465/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of discussions with the Department of Transport and the NTA, respectively; his views on the need for the implementation of a more flexible tax saver

product given the anticipated blended return to offices over the coming period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44490/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of the introduction of a proposed flexible tax saver product to account for the shift to blended working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44491/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance if a credit union (details supplied) in County Clare which does not have a CRO number can register a vehicle in its ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [44522/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that business accounts can be used for the purposes of calculating average turnover when an intergenerational transfer of a family business has taken place under the terms of the Covid restrictions support scheme 2019; the reason 2019 business accounts cannot be used when a non-family transfer of a business has taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [44545/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the eligibility criteria for those in need of a primary medical certificate; his plans to include persons impacted by stroke to be included in the eligible criteria; and if he will expand on the eligibility of the certificate. — Catherine Murphy. [44554/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the finding in the IHREC and ESRI Monitoring Adequate Housing in Ireland report that persons with a disability are more likely to be in arrears on mortgage payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44594/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is possible for a publican whose licence expired during the Covid-19 lockdown to claim the Covid restrictions support scheme during the period they were closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [44651/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance if the closing date for employment wage subsidy scheme applications will be extended considering the recent announcement of the scheme being extended into 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44659/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance if wage supports will be extended for the childcare sector to allow them to operate the pod system and prevent closures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44663/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered introducing a 0% VAT rate for the early years sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44669/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the revised revenue and deficit projections for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 in view of the latest Exchequer tax returns outlined in the Fiscal Monitor for August 2021, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [44691/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a pre-budget submission by an organisation (details supplied) ahead of Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44696/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance when a review of the primary medical certificate scheme will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44716/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will bring forward recommendations to address the high costs of insurance cover in the childcare sector. — Matt Carthy. [36212/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance if south-west County Cork will be designated as an area for inclusion in the regional film development uplift. — Holly Cairns. [33300/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a company (details supplied) has been using a structure similar to the single malt tax avoidance structure to minimise its corporation tax bill; if the company received any assurances on the operation of this single malt type structure from the Revenue Commissioners; if his attention has been further drawn to any other company still using a single malt type or equivalent tax avoidance structure to avoid or minimise their corporation tax bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44890/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance the assessment that has been carried out of the use for tax purposes of Irish registered companies tax resident in Malta since the signing of the Ireland-Malta Competent Authority Agreement in 2018 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44891/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions he plans to take to finally and permanently end the use of single malt style arrangements (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44892/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance the assessment that has been made of the use for tax purposes of Irish registered companies tax resident in other tax treaty partner countries besides Malta since the residency rule changes in the Finance Act 2014 came into force on 31 December 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44893/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the impact of Ireland's tax system on poorer countries continues to be insignificant as suggested by a spill over analysis conducted by his Department in 2014; his plans to conduct an updated spill over analysis in view of these revelations to update and accurately assess the impact of Ireland's tax system on poorer countries in view of reports regarding a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44894/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the use of a single malt scheme by a company (details supplied) is consistent with Ireland's long-standing commitment to equitable international development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44895/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will direct banks operating in Ireland to provide customers with written banking statements on a monthly basis if requested by the customer. — Holly Cairns. [44901/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44912/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps being taken to resolve the issues being experienced by importers of used cars from the UK in respect of proving the preferential origin of cars manufactured in the UK prior to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [44950/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the proposal outlined by the President of the European Commission in their State of the Union address to the European Parliament waiving VAT when buying defence equipment developed and produced in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44986/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to reports (details supplied) of continued use of the single malt tax avoidance structure despite that structure being closed in 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44997/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department or the Revenue Commissioners gave a company (details supplied) or its subsidiaries or agents any assurances regarding tax treatment of the reorganisation in 2019 of its company structure, particularly related to companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44998/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing measures enabling agricultural land sales to be subject to a 3% rate of stamp duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45007/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make the young, trained farmers stamp duty relief permanent as this would provide reassurance regarding future costs for farm families planning the transfer of their farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45008/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing an amendment to allow the deduction of pension contributions before the universal social charge is calculated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45009/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the current 33% rate of capital gains tax continues to act as a significant deterrent to farm investment; if he will provide for a significant reduction in the 33% rate currently applicable to all chargeable gains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45010/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that low emission slurry spreading equipment has no VAT applied at purchase to encourage the further uptake of these spreading techniques; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45011/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing measures that provide for the introduction of a new stock relief measure in which farmers would be allowed 100% stock relief on additional expenditure of up to €100,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45012/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce measures enabling farmers to be allowed to write-off capital expenditure on farm buildings and plant and machinery over a period of between three and eight years with a floating allowance of up to 50% allowable in any one year to promote farm investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45013/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45036/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending eligibility of the cycle to work scheme to persons who are retired by introducing a self-assessed tax credit in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45075/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending tax relief for counselling and psychotherapy as a qualifying health expense in Budget 2022 and the application of VAT exemption now rated at 13.5% on earnings over €37,500 for counsellors and psychotherapists from 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45076/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence regarding the EWSS (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45116/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he foresees inflation impacting Ireland's finances in the foreseeable future; the corrective measures to be taken in this context; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45154/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor the situation around the proposed corporation profits tax and its potential impact on Ireland's potential to attract investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45155/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied that the economic fundamentals continue to be met notwithstanding possible taxation changes or inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45156/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he expects Ireland's competitiveness in terms of foreign direct investment to continue notwithstanding any changes in corporation profits tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45157/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason some institutions based outside Ireland but within the EU persist in referring to this jurisdiction as a tax haven; the action he can take to address and rebut such an allegation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45158/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if he remains satisfied that Ireland's political disadvantage on the periphery of Europe does not emerge in the future in the form of a disadvantage resulting in lack of confidence or lack of inward investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45159/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the way the economy is progressing and is comparable to other EU economies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45160/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he has studied the report of the National Fiscal Advisory Council; if any particular action needs to be taken in the wake of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45161/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if he remains satisfied that the taxation system in Ireland is sufficiently broadly based to avoid dependency on any one sector to such an extent that it might

become a threat to the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45162/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he and his Department can influence and coordinate fiscal matters in such a way as to support and encourage growth and development throughout the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45163/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he continues to maintain contact with the relevant authorities in Northern Ireland with a view to achieving maximum cooperation and benefit throughout the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45164/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which he remains satisfied that Ireland along with its European colleagues continues on a positive trajectory in terms of fiscal policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45165/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on his most recent engagements or correspondences with the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council, particularly in advance of Budget 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [45258/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance the current level of employment in the State as a percentage of pre-pandemic levels of employment. — Peadar Tóibín. [45259/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance the study he or his Department undertook before he concluded that Ireland's employment levels will be back to pre-pandemic levels by 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45260/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has identified particular steps needed to check inflation in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45261/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which the causes of inflation have been identified and can be remedied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45262/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance if inflation rates in Ireland are indicative of any particular vulnerabilities arising from Brexit or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45263/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he is contemplating anti-inflationary measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45264/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which Ireland remains an attractive location for foreign direct investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45265/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied with Ireland's ability to compete with any new competitors which might pose a threat to Ireland's economic viability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45266/21]

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

*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works has handed back Fitzgibbon Street Garda station to the Garda authorities; if not, when it will be handed back; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45054/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the requirement to hire construction apprentices been included in any of the State’s large construction procurement contracts; if this is under consideration for future public procurement contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [44498/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the method by which Ireland’s allocation of the Brexit Adjustment Fund will be spent; the nature of the consultation process he plans to open; the general approach he plans to base the allocation on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [44685/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the cost of maintaining the State pension age at 66 years is included in the base for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 in the Summer Economic Statement. — Pearse Doherty. [44690/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason his Department offers civil servants an employee assistance service but this service cannot offer free counselling sessions to staff, some of whom cannot afford to pay for this vital service privately; if he will remedy this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [44733/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans for the restoration of pay for section 56 and section 59 organisations in line with the Workplace Relations Commission brokered agreements for pay restoration for section 39 workers; his views on whether due to the fact that section 56 and 59 workers fall under a different Departmental funding stream they should not be excluded from the pay restoration awarded to section 39 workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [44738/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44918/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45042/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of commitment 13 and 14 in the context of the Open Government Partnership National Action Plan 2016-2018; and his plans to establish a public consultation in respect of open government partnerships in 2021 or 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [45048/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the proportion in percentage and nominal terms of the €1.1 billion additional core capital for 2022 outlined in Summer Economic Statement 2021 allocated to capital measures outlined in the Housing for All Plan recently published by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. — Pearse Doherty. [45241/21]

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

*239. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on a full resumption of the coach tourism business continuity scheme including a subsidy payment of €42.5 million to be made available for a 12 month period for 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45100/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department will review a sports capital scheme application by a club (details supplied) due to the circumstances; if her Department has noted previous issues with the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [44519/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is funding available through her Department for amateur dramatic societies that have had their income stream significantly affected by the Covid-19 pandemic restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44533/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department will ensure that the updated guidelines in relation to the safe reopening of indoor performing arts classes will be provided to education and training board management when they have been produced by the Arts Council. — Paul Murphy. [44697/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the Report of the Joint Committee on the Irish Language, Gaeltacht and the Irish-speaking Community entitled *Tuarascáil an Chomhchoiste ar Thuarascáil an Choimisinéir Teanga: Maidir le cur i bhfeidhm Moltaí Imscrúdaithe a rinneadh faoi Fho-Alt 21(f) d' Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla, 2003 – An Garda Síochána*; her views on the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44821/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by her Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44921/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45045/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when her Department will announce the successful sports capital grants for 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45197/21]

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

*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he is taking to counteract the biodiversity crisis (details supplied); the way in which he is engaging with the International Union for Conservation of Nature Congress given that there is no Irish Governmental representative at same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44734/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of acquiring and refurbishing the 700 social homes delivered under the buy and renew scheme. — Paul Murphy. [44450/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of acquiring and refurbishing the social homes delivered under the buy and renew scheme that are in the four Dublin local authority areas. — Paul Murphy. [44451/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of acquiring and refurbishing the 250 social homes delivered under the repair and lease scheme. — Paul Murphy. [44452/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of acquiring and refurbishing the 250 social homes delivered under the repair and lease scheme that are in the four Dublin local authority areas. — Paul Murphy. [44453/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost in 2021 and 2022 of providing 100% redress to owners of homes with fire safety defects. — Paul Murphy. [44455/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated amount it would cost in 2022 to increase Part V from 20% to a statutory minimum of 30%. — Paul Murphy. [44456/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated amount it would cost to reverse the cuts in spending on Traveller accommodation since 2007 and to force local authorities to utilise funds in full. — Paul Murphy. [44457/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding European Natura 2000 sites in Northern Ireland following Brexit; if he has had any engagement with his EU and UK counterparts on this matter; if he will engage with the Northern Ireland Executive on this matter on an all-island basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [44460/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to fund additional resources for local authorities to cope with the additional workload as a result of the planning and development (amendment) (LSRD) Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44555/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to publish the new guidelines on rural housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44557/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the hen harrier threat response plan will be published; the reason for the long delay in the publication of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44563/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a review of the grant schemes implemented by local authorities to ensure their alignment with policy objectives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44580/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to ensure all public-funded housing is converted to more sustainable heating systems. — Holly Cairns. [44598/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the finding in the IHREC and ESRI Monitoring Adequate Housing in Ireland report that lone parents are significantly disadvantaged in the housing system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44599/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the finding in the IHREC and ESRI Monitoring Adequate Housing in Ireland report that ethnic minority groups had a significantly higher risk of overcrowding in housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44600/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person (detailed supplied) is included in the national defective concrete blocks grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [44601/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities by county from 2017 to date that have used the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in tabular form. — Michael Ring. [44626/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant residential units in Waterford city and county; and the number as a percentage of all residential units in the city and county. — David Cullinane. [44633/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the housing vacancy rate by local authority area and small areas for Waterford city and county. — David Cullinane. [44634/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses in Waterford City and County returned to market through the repair and lease scheme in each of the past five years. — David Cullinane. [44635/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of private homes purchased by local authorities and added to the social housing stock through the buy and renew scheme for Waterford city and county in each of the past five years and each quarter in 2020 and to date in 2021. — David Cullinane. [44636/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average time it takes Waterford City and County Council to turnaround voids; the number and rate of voids in the Waterford City and Council social housing stock; and the number of voids returned in each of the past five years in Waterford city and county. — David Cullinane. [44637/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of active rental accommodation scheme tenancies currently in place. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44643/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the actions being taken to clean up and improve the quality of the water in the Tolka river; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44646/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Westgate Vision plan to regenerate the Westgate area in Drogheda, County Louth through the urban regeneration and development fund; the expected dates for progression of the project to a category A application; if other relevant details will be provided following the recent appointment of consultants and subsequent public consultation on the plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44658/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered implementing a waiver of commercial rates for the early years sector as is in place for the early childhood care and education scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44670/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding first-time buyers who wish to purchase second-hand homes; the initiatives that will be made available to them through the Housing for All strategy or related initiatives from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [44678/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding given to each local authority for retrofitting houses and apartments, respectively; and the number of units this is expected to cover over the past five years in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [44699/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if farmers on and surrounding Shass mountain will be eligible to apply for funding under the blanket bog agri-environment programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44713/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a general prohibition on local authorities purchasing vacant second hand homes and second hand homes occupied by tenants in receipt of social housing support, other than derelict homes purchased under the derelict sites act CPO process and other than one bed and four bed vacant units under the Call for Housing initiative launched in August 2020; when this general prohibition was introduced; and if he will review this policy to allow greater flexibility for local authorities to purchase second hand properties, either tenanted or vacant, as needs arise. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44767/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the final proposed shared equity local scheme proposal will be submitted by his Department to the Central Bank; and the precise matter his Department is seeking approval from the Central Bank with respect to this scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44768/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all persons and organisation who lobbied him, his predecessors or his officials seeking an exemption from the 20% Part V provision of social and affordable homes for landowners who purchased their land between 2015 and 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44769/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of CREL funded cost rental homes that will be purchased and made available for tenanting in 2021; and the details of the location, unit size and costs of same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44770/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of SSF and AHF affordable purchase homes that will be completed and offered for sale in 2021; and the details of their location, unit size and sale price. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44771/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the social housing programme output to date in 2021; the number of units completed under each category to date; and the publication date for the second and third quarter social housing output report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44772/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when approval will be given to Galway County Council for the proposed new fire station at Loughrea, County Galway. — Seán Canney. [44823/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the finding in the IHREC and ESRI Monitoring Adequate Housing in Ireland report that 29% of persons living with a disability experience housing quality issues when compared to those without a disability (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [44904/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce a grant-aided wastewater scheme for community groups similar to the group water grant to assist those who wish to upgrade faulty or malfunctioning systems. — Holly Cairns. [44905/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44916/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected national average cost per unit of Part V social housing acquisitions planned in Housing for All for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Gino Kenny. [44924/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected national total cost of Part V social housing acquisitions planned in Housing for All for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Gino Kenny. [44925/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected national average cost per unit of Part V affordable housing acquisitions planned in Housing for All for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Gino Kenny. [44926/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected total cost of Part V affordable housing acquisitions planned in Housing for All for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Gino Kenny. [44927/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected cost per unit of Part V social housing acquisitions planned in Housing for All for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 in the four Dublin local authority areas. — Gino Kenny. [44928/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected total cost of Part V social housing acquisitions planned in Housing for All for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 in the four Dublin local authority areas. — Gino Kenny. [44929/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected cost per unit of Part V affordable housing acquisitions planned in Housing for All for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 in the four Dublin local authority areas. — Gino Kenny. [44930/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected total cost of Part V affordable housing acquisitions planned in Housing for All for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 in the four Dublin local authority areas. — Gino Kenny. [44931/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected expenditure on women's refuges in 2022. — Gino Kenny. [44932/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected expenditure on homeless emergency accommodation in 2022. — Gino Kenny. [44933/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the parts of and the way in which the 29 recommendations of the Oireachtas Housing, Planning and Local Government Committee pre-legislative scrutiny report on the general scheme of the Marine Planning and Development Bill are dealt with in the initiated Maritime Area Planning Bill 2021, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44957/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the regulations detailing the eligibility and terms and conditions for the affordable purchase and affordable cost rental scheme will be published; and the interim eligibility criteria that are currently in place for affordable rental and purchase homes that will come on stream in advance of the publication of the final regulations. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44958/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Housing for All plan has been subjected to a carbon impact assessment in the context of the carbon budgets required pursuant to the Climate Change and Low Carbon Development Amendment Act 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44966/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the winding up application of Kildare group water scheme which has been submitted by Westmeath County Council.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [44996/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45040/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of do not consume notices issued by Irish Water in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; the method used to communicate these notices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45077/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the review of the housing adaption and housing aid grants from local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45094/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the changes in planning guidelines needed to ensure more changing place facilities in the country; the number of times the committee that was set up to progress this matter has met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45095/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the dates on which the changes to CPO for local authorities announced in the Housing for All document are due to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [45131/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the eligibility criteria of the Rebuilding Ireland home-loan to include non first-time buyers who have separated from a partner and who meet all other criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45145/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce income tax relief for owner-occupiers of homes affected by pyrite and fire defects as well as VAT rebates for social landlords affected by these issues and the resulting costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45146/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that any financial solutions afforded to those affected by pyrite and fire defects will be retrospective to ensure that those who have already paid to repair their home will be included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45147/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a decision will be made on an application made by a person (details supplied) that has been ongoing for a long time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45174/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if rent reviews were carried out in each county in 2020 and to date in 2021; and the local authorities that undertook rent reviews during this period. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45201/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider issuing a Ministerial policy direction to local authorities in terms of a minimum percentage of social housing allocation being reserved for persons accommodated in emergency accommodation in order to ensure parity across the State. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45202/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on funding being made available for a scheme to allow for local authorities take-in-charge estates with legacy wastewater infrastructure issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [45206/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he sought advice regarding the exemption to the new affordable housing Part V measures introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [45232/21]

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

*314. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding a passport application for a child (details supplied) in Dublin 9; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45019/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport can be issued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44458/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the humanitarian assistance that is being provided to Myanmar due to the ongoing events in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [44492/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will facilitate an increase in the number of Afghan refugees offered international protection here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [44493/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of refugees Ireland will take in from Afghanistan; the timeline for their arrival; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44567/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the humanitarian assistance Ireland will provide to the people of Afghanistan; the timeline for its roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44568/21]

*320. 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. — James Lawless. [44652/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts being made by Ireland to provide humanitarian relief to the people of Myanmar unilaterally and through the EU and the United Nations Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44693/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a person (details supplied) will receive an update on their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [44698/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44913/21]

*324. 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. [44953/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current processing times for valid online passport applications in respect of simple adult renewals, complex renewals and first-time applications. — Mary Lou McDonald. [44959/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications that are currently awaiting processing in respect of simple adult renewals, complex renewals and first-time applications. — Mary Lou McDonald. [44960/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications that are currently in the foreign births registration system awaiting processing. — Mary Lou McDonald. [44961/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update in respect of his Department’s engagement with the Public Appointments Service recruitment campaign to hire additional staff needed to meet demand for passports and foreign birth registration applications. — Mary Lou McDonald. [44962/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of his plans to resume the processing of foreign birth registrations; the estimated backlog at this time; the length of time it will take to clear; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44976/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that this person submitted their application on 10 June 2021. — Michael Ring. [45016/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45037/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45084/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will introduce a review of the Passport Office procedures to ensure that all original documents are returned to applicants as soon as they are verified and checked in a separate envelope and prior to the passport issuing; and if a complete review can take place on the passport tracking facility to improve the accuracy of it. — Michael Ring. [45096/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will raise the matter with his EU colleagues and at the United Nations. — Paul Murphy. [45118/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will meet with a group (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [45119/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a replacement foreign birth registration certificate will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [45125/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a family who has applied for a passport for a child (details supplied) can expect to receive the passport. — Gary Gannon. [45268/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the passport service following significant delays; the steps he is taking to address the issue; if his attention has been drawn to the lack of communication available to applicants from the passport office through the phonenumber and WebChat function; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [45269/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*339. To ask the Minister for Defence the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44908/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Defence his views on the proposal outlined by the President of the European Commission in their State of the Union address to the European Parliament for a joint situational awareness centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44982/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will participate in the summit on European Defence that is due to be convened by the European Commission President and the French President under the French Presidency of the European Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44983/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Defence the discussions that he and his officials have had in relation to the proposed EU-NATO Joint Declaration to be presented before the end of 2021; his views on further EU-NATO cooperation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44984/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Defence his views on the ideas outlined by the President of the European Commission in their State of the Union address to the European Parliament in which they pointed to EU military missions independent of the UN and NATO combining civilian and military missions, their support for a European Defence Union and their call for political will to use troops outside the EU improving interoperability of fighter jets and military drones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [44985/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45032/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Defence if serving and retired women members of the Defence Forces who were victims of workplace sexual harassment, assault, discrimination and bullying have been actively consulted by his officials when drafting the terms of reference for the independent review of these matters; and if his officials have not consulted with the women, if he will now ensure they are consulted. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45127/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Defence the date on which his Department was first contacted by victims of workplace sexual harassment, assault, discrimination and bullying in the Defence Forces; and the action he or his officials took on receipt of these initial communications. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45128/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount spent on purchasing specialist fire service vehicles for the Defence Forces fire services in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [45208/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason he accepted an Ombudsman for the Defence Forces report which ruled that a person (details supplied) was not discriminated against when it was subsequently determined that they were discriminated against by the Workplace Relations Commission. — Gary Gannon. [45270/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason he chose not to act, when it was brought to his attention in January 2017 through a protected disclosure that an officer in the Defence Forces (details supplied) was bullied, sexually abused, victimised and discriminated against and informed the person that their protected disclosure was subjective and could not be acted on in view of the fact they were taking a the reason he accepted an Ombudsman for the Defence Forces report which ruled that a person (details supplied) was not discriminated against when it was later determined that they were by the Workplace Relations Commission case and in further view of the fact that he is meeting other persons who have taken such cases. — Gary Gannon. [45271/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*350. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the 50% capacity restriction on post-primary school buses in view of the changing public health advice and the fact that all other public transport vehicles are now at 100% capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44440/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education if any school building or additional school accommodation applications in counties Laois and Offaly have been impacted due to Covid-19 and Brexit related cost increases in the construction industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44442/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide clarification in relation to in relation to a teaching post (details supplied) in County Kerry; if there will be further transparency going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44461/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently review funding applications for temporary and permanent accommodation structures for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [44466/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that when her Department negotiates permanent contracts with key administrative school staff such as school secretaries and caretakers that these contracts include enhanced conditions of service such as holiday pay and maternity benefits and the provision of a public service pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44488/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a number of repair and upkeep works that are needed in a school (details supplied); her plans to address these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [44499/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a major school building project (details supplied) has been at stage 2b for nearly five years; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that this school has been in temporary accommodation, mainly prefabs for more than 20 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [44540/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) has lost an SNA in 2021 despite the senior education psychologist stating that a further SNA was needed; if there are plans to reinstate an SNA at the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44562/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [44569/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that there has been a delay in the publication of the NTRIS education pilot baseline study; if there has been a date set for the publication of the study; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44570/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education when a suitable school place will be found for a child (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44572/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education when pay and conditions will be standardised for school secretaries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [44579/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education if she has plans to provide each classroom with CO2 monitors to help control ventilation and prevent the spread of Covid-19 in the classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44586/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to regularise the pay, conditions, and pensions of school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44596/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that flexibility is added to the Covid learning and support scheme to address gaps in wrap-around supports for children with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44597/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education when a design team will be appointed for the design and construction of a campus (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44614/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education if a retired teacher (details supplied) has an entitlement to an occupational pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44655/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be informed of a decision by her Department on two emergency works applications relating to electrical work and a fire alarm further to the provision by the school of all information requested to the emergency works team of her Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [44660/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the proposal to amalgamate a school (details supplied); the progress that has been made to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44661/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education if financial assistance towards special transportation can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44695/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education when a school place can be facilitated in the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44704/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education if a breakdown will be provided of the funding given to schools (details supplied) over the past 12 months; if they are DEIS schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44708/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education when Budget 2022 is being framed, if she will ensure adequate funding is allocated to primary schools in order to be able to fund a reduction in class sizes, allow teaching principals adequate time to carry out management duties and increase school running costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [44715/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education if she will increase the primary school capitation in view of a survey undertaken by an association (details supplied) which found that parents pay €46

million to support basic school funding each year and that the current grant of €183 per pupil, a euro per day in the primary school year represents a 9% decrease on the 2010 figure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44828/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts being taken to create smaller classes that allow for more individual attention and meets the ambition of Government to establish the best education system in Europe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44829/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to support primary school principals in the carrying out of their administrative duties; if she will support a full restoration of middle management posts at primary school level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44830/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that adequate funding is allocated to primary schools in order to fund a reduction in class sizes, allow teaching principals adequate time to carry out management duties and increase school running costs when Budget 2022 is being framed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [44889/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education if she will work towards introducing regulations that all public schools will be required to have generic uniforms with the possibility of school crest patches that can be sown on. — Holly Cairns. [44898/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that any remuneration agreement with school caretakers allows for outside school hours working time to enable school facilities such as gymnasiums and pitches to be available to community groups. — Holly Cairns. [44899/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by her Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44909/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full year cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio to 18:1 in all primary schools. — Gino Kenny. [44937/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full year cost of reducing the pupil teacher ratio to 18:1 in all post-primary schools. — Gino Kenny. [44938/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated additional cost in 2022 of increasing special education provision by 15% above the 2021 level. — Gino Kenny. [44939/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated full year cost of abolishing voluntary contributions in primary and post-primary schools and replacing them with a grant equivalent. — Gino Kenny. [44942/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding funding for primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45015/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education if she has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45033/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting on a Teaching Council number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45113/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education the status of approved building works for a school (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [45124/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education when the decision on the appeal for SNA allocation for a school (details supplied) will be forthcoming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45148/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education the requirements to sit the Mandarin leaving certificate exam; and if it is possible to fulfil the tuition hours at this point to complete the course in 2022. — Richard Bruton. [45151/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education if a site has been secured for a school (details supplied). — Violet-Anne Wynne. [45198/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education his views on the condition of a school (details supplied) which is in a deplorable condition and is unsafe for pupils attending the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45229/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 923 of 27 July 2021, if she will sanction an increase on the current SNA resources at a school (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45230/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education if a school has an obligation to find a suitable place for a child in an appropriate alternative school in cases in which the school believes the child requires to be educated in another school due to their educational needs as in the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45231/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts that were made to co-ordinate the timing of the leaving certificate results and UCAS deadlines and to communicate the timing of those results with the UCAS system in the UK to allow Irish students take-up courses; the number of students who were unable to take-up places at UK universities in 2021 as a result of the delay in results and the failure to come to agreement with UCAS universities; and the number of those students who chose to take-up a place in an Irish third-level course rather than defer until 2022 thereby reducing the total number of students able to take up third-level courses. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45243/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the review on alternative education which includes services (details supplied); when this review began; the scope of this review; when findings are expected to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [45273/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the publication of guidelines regarding reduced timetables in educational settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [45274/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the upgrade of existing payroll systems to an online system which was planned to roll-out on a phased basis over 2021. — Gary Gannon. [45275/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that Ireland is ranked last out of 36 developed countries for investment in education relative to GDP according to the latest OECD publication Education At A Glance 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [45276/21]

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

*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) continues to pay a deduction from their social welfare payment each week; when such payment is expected to stop; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44436/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the changes were made in relation to the income of a retained firefighter being used to calculate income for the back to school clothing and footwear allowance (details supplied); if this change is used for all applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44444/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the decision to refuse a disability allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44459/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of domiciliary care allowance by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44642/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of active rent supplement payments that are currently in place. — Eoin Ó Broin. [44644/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the relevant section of the Civil Registration Act 2014 will commence whereby it becomes obligatory for a father's name to be on a birth certificate when the birth is being registered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44689/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when assistance applied for via an application for rent supplement will be paid in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44700/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) cannot have an invalidity pension awarded to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44731/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if payments in respect of an overpayment can be reduced in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44735/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding community employment schemes (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [44847/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by her Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44920/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of providing free school meals for all primary school pupils. — Gino Kenny. [44940/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full year cost of providing free school meals for all post-primary school pupils. — Gino Kenny. [44941/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the draft legislation in relation to gender recognition for transgender persons aged 16 and 17 years will be brought before Dáil Éireann recognising the delay due to the dissolution of the last Dáil; the progress made to date in relation to the other matters set out in the Programme for Government relating to this issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44980/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45044/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the community employment scheme that had been extended from 2020 to 31 October 2021 will be extended further due to the continued public health restrictions that were imposed on many aspects of the operations of her Department. — Catherine Murphy. [45102/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) and persons like them can be considered for a form of social welfare income given the unusual circumstances surrounding their case. — Cathal Crowe. [45196/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of research into the cost of disability here which was commissioned by her Department (details supplied); and when it is expected to be published. — Ivana Bacik. [45207/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason Irish-born children of mothers who are seeking international protection are prohibited from access to any social protection benefits in Ireland. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45250/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the process in respect of part-time workers who during the academic year require the support of jobseeker's benefit on weeks in which the school or college is closed (details supplied) will be examined; if consideration will be given to a specific school staff streamlined way to support part-time workers who work around the school academic calendar and have no income when the school or college is not open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45253/21]

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

*419. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider making it mandatory for all crèches to undergo inspection from Tusla upon their opening and to have regular inspections taking place once operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [44438/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the steps he is taking to ensure access to after-school projects for all children in DEIS areas; the way he plans to support after-

school projects negatively impacted by changes to the national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44542/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the schemes in place of the job share initiative or community schemes for persons with a disability or mental health issues; if there is no replacement, if he plans to introduce a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44645/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to address the rise in closures of small and average sized childcare services since the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44662/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the UNICEF recommendation for 1% of GDP to be invested in childcare; if it is his plan for Ireland to reach this benchmark; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44664/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Ireland is one of the lowest spenders on childcare in the EU; the steps he is taking to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44665/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if supports will continue for childcare providers to help them access insurance given the rising costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44666/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many childcare providers find the current rates for the early childhood care and education scheme to be untenable and insufficient to allow providers to make ends meet; the steps he is taking to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44667/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that childcare is affordable for parents and is not a factor in parents exiting the workforce prematurely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44668/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [44707/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a progress report on the Programme for Government commitment to fully implement the access and inclusion model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44726/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to extend maternity leave going forward (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44789/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44907/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 753 and 754 of 9 September 2021, his views on whether employers should top-up the rates of parent's benefit; if he will engage with employers on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44987/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if private crèches are required to register with and be inspected by Tusla prior to opening; the circumstances in which Tusla will undertake an inspection of a private crèche; his plans to introduce legislation to enforce annual inspections of all private crèches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45018/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the raw data collected as part of the POBAL Annual Early Years Sector Profile 2021. — Kathleen Funchion. [45028/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45031/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the entitlements of a child (details supplied) under the ECCE in 2021. — Chris Andrews. [45062/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which community groups were consulted and the degree to which their views were represented in the research and evidence assembled to inform the design of the national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45254/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to the concerns of community childcare services in the Dublin 8 area that the national childcare scheme is putting the education and well-being of nearly 500 vulnerable children in Dublin 8 and in excess of 5,000 vulnerable children across the country at risk on foot of changes to the funding structures for vital community-based after-school services introduced under the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45255/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an undertaking will be given to restore adequate funding to ensure continuation of after-school services from 1 October 2021; the steps he will take to ensure access to after-school projects for all children in DEIS areas; if he will work with community services to design a sustainable and appropriate model of core after-school funding to ensure equal access to education and opportunities for all children particularly those most at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45256/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an undertaking will be given that he will meet representatives of community-based after-school services to discuss their grave concerns for the well-being of children at risk of long-term exclusion

and marginalisation on foot of changes to the national childcare scheme funding structures for critically important after-school services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45257/21]

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

*441. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a person (details supplied) is not being permitted to pursue an apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45060/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a participant who is currently on a Tús scheme can transfer to a VTOS funding programme; if so, the procedure for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [45067/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the processes that are in place for persons who apply for SUSI grants but are or were in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment given the payment is not recognised as a long-term welfare payment. — Paul Donnelly. [45239/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason for the high increase in college fees in the past 12 months (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44428/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that will be put in place to ensure students will not be disadvantaged in 2022 by grade inflation (details supplied) in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44435/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the options that are open to a student to appeal a no offer from the CAO due to an error in the application process in cases in which the CAO claims that the exam number of the person was not entered (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44445/21]

*447. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta tábla a sholáthar ina ndéanfar cur síos ar gach céim, dioplóma, cáilíocht, nó cúrsa atá á cur ar fáil nó á chur ar fáil ag ollscoil nó institiúid tríú leibhéal sa Stát, ina bhfuil an Ghaeilge mar bhunábhar, mar ábhar éigeantach nó roghnach i measc na modúl, nó mar mhodh teagaisc ina ndéantar ábhar eile a mhúineadh, chomh maith le figiúirí do líon na mac léinn a bhí cláraithe do gach ceann dóibh sin sna blianta acadúla 2019-2020 agus 2020-2021, agus atá cláraithe chun tabhairt fúthu don bhliain acadúil 2021-2022. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [44485/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if assistance can be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44512/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way that a student can prove estrangement from their family if they are over 18 years of age and where they do have reports on file with either An Garda Síochána or Tusla; and if he can request

that SUSI accept independent household bills as proof of estrangement in such cases. — Robert Troy. [44549/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will clarify a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44589/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will recommend that all staff in educational institutions under his remit who by necessity of their work have to come into contact with students and members of the public, including teaching staff, librarians and administrators, are provided with medical grade masks in the EN14683 category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [44595/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the options returning citizens from outside of the EU can avail of regarding upskilling and or further education. — Catherine Murphy. [44629/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to barriers regarding further education options for returning citizens from outside of the EU (details supplied); if this cohort can avail of Springboard courses; and if any alternative routes exist for entry to these courses. — Catherine Murphy. [44630/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated annual cost of paying all postgraduate workers in Irish third-level institutions a minimum living wage of €15 an hour. — Paul Murphy. [44631/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of first-year enrolments and the number of graduations, respectively in veterinary medicine in each of the years 2006 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [44679/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if financial assistance is available to students who have to repeat a college year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44702/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44914/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full year cost of removing all post-graduate tuition fees. — Gino Kenny. [44943/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated full year cost of removing all post-graduate registration costs. — Gino Kenny. [44944/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will take steps to further increase the number of places on courses in third-level institutions for 2022; his views on whether the leaving certificate grades inflation that occurred in 2021 will have a knock-on impact on the points required for courses in 2022 putting the 2022 leaving certificate

examination students at a disadvantage vis-a-vis students from 2021 competing for places on those courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44989/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he plans to take to avoid a repeat of the situation in which some leaving certificate students who achieved the maximum possible results in their examinations in 2021 still failed to secure a place on their preferred college course, losing out on the random selection process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44990/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the changes he plans to make to the current CAO selection process for third-level courses to provide a fairer path to securing a place in third-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44991/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who having achieved points totalling 550 or more in the leaving certificate but who failed to secure a place on their preferred third-level course due to random selection in 2021, in tabular form; the numbers involved in each individual course in each 10-point segment up to the maximum of 625 points; the number who achieved 625 points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44992/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the changes he plans to make to the current CAO selection process for third-level courses to provide a fairer path to securing a place in third-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44994/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45038/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the technical issue with the CAO system which affected a number of students such as a student (details supplied) whose exam numbers were rendered as a series of zeros in error and who subsequently were not properly considered for the first round of offers; if a similar issue occurred in previous years; the number of students affected; the efforts that were made to publicise the issue to ensure those affected could remedy it; if extra places will be made available to heavily subscribed courses for those who achieved sufficient points to do the course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45068/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that points inflation in 2021 has rendered many higher education courses that do not require the applicant to have taken higher level maths mathematically impossible to achieve (details supplied); his plans to deal with grade inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45074/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will support the call of an association (details supplied) for a digitalisation and infrastructure investment of €34.5 million in 2022, rising to €44.5 million in 2023 and €54.5 million in 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45099/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence regarding apprenticeships (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [45120/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consult with the Central Applications Office regarding the number of leaving certificate students in 2021 who failed to get any first round offer of a place due to the fact that their leaving certificate exam numbers were included on the CAO application form as a series of zeros in error instead of the correct numbers; if the CAO should have flagged these errors to applicants during the early stage of the application process; if the CAO can consider any special health considerations of applicants who have been the victim of these errors; if steps can be taken to rectify these errors in time for second round offers; if the circumstances of a particular case (details supplied) can be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45122/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of student in receipt of SUSI with a self-employed parent or guardian included within the assessed household; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45143/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a leaving certificate student (details supplied) has not been offered a place due to putting his name as Gaeilge on the exam despite the CAO using a unique CAO and exam number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45144/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts that were made to co-ordinate the timing of the leaving certificate results and UCAS deadlines and to communicate the timing of those results with the UCAS system in the UK to allow Irish students take-up courses; the number of students who were unable to take-up places at UK universities in 2021 as a result of the delay in results and the failure to come to agreement with UCAS universities; and the number of those students who chose to take-up a place in an Irish third-level course rather than defer until 2022 thereby reducing the total number of students able to take up third-level courses. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45244/21]

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

*474. To ask the Minister for Justice when she plans to accept applications for guest visas for persons who are vaccinated and have evidence of vaccination in their country. — Gino Kenny. [44422/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice if extra staff will be deployed to her Department to deal with a backlog of applications of guest visas. — Gino Kenny. [44423/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice if any of her predecessors made a request to the Chief Justice to appoint a judge under section 21 of the Courts of Justice (District Court) Act 1946, or any other similar provision, to investigate (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [44434/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to prescribe a set minimum sentence for those convicted of domestic violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [44441/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of discussions that have taken place within her Department notwithstanding the creation of the community safety innovation fund on whether monies seized under the statutory remit of the Criminal Assets Bureau will be redirected to local frontline community services in areas most affected by criminality; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44447/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice if applications for visas can be treated with urgency in the case of the family of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44448/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who reoffended while released on bail for other alleged crimes during each of the past five years; the breakdown of the types of crime allegedly committed while on bail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44525/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps being taken to restrict the granting of bail to serial or repeat offenders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44526/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that have availed of free legal aid over each of the past five years by category of alleged crime; the proportion of them that have been convicted; the number that had previously been granted free legal aid in respect of other offences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44527/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice the policy measures being considered by her Department to restrict access to free legal aid by repeat offenders including measures such as requiring them to pay a contribution towards the cost of their defence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44528/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost of providing free legal aid over each of the past five years by county; the average cost per alleged offender; the average payment to legal practitioners over the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44529/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice the categories of victims of crime that are currently entitled to free legal aid; the number that have availed of this service by year; her plans to extend this to other victims of crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44530/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44571/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps being taken to combat human trafficking in Ireland; if coordinated work is ongoing between An Garda Síochána and the Police Service of Northern Ireland to tackle this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [44581/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Justice the process for an applicant for naturalisation who is short of the reckonable residency requirement due to their stamp 4 GNIB card renewal being delayed during Covid-19; if they can request her to grant residency due to special circumstances; if the applicant must have a live application in order to request same; if so, the way this can be achieved with the reckonable residency requirement falling short; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44641/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is advancing proposals to offer leave to remain to persons who have spent more than two years in direct provision as part of efforts to reduce the current backlog of applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44654/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications made for international protection in Ireland in each of the years 2001 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of negative decisions for each of those years in which all avenues of appeal were exhausted in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44656/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Justice the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by her Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44917/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for residency in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44956/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 130 of 8 July 2021, the status of citizenship applications; the number of applications that are currently awaiting processing and decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44977/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have been granted Irish citizenship to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44978/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the development of the Third National Strategy; if it is on track to be completed by the end of 2021; the details of the process for the draft strategy planned to go out to public consultation in September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44979/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45041/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of bench warrants currently outstanding in the Garda B and C Districts within the Dublin Metropolitan Region; the number of those warrants outstanding per district that are in excess of minimum of 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [45050/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to each Garda district within the Dublin Metropolitan Region as of 15 September 2021; if this number will be further increased before the end of 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [45051/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of dogs currently in the Garda dog unit; the number of horses currently in the Garda mounted unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [45052/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardai who successfully completed the van personnel carrier course in 2020 and to date in 2021; the duration of this course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45055/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to the diversion protective services unit in the Cavan-Monaghan, Sligo-Leitrim and the Wexford Garda division as of 13 September 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45056/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of bicycles and electric bicycles assigned to the Dublin Metropolitan Region east Garda division; the number of new bicycles and electric bicycles assigned in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45073/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress of the inquest in relation to the Stardust fire; the timeframe and budget for same; and her views on whether the resources allocated will be sufficient. — Paul Murphy. [45121/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Justice if the subscribed visas that were submitted before May 2021 in Afghanistan included applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45171/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of visas her Department has granted to Afghans since 1 May 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45172/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Justice the budget allocation for the Data Protection Commission in each of the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [45209/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason inquests (details supplied) have been further delayed due to issues in relation to legal aid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [45240/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason the inquest for the 48 victims of the Stardust fire has been postponed from its original commencement date in October 2021; if her is Department still committed to ensuring the legal team of the families of the victims is funded in accordance with the legal aid rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [45248/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason the investigation into the Dóchas centre has not yet been completed; when is it expected to be completed and published in view of the concerns that have been raised regarding the facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45252/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*510. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department will take to address the situation in which persons who suffered a severe adverse reaction to the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine and are precluded on strict, medical grounds from receiving the second, find themselves through no fault of their own in certification limbo with concomitant negative effects on the practice of their profession and on their employment, such certification matter being inherently discriminatory

and denying them equality though they have fulfilled their civic and public health duty (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45006/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in progress in his Department through his engagement with NPHE, the HSE and the Department of Education to reduce the number of days that students, children and young adults in primary and secondary school that are close contacts of confirmed Covid-19 cases must isolate for which is currently ten days (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [45049/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health the dates on which the various changes to the fair deal scheme announced in the Housing for All document are due to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [45131/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the exclusion of homecarers from the critical skills exemption to the non-EEA employment permit system; the way he plans to ensure the service will continue to be delivered in the homecare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44426/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting in excess of five months for an MRI scan at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [44437/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health the community health organisations within the State which offer electricity subsidies to patients who suffer from COPD or similar illnesses which result in excessive use of oxygen machines and so on in particular in cases in which those persons are in low-income households; the reason a disparity appears to remain across different CHOs which clearly demonstrates that there is a postcode advantage in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44439/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the reason unit 1 in Merlin Park Hospital, Galway is not open for patients for overnight care; when it is anticipated that unit 1 will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [44443/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health when a corrected EU Digital COVID Certificate will issue to a person (details supplied) considering that they had already received eight certificates which were incorrect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44446/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has plans to introduce a programme (details supplied) at Waterford Institute of Technology free of charge for those patients who cannot afford the programme but who could significantly benefit from same; if additional supports will be made available to cover these costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44449/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for an appointment for paediatric occupational therapy appointments in counties Roscommon and Galway; the number of children currently awaiting a first appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44464/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that enter into agreements to rent or lease parking space to outside companies; the revenue raised in each location; the duration of the

arrangement in each location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44467/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health when day centres will be permitted to reopen for older persons who are fully vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44468/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health when disability day services will fully reopen for those who are fully vaccinated; if he is satisfied that some service users are only receiving a 20% service and that this has only happened in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44469/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be called for a non-urgent paediatric dietician appointment; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44470/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health the current number on each waiting list in counties Galway, Mayo and Roscommon for an urgent and non-urgent paediatric dietician appointment; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44471/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be called for a paediatric video fluoroscopy procedure at Galway University Hospital; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44472/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health the current numbers and waiting times in each acute hospital for paediatric video fluoroscopy procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44473/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects a decision on the approval of a drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44474/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for their surgical procedure; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44475/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health if a service will be reinstated (details supplied); the reason funding was withdrawn; if there are plans for an alternative service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44476/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will have their service restored; the reason for the withdrawal of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44477/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health the additional capital and capacity measures provided for in the HSE winter plan 2020-2021 to address the additional demands placed on the acute hospital system as a result of Covid-19; the planned completion date as set out in the plan for each project; the current estimated delivery time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44478/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44479/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 840 and 847 of 3 February 2021; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44480/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting hip replacement surgery at University Hospital Galway; the length of time that they have been waiting; the average waiting time for such surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44481/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health when a child will receive a date for surgery (details supplied); if they have been deemed as urgent; the waiting time for this surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44482/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health if behavioural optometry assessments are available publicly for children with special educational needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44483/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44484/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on the appointment of locum staff at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [44486/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health the number of frontline vacancies currently at Naas General Hospital; the type of vacancies that are available; the measures that are in place to fill those vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44487/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time it takes for schools with a Covid-19 case to be sent the relevant excel spreadsheet forms by the central admissions team to collect contact details and other required data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [44495/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health when the Keltoi HSE drug rehab unit will return to operating as a drug rehab unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [44497/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health if a formal investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of person (details supplied) will be carried out following the failure by child and youth mental health services to respond to the family's pleas for assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [44523/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health if a second chance can be provided to avail of the HPV vaccine for children who did not have parental consent when it was initially offered but the child wishes to avail of the vaccine when they reach 16 years of age and no longer require parental consent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44531/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a scheme under which a patient who has been prescribed a device (details supplied) can be reimbursed for the cost of the rental of the machine; if the machine is available under the non-medical card item and hardship scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [44532/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the plans to relocate the National Maternity Hospital from Holles Street; if alternative sites are being considered; the reason the board of the HSE rejected its proposed governance structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44541/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the location where a copy of the rules and regulations applicable to higher specialist training in public health medicine in the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland can be obtained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44546/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health when it is intended to legislate in the area of assisted human reproduction; and if he will be doing so in line with the recently published report of the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection which recommends that the Government introduce a legislative framework including recognition of international surrogacy and parenting arrangements. — Jim O'Callaghan. [44553/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the primary health care centre in Finglas, Dublin11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [44556/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health the longest time that a child who is classified as urgent, semi-urgent and non-urgent is waiting for a MRI scan in UHG; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44561/21]

*550. 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. [44564/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to allocate funding in Budget 2022 to voluntary mental health and suicide prevention charities not already in receipt of funding from his Department given the increased demand for such services due to the Covid-19 pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [44566/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young adults currently attending University Hospital Waterford with type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44573/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young adults attending University Hospital Waterford with type 1 diabetes using insulin pump therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44574/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who are waiting on a first appointment to the outpatients diabetes clinic in University Hospital Waterford; the number who are waiting over 12, 24 and 36 months, 4 and 5 years, respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44575/21]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that required in-hospital treatment for diabetes related foot complications and lower limb loss in each of the years 2014 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form by CHO and hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [44576/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to ensure a child (details supplied) is assigned to a liaison officer and gets the services they urgently need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [44582/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an EU Digital COVID Certificate for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [44583/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health if it is permitted for general practitioners to decline to see a patient in person on the basis that they have not been vaccinated for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [44588/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Brendan Smith. [44603/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the projected cost savings from the HSE medicines management programme’s recent restructuring of the preferred blood glucose strips for adults with type 1 and type 2 diabetes; and if the HSE will make those projected savings available to fund the expansion of the FreeStyle Libre glucose monitor to persons with diabetes over the age of 21 years. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44604/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE PCRS has made a request for funding to provide the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need; and if the HSE PCRS will include a funding request in its national service plan budget estimates for either 2021 or 2022. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44605/21]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health when the current application process for HSE insulin pumps tendering contract will be completed; when the new list of insulin pumps will be sent to the community drug schemes; the estimated timeline of the process from product review to inclusion on the PCRS; the expert group that will review the insulin pumps; and if the patient is involved in this process. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44606/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for BERGER, the type 1 diabetes education programme for adults which is run in certain diabetes centres has been suspended or discontinued; if suspended, when this funding will resume; and if funding has been discontinued, the plans being considered to provide alternative type 1 diabetes education for adults attending these clinics. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44607/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dose adjustment for normal eating training courses that were run by the HSE in 2018, 2019 and 2020, in-person or virtually, for persons with type 1 diabetes by hospital group in tabular form; and the number of persons with diabetes waiting to complete a course by hospital group in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44608/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health when the University of Limerick Hospitals’ adult diabetes service will have the level of staffing required to initiate the dose adjustment for normal eating course which are a diabetes specialist nurse and advanced nurse practitioner, one diabetes specialist dietitian and one diabetes consultant diabetologist and specialist registrar; and when courses will commence in University Hospital Limerick for adults with type 1 diabetes. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44609/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health when the three whole-time equivalent dietitian posts announced in January 2021 will be recruited as part of winter plan and commence their posts

in University Hospital Limerick adult diabetes services; and the portion of the three whole-time equivalent posts that are assigned to adult diabetes care in the acute services in Limerick, Ennis and Nenagh diabetes clinics. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44610/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes over the age of 18 years attending University Limerick Hospitals Groups' adult diabetes service that are using insulin pump therapy to manage their condition. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44611/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes that are waiting on a first appointment to the outpatients diabetes clinic in University of Limerick Hospitals group; and the number of those persons that are waiting over 12, 24, 36 months, 4 years and over 5 years, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44612/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the number of funding applications that were received for the long-term illness scheme and the primary care reimbursement service for the FreeStyle Libre glucose monitoring system; the number of applications received for persons over 21 years of age; the number of applications approved; the number of applications approved for persons over 21 years of age; the number of applications that were rejected; and the number of applications that were rejected for persons over 21 years of age in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44613/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances available to each county from the National Ambulance Service in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44621/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the lack of rheumatology consultants for the west of Ireland given that there are only two consultants for the region which is having devastating delays for access to treatment for persons in County Clare; and if a commitment will be made to provide more consultants to address this issue. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44622/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for an operation; if there are steps that can be taken to expedite the treatment for this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44623/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the body tasked with organising vaccinations for homeless persons; if there is coordination in place to facilitate persons without stable abode to access vaccinations; and if they are being treated as a priority considering their lack of access to sanitisation resources. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44624/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health if the vacancy for the psychiatrist position in the day hospital in Kilrush, County Clare has been advertised; when it is expected to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44625/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the reason dentists in Birr and Ferbane, County Offaly are refusing to take on persons in receipt of medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44627/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the recommendations in the reference guide Asthma-Diagnosis, Assessment and Management in General Practice published by the Irish College of General Practitioners in November 2020; if his attention has been further drawn to the Health Services Executive intentions with regard to the full endorsement of the

recommendations for the management and treatment of asthma and allergies; if sufficient funding will be provided to fulfil the recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44632/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health if an occupational therapist report will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44638/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on a matter (details supplied) regarding general practitioner care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [44639/21]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a nursing home (details supplied) has received three poor inspection reports in a row; the reason the Chief Officer of HIQA has not used their powers under section 59.1(iii) of the Health Act 2007; and the reason they have not requested a court order to enforce improvements needed at this home. — Paul Murphy. [44640/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health the current capacity of the Covid-19 test, trace and isolate system; the number of contact tracers currently in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44647/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health if Covid-19 testers in mass test centres are being given adequate rest breaks in their workday given the huge surge in demand for testing currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44648/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health if the practiced system of calling close contacts in school place settings has ceased; if contact tracers are currently instructed not to contact these cases if they arise in a school setting; if the job of contact tracing has been deferred to school administrators; if there have been changes to requirements for restriction of movement in these cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44649/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to resume walk-in testing at centres nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [44650/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that cancer patients are being turned away for scheduled inpatient chemotherapy treatment in Galway University Hospital due to a lack of beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [44680/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health when the construction of a new radiation oncology unit for University Hospital Galway is expected to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [44686/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to change the public health advice given to schools in respect of deemed close contacts of confirmed Covid-19 cases being obliged to restrict their movements and remain at home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44692/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the reopening of the HSE Keltoi rehabilitation unit in St. Mary's Hospital, Phoenix Park, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [44694/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health when the mid-term review of the National Drugs Strategy will be published; and if he will seek prior approval from the National Oversight Committee. — Thomas Gould. [44701/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions in place for a person who has been advised to not take the Covid-19 vaccine due to adverse reactions to vaccines as a child; if a letter from their general practitioner detailing this contraindication medically advised ineligibility for the vaccine will suffice for them in lieu of an EU Digital COVID Certificate and therefore allow them access to restaurants and other indoor spaces when it is required. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44710/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the use of antigen testing as Ireland continues with the gradual reopening of society. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44711/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if he will arrange for a vaccine for a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [44712/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding requests for services for children under the age of 18 from each CHO for each month from January 2021 to September 2021, in tabular form; and the amount requested for each service per CHO. — Sean Sherlock. [44718/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost of running a fully staffed early intervention team, occupational therapist, psychologist, physiotherapist, social worker and speech and language therapist; if the cost varies between CHO based on operations to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44727/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the annual revenue cost of a mental health bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44728/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health if a system has been put in place to record side-effects of Covid-19 vaccinations in the State; if such data will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44729/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for the National Rehabilitation Centre by county of residence in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44730/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health the network teams that are in planning stage under the progressing disability services; and the network teams that are in implementation stage in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [44736/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health when the legislation will be in place to enact the changes to the nursing home support scheme for farm families; if these changes can be applied in the case of a person who entered nursing home care before the legislation is passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [44737/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that have been taken to address shortages in the provision of dental services under the medical card scheme in particular as it relates to dental provision for pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [44748/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects EU Digital COVID Certificates will be available to Irish citizens who were vaccinated in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44753/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health his plans and the detail of measures to ease restrictions on visits for nursing home residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [44760/21]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of food that is wasted and or thrown out by hospitals in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44773/21]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if dieticians and or nutritionists are involved in the menus for food provided to patients; if emergent health and nutrition guidelines are taken into consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44774/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a system in place to redistribute food waste; if food produce or products in any of the hospitals is donated in order to avoid waste; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44775/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health the number of early intervention teams that have been established since July 2020, by county in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44776/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health the number of school age teams that have been established since July 2020, by county in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44777/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the reason section 39 workers have not had pay restoration (details supplied); if the issue will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44822/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the pricing being charged in a medical practice are fair and appropriate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [44824/21]

*609. 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. [44836/21]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a projected timeframe in which the backlog of primary medical certificates will be cleared and applications from 2021 will start to be assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [44837/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health when ocular prosthesis services provided though Temple Street Children's University Hospital will be available in Ireland again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [44850/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the direction he has given general practitioners and pharmacists regarding booster Covid-19 vaccinations. — Holly Cairns. [44902/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44915/21]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the budget for mental health services for 2021 and the value of this as a percentage of the total health budget. — Gino Kenny. [44934/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of providing free general practitioner care to all. — Gino Kenny. [44935/21]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost in 2022 of providing free universal primary care to all. — Gino Kenny. [44936/21]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances in Cork city and county by hospital or area; and the number considered a full cohort by year for the past five years in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [44951/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a shortage of ambulances in Cork city and county; and his plans to address same. — Thomas Gould. [44952/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health when the Sláintecare project on the development of a national diabetes register will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [44954/21]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the need for a national diabetes register; the reason there is no current register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [44955/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to address the current wait times for ambulances in the Dublin area as patients have reported hour-long waits for emergency ambulances. — Paul McAuliffe. [44963/21]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid to general practitioners for the provision of termination of pregnancy services in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44968/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health the number of initial consultations for the termination of pregnancy services that were provided by general practitioners, family planning clinics and women's health clinics in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44969/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health if all STI testing, including non-emergency cases and those without a general practitioner referral, has fully recommenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [44974/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work of the Women's Health Taskforce; the members of the Taskforce; the number of times it has met since it was established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [44981/21]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if a Covid-19 testing facility could be provided in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [44988/21]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made between his Department and an association (details supplied) since presenting proposals for reform of the dental treatment services scheme in August 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [44999/21]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists that have left the dental treatment services scheme in the past 24 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [45000/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department in line with the HSE will provide transport for adults with disabilities to attend adult day services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45002/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will introduce specific and discrete vaccination certification for the small but important number of vaccinees whose severe adverse reaction to the first dose precludes on strict medical grounds their completion of the vaccine cycle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45003/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to assist the small number of persons who require Covid-19 vaccination completion for their workplace but whose severe adverse reaction to the first dose precludes their receiving the second; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45004/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is discriminatory to leave persons who suffered major adverse reaction to the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine and are unable to get the second in effective certification limbo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45005/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the vaccination status and appropriate data for the number of pregnant women and their partners who have or are currently attending maternity services in University Maternity Hospital Limerick from January 2021 to September 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45017/21]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to improve access to general practitioner care in Lucan, County Dublin, as the population of areas such as Adamstown continue to grow and new communities such as Clonburris are developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45029/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45039/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health if the unplanned pregnancy support and abortion care study commissioned by the HSE and carried out by a person (details supplied) is part of the three-year review of the operation of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; the stage the study is at; and when it is due to be published. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [45058/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ventilators ordered from China by the HSE or others on behalf of the HSE in 2020; the cost of the ventilators ordered; the number of ventilators delivered; the number that have been deployed in clinical situations; the number that have not been

delivered; the amount paid for the ventilators; and the amount owed in refunds. — Gino Kenny. [45064/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the current situation with respect to respite care services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45066/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); if a solution to the issue will be found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45085/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health if he and the Minister of State for Mental Health and Older People will address concerns raised with their respective offices by care champions pertaining specifically to safeguarding concerns within the nursing home sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45098/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if a medical card application can be completed online; and the amount spent on the online medical card application form by the HSE. — John Lahart. [45106/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects an inquiry will be established to investigate the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate to pregnant women without them being made aware of the impacts it could have on their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [45107/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health when the six epilepsy nurse specialists will be recruited for the pregnancy prevention programme to help ensure pregnant women are fully informed of the side effects of sodium valproate given that to date only two of these nurses have been put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [45108/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health when the stakeholder group consisting of representatives of those involved in the treatment of women with epilepsy will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [45109/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health when the community operations programme will commence which was agreed in 2018 as part of a range of services that were to be put in place for families who were caring for children impacted by exposure to sodium valproate and to date no family has availed of such service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [45110/21]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in-person newborn and infant developmental checks carried out by public health nurses by CHO region in 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of checks carried out by phone; the number of checks not conducted; and the backlog of same. — Catherine Murphy. [45111/21]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which public health nurses will resume in-person checks; and the number of days public health nurses have been not in regular active service since March 2020 to date. — Catherine Murphy. [45112/21]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health when child and family psychology services will recommence in Galway city west, Oughterard and Moycullen, County Galway; the reason for the significant delay in issuing appointments for the service; the steps he will take to tackle the extensive waiting

list for the service to ensure that children and families will be issued with appointments as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45117/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to further reduce the size of the chapel at University Hospital Galway which had already been reduced in size previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [45126/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the measures which have been taken to resolve the acute crisis in the provision of dental services under the medical card scheme and in particular as it relates to dental provision for pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [45139/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department will take to provide the necessary capital and revenue resources arising from public health guidelines to facilitating the full reopening and safe operation of day care services. — Ivana Bacik. [45140/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a primary medical certificate for a person (details supplied) is being delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45141/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a primary medical certificate for a person (details supplied) is being delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [45142/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered marking a national day of commemoration to those lost to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45149/21]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the reported refusal by some dental practices to accept appointment requests from medical card holders; if he will clarify the responsibilities which dental practices have to medical card holders who request appointments and subsequently require treatment; if he will clarify which dental services are currently covered by the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [45150/21]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives removed from the register of nurses and midwives maintained by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland as a result of non-payment of their annual retention fees to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45182/21]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health if, with SouthDoc in Blackpool reopening, consideration will be given to the reopening of the Kinsale SouthDoc centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [45199/21]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact some community hospitals are utilising day care facilities for use as Covid-19 units and such units have day care centre staff deployed at swabbing and vaccination centres; if there are any interim measures that can be put in place for the elderly who require these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [45203/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for a cataract appointment. — Robert Troy. [45204/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the reopening of the Kinsale SouthDoc centre given that SouthDoc Blackpool is reopening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [45218/21]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to take action on the exclusion of addiction treatment facilities from HIQA remit. — Thomas Gould. [45219/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to take action on the lack of public oversight and transparency in addiction treatment facilities. — Thomas Gould. [45220/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to the hidden harm strategy in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Thomas Gould. [45221/21]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that have arisen from the hidden harm strategy. — Thomas Gould. [45222/21]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the funding given to rehabilitation and detox facilities by facility in 2019 and 2020 respectively, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [45223/21]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the number of alcohol-specific rehabilitation and detox beds by facility in 2019 and 2020 respectively, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [45225/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE and State owned and run alcohol rehabilitation and detoxification beds in the State. — Thomas Gould. [45226/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are in place to ensure a positive outcome for the child given that data from the most recent National Drug Treatment Reporting System indicates that half of those in treatment are a parent to a child and recognising the adverse childhood experience arising for the child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [45227/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of providing alcohol related health interventions in the State in each of the years 2020 and 2021. — Thomas Gould. [45228/21]

*670. 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. — David Cullinane. [45236/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay within CORU in relation to the registration for professional counselling and psychotherapy services; and the timeline to complete this process (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [45237/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and adults awaiting counselling services in all HSE operational areas in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [45238/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to seek an extension of the provisions of Part 2 of the Health (Amendment) (No. 2) Act, 2021 due to expire on 9 October 2021. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45245/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to seek an extension of the provisions of the Health and Criminal Justice (Covid-19) Amendment Act 2021 due to expire on 9 November 2021. — Jim O’Callaghan. [45246/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health if SARS-CoV-2 antibody testing is available nationally; if proof of the presence of antibodies will be accepted as proof of immunity; the reason the proof of the presence of antibodies is not currently accepted as proof of immunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45251/21]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the full implementation of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018. — Thomas Gould. [45278/21]

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

*677. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 389 of 30 June 2021, if a decision has been made on the inclusion of rabbits in the Animal Health and Welfare (Fur Farming) Bill 2020. — Paul Murphy. [44433/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details involved in preparing an EIA further to circular 5 of 2021; the minimum anticipated cost of preparing an EIA for such dead or dying crops; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [44520/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which files (details supplied) were received by the Forest Service of his Department in tabular form; the reason the files were not returned to the applicants if not up to the standard at the time of receipt of the application by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [44521/21]

*680. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a beef data and genomics programme appeal by a person (details supplied) will conclude. — Niall Collins. [44558/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [44705/21]

*682. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Minister for Finance or a representative of their Department advocated to his Department that a cap be placed on suckler numbers for participants in a proposed agricultural scheme. — Matt Carthy. [44714/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the primary legislation, statutory instruments and EU directives which serve as the basis for which his Department implements penalties and interest when recouping monies from farmers who have withdrawn from, or have been found to be in breach of a Departmental scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44755/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements he has had with farmers or farming organisations with regard the potential of anaerobic digestion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44756/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 177 of 29 April 2021, the progress made in establishing an interdepartmental group with regard to the regulation of exotic animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44757/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle slaughtered from controlled finishing units in July and August 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44758/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he has introduced since December 2020 to protect against the potential of African swine flu outbreaks in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [44759/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of planting and felling licences received and approved by his Department over the past 12 months in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [44782/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of planting and felling applications relating to County Clare that are currently awaiting decision by his Department.. — Cathal Crowe. [44783/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way he plans to deal with the backlog in applications for planting and felling licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [44784/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by his Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under his remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44906/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update regarding Food Vision 2030; if it has been formally adopted as policy; if it is a policy that a planning authority must have regard to under section 34(2)(ia) and or (iv) of the Planning and Development Act 2000; if it automatically supersedes and replaces Food Wise 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [44967/21]

*693. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45030/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the financial supports which might be available to a student who is studying for an agricultural green certificate at a college (details supplied) in circumstances in which a student has been deemed over the income limit for SUSI support. — Robert Troy. [45059/21]

*695. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons awaiting the introduction of a new retirement scheme for farmers; the details of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45069/21]

*696. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) with respect to the draft nitrates action programme and in particular the organisation's view that the proposed programme lacks consideration for the weather and the practical application of the proposed measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45097/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason An Garda Síochána did not utilise the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 in a case (details supplied). — Imelda Munster. [45130/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the development by his Department of a new strategy to expand afforestation, particularly close to nature forestry and agri-forestry, as outlined in the Programme for Government. — Ivana Bacik. [45134/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the contribution of his Department to the land use review as outlined in the Programme for Government. — Ivana Bacik. [45135/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps his Department has taken to promote close to nature continuous cover forestry systems as outlined in the Programme for Government. — Ivana Bacik. [45136/21]

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

*701. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the breakdown of recipients of the €250,000 recently granted to County Clare under the CLÁR programme. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44547/21]

*702. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount designated to all counties except County Clare under the CLÁR programme in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44548/21]

*703. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to increase funding in Budget 2022 for voluntary mental health and suicide prevention charities due to extra demand for such services arising out of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [44577/21]

*704. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the proposed works for the Mell Greenway, Drogheda for which Louth County Council received €200,000 through the outdoor recreational scheme in February 2020; if the new resubmitted plans have been approved; if there are timelines for a commencement of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [44657/21]

*705. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the locations of all offices and buildings either owned or used by her Department or by public bodies and agencies that operate under her remit which are usually open to the public to access services. — Holly Cairns. [44919/21]

*706. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has deleted text messages or email correspondence related to Government or official communications at any point since January 2020 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45043/21]