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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the current situation in which tour operators whose businesses are based in Ireland and offer day trips to tourist destinations in the north of Ireland have not been eligible for State supports despite the facts that northern tourist attractions generate international tourism to Ireland given the importance of cross-Border cooperation in terms of attracting tourists to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [47914/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the recommendations of an organisation (details supplied) in its pre-Budget 2022 submission; the recommendations from the submission that she would support; the recommendations that are deliverable within the term of 33rd Dáil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47786/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the situation in relation to a stadium (details supplied); and if she will consider providing the necessary funds to redevelop the stadium. — Gary Gannon. [48382/21]

4. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfaca sí an moladh atá déanta ag Comhchoiste Oireachtais na Gaeilge, na Gaeltachta agus Phobal Labhartha na Gaeilge ina thuairisc maidir le ‘Todhchaí na gColáistí Samhraidh agus an tacaíocht atá á hiarraidh ina leith’, go háirithe moladh a trí, a éilíonn ciste cobhsaíochta láithreach chun tacú le cobhsaíocht na hearnála le linn phaindéim an choróinvíris, mar a soláthraíodh anuraidh; agus cén fáth nár soláthraíodh ciste cobhsaíochta nó cúitimh don eamail go fóill nó le linn an tsamhraidh atá díreach thart. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48284/21]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to commission research or analysis into the way the €15 million provided by her Department to Galway 2020 was spent; her plans to publish any such analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47905/21]

6. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures she will be put in place following the closure of Cork Airport to encourage tourism to County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47849/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans in place or proposed to encourage diversity within the arts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47924/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the basic income guarantee pilot scheme for the arts; when the scheme will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [47919/21]

9. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán soiléiriú a thabhairt i dtaobh an phacáiste tacaíochta atá beartaithe chun cabhair a thabhairt do na coláistí samhraidh i mbliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [47902/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures that will be taken to place the arts at the centre of local communities for children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47923/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports that she has put in place to secure the viability of the local print and radio media here; her plans to support the local print and radio media here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47953/21]

12. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén teagmháil a bhí agus atá aici le hÚdarás na Gaeltachta maidir leis an mhonatóireacht atá á dhéanamh ag an Údarás ó thaobh an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn sna monarchana a thagann faoi chúram an Údaráis; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [47903/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the Online Safety and Media Regulations Bill 2020; and if she plans to bring this Bill through the Houses of the Oireachtas in the coming session. — Patrick Costello. [47935/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans of her Department to showcase objects from the national collections in rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47851/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of the Fáilte Ireland business continuity scheme which supports businesses not covered by the Covid restrictions support scheme; the breakdown of allocations and recipients by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [47980/21]

16. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén méadú a tháinig ar chistiú a Roinne i meastacháin 2021 faoi na ceannteidil Turasóireacht, Cultúr, Ealaíon, Gaeltacht, Spóirt agus Méain, cén t-ardú céatadáin a bhí i gceist i ngach cás; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47896/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to assist in the recovery of the tourism, sport, culture and

entertainment sectors in the context of Covid-19 with particular reference to rejuvenating these sectors within the shortest timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47900/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has long-term plans to support the arts, music and entertainment sector should there be a prolonged period with fewer persons attending events than has traditionally been the case. — Martin Browne. [35872/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the strategies to support more women to take up leadership positions across sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [47922/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her strategies to assist the tourism hospitality industry to retain and regain qualified staff in the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [47930/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will increase funding for the provision of public swimming pools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [43947/21]

22. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil díomá uirthi go bhfuil comhlacht poiblí (Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte, dar le Nuacht TG4 ar an 30 Meán Fómhair 2021), tar éis post sa Ghaeltacht a fhógairt trí fhógraí aonteangacha Béarla a chur sna nuachtáin, gan trácht ar chumas sa Ghaeilge mar bhuntáiste nó riachtanas ann, agus an logainm Gaeltachta Béarlaithe sa bhfógra acu, an aontaíonn sí nach bhfuil feidhm ag an reachtaíocht teanga gan pionós ann i gcás sáraithe, agus an dtacóidh sí le leasuithe ag Céim na Tuarascála ar Bhille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021 chun Béarlú oifigiúil ar logainm a chosc agus chun a chinntiú go n-earcódh comhlachtaí poiblí Gaeilgeoirí amháin le haghaidh poist sa Ghaeltacht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47944/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has developed a strategy to address the chronic shortage of staff affecting the tourism and hospitality sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47916/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans for alcohol free events in the night-time economy proposals. — Thomas Gould. [47898/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports that are being put in place to ensure that young persons return to sports. — Thomas Gould. [47899/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports both capital and current expected to assist sports facilities across Ireland recognising the significant positive impact they have on communities and well-being; the way she plans to support these into the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [47968/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the percentage of sports capital grants awarded that were drawn down for each local authority for the past three years; the amount that has not been drawn down for each of the past three years; if she will reinstate an allocation for individual boxing clubs to apply directly for sports capital grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [46657/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of applications her Department has received for sports capital grants; the number that have been validated; if she will provide a breakdown for each sport of the applications received; when she expects to be in a position to announce the successful grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [46656/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of a review into the Large Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund; and the steps required by Monaghan County Council on foot of the review to secure funding towards the provision of a public swimming pool in Carrickmacross. — Matt Carthy. [47948/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will conduct a review into the Olympics and Paralympics; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47937/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way in which she plans to transform and improve the tourism sector to ensure this valuable indigenous sector recovers from the pandemic given that it has endured untold devastation throughout the past year and a half with an estimated loss of 100,000 jobs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [47967/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on plans to develop a night-time economy. — Cormac Devlin. [47461/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will review the inconsistency across entertainment and promotional companies in relation to offering the personal assistant of a person with a disability tickets free-of-charge; if she will consider reviewing this and establishing a policy to ensure accessibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47917/21]

34. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán soiléiriú a thabhairt ar stádas na bpleananna teanga do na 26 Limistéir; cathain a mbeidh na 26 pleananna teanga ceadaithe; cé mhéid atá ag feidhmiú faoi láthair; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [47904/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the roll-out of gteic facilities in Gaeltacht areas around County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47940/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent of any ongoing discussions she continues to have with the major stakeholders throughout the tourism, entertainment, sport, arts, media and culture sectors with a view to monitoring the progress to date in the alleviation of the impact of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47901/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of plans for a full return of indoor sports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [47927/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the efforts that are being undertaken to provide general solutions which will help with costs in the arts sector; and

the investigation her Department has made into specific measures to alleviate the costs for the arts sector. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47793/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will reconsider her Department's refusal to fund transport costs to allow children in rural schools attend events in arts centres and theatres in terms of equal access to the arts. — Sorca Clarke. [47969/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the campaign by a group (details supplied); if she will examine the need for a pool facility in this part of County Wicklow; and if she will consider meeting the volunteer board to discuss the project and its plans going forward. — Steven Matthews. [47459/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the sports capital programme. — Cormac Devlin. [47460/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures that are being examined to allow for the blended income streams, yearly fluctuations and short-term employment opportunities available for workers in the arts sector to support continuous ongoing participation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47792/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her Department's role in the certification of section 481 film relief and in monitoring compliance with the quality employment and training conditions of that relief; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47960/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on marketing the area encompassed by Tipperary town, Cashel and Cahir, County Tipperary as a unique tourism destination; if she will engage with Fáilte Ireland and Tourism Ireland to discuss this idea; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [35871/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the cases raised in an article in a newspaper (details supplied); the steps she will take to address the flaws in the system to ensure that artists with disabilities are not faced with such barriers; and if she will arrange to meet with organisations as a matter of urgency to prepare a solution. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47943/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on the allocations made under the outdoor service enhancement scheme which has provided payments of up to €4,000 to non-food serving pubs and bars; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [47981/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her strategies to address labour supply and skills requirements in the tourism and hospitality sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [47931/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she has taken to reduce gender disparity on Irish radio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [47956/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the pilot project for universal basic income for artists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [47954/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if consideration will be given to increasing the funding under the 2021 sports capital and equipment programme in view of the large number of applications received by her Department; when the funding is likely to be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47850/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to promote the Irish tourism and hospitality sector in 2022. — Holly Cairns. [47942/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the strategies to support businesses and jobs in the tourism hospitality sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [47921/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a four month delay is typical in the case of an application by a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [47970/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to encourage a sports for all approach across sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [47929/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the case of a club (details supplied) and the need to upgrade existing pitch facilities to accommodate the growing club; and if she will consider a visit to the club to meet the board to discuss its strategy going forward. — Steven Matthews. [47101/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to provide supports to assist the cost burden of nightclubs reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [47932/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to progress the report and recommendations of the Night-time Economy Taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [47928/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will support the demands by groups (details supplied) for the implementation of the universal basic income for those working in arts music and entertainment and the other additional supports that they are requesting in advance of Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47959/21]

59. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an aontaíonn sí leis an taighde ar theaghlaigh de chuid Tuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta a sheol an tAire Stáit Jack Chambers a deir go bhfuil géarchéim sa Ghaeltacht maidir le labhairt na Gaeilge, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici plean éigeandála a ullmhú agus a chur i bhfeidhm chun athchóiriú a dhéanamh ar an nGaeltacht. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47947/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has met recently with the Media Commission; and when she expects its report to be finalised. — Richard Bruton. [47848/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of persons who were tested for Covid-19 before and after each of the live test events that took place throughout summer 2021; the location of the testing results that took place as part of safety measures; the way the results are being used to develop plans for reopening the live entertainment sector; and the reason the guidelines drawn up for live events as discussed by the Return to Live Entertainment Working Group at its meeting on 5 June 2021, were never published or used. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47946/21]

62. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé mhéad airgid ón Státhiste nó ón gceadúnas teilifíse atá curtha ar fáil i mbliana do TG4; cé mhéad airgid atá curtha ar fáil do RTÉ ar an mbonn céanna; cén bunús atá le cionroinnt an airgid sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47897/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the basic income pilot for artists; the timeline for when the details of the pilot scheme will be finalised; the number of times the oversight group tasked with examining the manner in which the pilot scheme will be delivered has met to date; the membership of the oversight group; if the oversight group has produced any interim reports to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48012/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress being made on revitalising the night-time economy; if she will report on the taskforce to unlock the potential this sector will bring to town and village centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47939/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a universal basic income payment is still to be piloted for the arts sector in 2022; the rationale for changing the type of payment proposed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47918/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the Commission on the Future of Media in Ireland; when the report of the Commission is expected to be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47852/21]

67. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é líon na nOifigeach Óige atá ag freastal ar na ceantair Ghaeltachta éagsúla, cad é líon na bhfolúntas atá ann agus a bhí ann le 2 bhliain anuas; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [47912/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way the arts sector has used Departmental funding to advance and support the artistic community over the past year and the resulted benefits to the arts community and wider communities across Ireland; the way she plans to support resources for the arts community going forward (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47936/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to increase supports for Irish speakers accessing State services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [47920/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the third Covid support package currently being developed for coláiste samhraidh will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [47913/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on the recent pilot nightclub event; the details of recent engagements with the Night-time Economy Taskforce on the recommendations listed within its report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47886/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will work with the Minister for Education to create a national strategy for the arts in schools with dedicated funding in order that all children and young persons may enjoy the benefits from participation and exposure to the arts. — Gary Gannon. [47957/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to support the tourism sector which was disproportionately negatively impacted by the pandemic. — Holly Cairns. [47941/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the scale of the staff shortages which affected the hospitality sector; and the measures being put in place to assist the sector. — Richard Bruton. [47847/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department will undertake a feasibility study and liaise with Donegal County Council and other relevant statutory bodies with responsibility for the development of tourism in the north-west to identify an appropriate funding stream for the design and construction of a rope-bridge structure at the Owencarrow Viaducts in Creeslough, County Donegal. — Pearse Doherty. [47907/21]

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 he will consider adding trained printers to the list of skill shortages which will facilitate supply shortages as in the case of companies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [47462/21]

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48006/21]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding available to the Farm Safety Partnership Advisory Committee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48102/21]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the restart grant will be extended over the coming 12 months; and the terms applying for the remainder of 2021 and into 2022. — Richard Bruton. [47534/21]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will clarify the substance of the initiatives in relation to the Action Plan on Insurance Reform (details supplied); the number of doctors that have completed the clinical education referenced to date; if that education is now standardised training at CPD level and specified in the personal commission reports from which this recommendation was taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [47588/21]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48021/21]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the date when the next round of critical skills permits will be announced; if he will be allocating additional permits for dairy farm workers given reports of skills shortages in this industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [48044/21]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of work permit applications in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48125/21]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding work permits for non-EU workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48131/21]

*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of work exchange and WWOOFing practices under the current Covid-19 restrictions. — Holly Cairns. [48138/21]

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or any person in his Department has met with a company or the director of the company (details supplied) in relation to the data centre industry in Ireland; and, if so, if he will detail the content of any such meetings. — Bríd Smith. [48313/21]

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he spoke to the Governor of Washington DC during his recent visit to the United States of America. — Sorca Clarke. [48363/21]

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

*88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if additional funding will be made available to continue the Go Fishing outreach service to educational settings until December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [48330/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the additional commercial concerns that can compete in the farm plastics recycling market place and receive access to the levy contributions as would be required in terms of open competition (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48405/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the initiatives his Department is taking in terms of improving the recycling rates of farm plastics (details supplied); the access to levy payments that has been offered to private contractors to provide alternative collection opportunities on and off-farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48406/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on concerns regarding issues of restricted competition or his Department’s support for a possible monopoly situation in the management of farm plastic recycling given that it appears that his Department has only licensed one entity for this activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48407/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the evaluations that have been carried out on licensed farm plastic film recycling sites in view of actions against a facility (details supplied); the location and licencing status of these sites; the storage capacity these sites are presently using or exceeding; the environmental protections and analysis that has been carried out in the past year with respect to these other sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48408/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if information will be provided on previous and planned actions by RTÉ in response to the Report of the Joint Committee on Climate Action Climate Change: A Cross-Party Consensus for Action March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [47475/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if information will be provided on previous and planned actions by the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland in response to recommendations made in section 4.4.2 in the Report of the Joint Committee on Climate Action Climate Change: A Cross-Party Consensus for Action, March 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [47476/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the seven representatives from the academic and community sectors on the newly established RESS community steering board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [47477/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if information will be provided on the change of timelines for auctions under the renewable electricity support scheme 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [47478/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will allow households that received shallow energy improvements under the warmer homes scheme to apply for deeper measures; and the date from which persons can lodge applications. — Richard Bruton. [47550/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to introduce a scheme for an area wide scheme of energy improvement during the course of 2022; if areas will be selected starting with older estates in which BER values are lower; and the measures that are under consideration to encourage persons to participate. — Richard Bruton. [47551/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has made any changes in the schemes of support for energy efficiency measures and solar installations by households; and the schemes which will be available during 2022. — Richard Bruton. [47552/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his engagements with his Ministerial colleagues and the Commission for Communications Regulation regarding the issue of cold calls and or potentially fraudulent activities by telephone to persons living in Ireland; if his attention has been drawn to the various media reports on the matter; and the progress to date with telecoms providers in respect of this issue. — Catherine Murphy. [47610/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position in respect of the waiting times for the better energy warmer homes scheme in cases in which a person has been advised that there could be up to a three year wait for work to commence on their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [47661/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department along with NBI has engaged with companies (details supplied) or any other third-party contractor to expand and accelerate the National Broadband Plan contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47727/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current deployment areas in County Mayo for the roll-out of fibre broadband; the townlands contained within each area; the number of completed premises surveyed in each townland; the number of premises fibre broadband will pass under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47728/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the primary focus of the EXEED grant scheme is carbon reduction or certification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47801/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the EXEED grant scheme is for carbon reduction or certification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47802/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the SEAI business capital grant support that is available for individual micro, small, medium, and large business in Ireland to reduce their carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47803/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on whether the scoring system for the EXEED grant scheme is weighted too heavily towards

certification rather than carbon reduction projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47804/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on whether the EXEED grant scheme is failing due to the fact that of 237 expressions of interest only 82 manifested in stage 1 applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47805/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the fact that 82 stage 1 applications for the EXEED grant scheme is an extremely low uptake when compared to the number of eligible SMEs in the sector and may indicate that there is a problem with the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47806/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on whether the fact that there were only seven EXEED grant scheme offers have been made in 2021 will have a significant impact on national targets for carbon reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47807/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown of the seven EXEED grant scheme offers made by industry, business size, geographical location of the successful applications in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47808/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown by industry, business size, geographical location of the number of businesses that have passed audit and achieved certification (details supplied) since the inception of the EXEED grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47809/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish any data his Department obtained on numbers of salmon present in Irish waters over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47820/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason the proposed deposit return scheme of his Department excludes glass bottles; and if he plans to amend the scheme to include glass. — Ivana Bacik. [47829/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48022/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 66 of 25 May 2021, the reason the works on the wall on the bridge in Ballylooby, Cahir, County Tipperary were not carried out in September 2021 as committed to by the OPW. — Jackie Cahill. [48108/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when persons will be able to sell surplus electricity to the grid (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [48182/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he or any person in his Department has met with a company or the director of the company (details supplied) in relation to the data centre industry in Ireland; and, if so, if he will detail the content of any such meetings. — Bríd Smith. [48312/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which he will justify the continuing use of the public finances to incentivise the unabated exploration and extraction of fossil fuels in view of the declaration of climate emergency and as emissions continue to rise; and the ratio between the €3 billion and the public investment in proven clean energy generating technologies. — Thomas Gould. [48322/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated cost in 2022 of recruiting fifteen additional full-time cyber-security developers and analysts for the National Cyber Security Centre. — Sorca Clarke. [48373/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*121. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the transfer of the heritage sites in County Clare to Clare County Council; if there is a timeline for same; and if his Department can ensure appropriate communication is in place to ensure a smooth handover and that staff feel they have security of tenure. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48250/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans that are being put in place for the transfer of heritage sites to Clare County Council; if there is a timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48251/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration regarding the financial buffering that was carried out by a group (details supplied) is provided to the heritage sites in terms of a winter debt to offset the low level of footfall in winter months; and if the oversight of the Department will commit to maintaining this financial arrangement. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48252/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the process of the transfer of the Shannon Heritage sites to the local authority including a progress report and a timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [48492/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the engagement that has taken place between Shannon Heritage, the local authorities and other relevant stakeholders with those who hold leases at these sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [48493/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Northern Ring Road in Cork will be included in the new phase of the National Development Plan. — Thomas Gould. [47512/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Transport the current waiting time to exchange a foreign driving licence issued by a recognised state for an Irish driving licence; if his attention has been drawn to the significant delays in this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [47598/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to introduce a congestion charge for cars in Dublin city centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47611/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Transport the detail of the waiting lists and waiting times at each of the driver test centres; the steps he is taking to address the exceptionally long waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47636/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts that are being made to combat the long driving test waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [47653/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reduce waiting times to sit a driving test given that some persons are waiting at least six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47656/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the legislation currently in place that enables airlines to regard wheelchairs as luggage and which therefore limits compensation for loss or damage of a wheelchair (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47736/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the supports available from his Department over the past 18 months for taxi drivers that were impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic, in particular with regard to pandemic unemployment payments and taxi licensing costs and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [47769/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of and reasons for short notice cancellations of bus route 30x30 Donegal to Dublin and Dublin to Donegal to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47784/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which a CIÉ pension scheme (details supplied) will commence; and if he has engaged with the company in respect of this arrangement. — Catherine Murphy. [47785/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that when transferring a British driving licence to an Irish version many drivers are losing access to some of their categories such as A 125cc, C1E, D1E, D1 given they have code 101 and when these drivers return to the UK even for a short trip they no longer have access to these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47800/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48000/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48034/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of public order incidents recorded on the Luas in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48045/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of public order incidents recorded on Dublin Bus in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48046/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of public order incidents recorded on the DART in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48047/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of public order incidents recorded on Bus Éireann in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48048/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 23 September 2021, the 22 stations that will have their lifts upgraded by the end of 2021; the start and end dates of these works in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48162/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 23 September 2021, the 52 stations that are set for major investment up to 2024; the form this investment will take in each instance; the start and end dates of these works in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48163/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 23 September 2021, the full list of DART and commuter stations currently using the lift call system in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48164/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 23 September 2021, the 15 DART and commuter stations that will introduce the lift call system in 2021; when the system will be introduced in each station in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48165/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason a person (details supplied) who has had a disabled driving permit with a progressive underlining health condition has had their renewal refused and has been advised that they cannot reapply for a year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48172/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress and status of the horse drawn carriage Bill; when he expects pre-legislative scrutiny to take place; and when the heads of the Bill will be published. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48192/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to provide additional resources to the Road Safety Authority to enable it to reduce driving test waiting lists which are currently at unacceptable levels; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that since the resumption of driving tests applicants are waiting up to six months or more for a driving test which in many cases is impacting severely on applicants employment prospects or impacting students ability to get to and from college; if his attention has been drawn to the need for driving tests waiting lists to be substantially reduced so that all applicants are provided with a driving test without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48203/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to taxi fares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [48258/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is taking steps to deal with numerous customer services complaints against a company (details supplied) from motorists; the steps he is taking to address the issues raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48263/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the routes and timetables on which 24-hour bus routes will be rolled out in 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [48368/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures in place to help artists and arts organisations cope with high insurance costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47926/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the help-to-buy scheme further than the current expiry date due to Covid-19-related restrictions in 2020 and 2021 for building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48173/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that artists and arts workers are supported through the employment wage subsidy scheme until mass gatherings are permitted again and cultural events can take place at full capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47787/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance the current payment rates for the employment wage subsidy which are in payment at different pay levels; the conditions which must be met by an employer to remain in payment; and if further phased withdrawal is planned as the economy reopens. — Richard Bruton. [47523/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance the terms on which warehoused taxes are being held by the Revenue Commissioners; the obligations that enterprises carry in respect of these sums of money; and if any phasing of obligations is planned to assist enterprises struggling to reopen. — Richard Bruton. [47524/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Covid restrictions support scheme which provides for an advanced tax credit will continue to operate during the remaining phases of reopening; the obligations enterprises carry in respect of these advances as their business gradually recover; and if any additional phasing is envisaged during the remaining stages of reopening and recovery. — Richard Bruton. [47525/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of relief has been granted to date under the stay and spend tax credit; and if the applicable dates for this concession will be extended. — Richard Bruton. [47526/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance the rate of take-up of the bike to work scheme in the most recent twelve months for which data is available; and the average value of claims made. — Richard Bruton. [47527/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated yield by the Revenue Commissioners of the local property tax as a consequence of the revised property valuations, and the revised rates of payment.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [47528/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance the rates of local property tax which will apply in 2022; and the conditions under which any exemptions or reliefs can be claimed in 2022. — Richard Bruton. [47529/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance the options available to an Irish company that has been refused by the two largest banking companies in Ireland to open a business bank account; if his Department or any other State agency offers assistance in such cases to new companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [47599/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated level of profits NAMA is expected to generate. — Emer Higgins. [47608/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Finance if the projected profits of NAMA will exceed its subordinated debt. — Emer Higgins. [47609/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the banking levy to 2022; if so, the rate at which he will extend the levy and its revenue target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47657/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Finance the way any extension of the banking levy would interact with retail banks withdrawing from the Irish market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47658/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Finance the credit and other institutions that are currently subject to the banking levy. — Pearse Doherty. [47659/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 446 of 27 July 2021, if the revenue generated from the introduction of a 40% rate of capital gains tax on the disposal of assets made by persons in cases in which the gains accrued are in excess of individual incomes including income generated by gains in excess of €200,000, €300,000, €400,000 and €500,000 was calculated on the basis of the farm restructuring relief, revised entrepreneur relief and the retirement relief applying to the income and capital gains tax returns for tax year 2018 before the 40% rate applied; and if not, the amount the revenue generated would be in those circumstances in which the aforementioned reliefs were considered before the proposed 40% rate was applied on the respective thresholds. — Pearse Doherty. [47664/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 35, 36 and 37 of 22 September 2021, the total amount in nominal terms of tax relief on pension contributions made by employees with gross pay above €300,000, €250,000, €200,000, €150,000 and €100,000, respectively in 2019. — Pearse Doherty. [47689/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the concerns raised by green growers in correspondence (details supplied) in the context of the carbon tax and Budget 2022; if he is satisfied that the future of this industry has been adequately safeguarded given the points raised in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [47723/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will conduct a review of the deemed disposal rule that leads to tax being charged on exchange traded funds every eight years even if the profits have not been realised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47779/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has plans to introduce tax reduction measures for the Irish fishing industry that would allow expenses such as harbour fees, ice plant fees and slip off fees for paint and repair to be written off against annual tax returns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47824/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48023/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of VAT raised through the sale of bovine sexed semen in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48054/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of farmers who claimed €70,000 in young farmer reliefs in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48055/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the age young farmers can claim stamp duty relief to 40; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48057/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of VAT raised in each of the years 2016 to date with regard to forage and lab analysis and faecal egg lab testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48058/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of VAT raised on farm disinfectants and hygiene products in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48059/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the age to avail of enhanced stock relief for young, trained farmers to 40; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48060/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to extend stock relief on replacement livestock in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48061/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of exempting from VAT all non-oral animal health medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48062/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Finance the current VAT rate on low emissions slurry spreading technology; the estimated cost of reducing that rate to 13% and to 0%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48063/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of carbon tax raised in relation to glasshouse growers in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48064/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of VAT registered farmers within the State; the amount of tax relief claimed to date on farm safety equipment by VAT registered farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48065/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of including agricultural land which is subject to compulsory purchase order in capital gains tax entrepreneurial relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48067/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered changing the criteria for agricultural relief in order that 90% relief would apply whereby a family farm is transferred into both spouses' names and either of the spouses meets the 80% asset test and active farming requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48068/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of granted applications for agricultural relief in each of the years 2016 to date; the number of joint applications; the number of single applications; the number of sole female applications; the amount of relief provided in bands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48069/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered resolving an anomaly whereby if a farm is transferred into joint ownership a spouse is required to own and farm the asset for the next ten years before availing of capital gains tax retirement relief. — Matt Carthy. [48070/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of farmers that availed of the opportunity to step out of income averaging as second time within a five-year period from 2020 to date; the average financial implications arising; the net result to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48071/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to retain consanguinity relief in its current form for the duration of the current Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48072/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance his proposals with regard to agricultural relief capital acquisition tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48073/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered changing favoured successor rules with regard to agricultural relief capital acquisition tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48074/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance his proposals with regard to ensuring that those availing of agricultural relief capital acquisition tax are active farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48075/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that availed of enhanced stock relief for farm partnerships in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the amount availed of in €1,000 bands; the amount these farm partnerships paid in excess of €15,000 in €1,000 bands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48079/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the succession tax credit to off-farm income on the basis of tax returns in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48080/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that availed of the succession tax credit in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48081/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of farm assets that a transfer or must agree to transfer to the successor for the successor to avail of the succession tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48082/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to increasing the State aid limit to young farmers regarding stamp duty; the engagements he has had and the actions that have been taken in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48083/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount raised in enhanced stock relief for young, trained farmers aged 35 to 40, 41 to 45, 46 to 50 and 50+ in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48085/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to renew enhanced stock relief for young, trained farmers in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48086/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of relief claimed via enhanced stock relief for young, trained farmers; the number of those availing of the relief in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48087/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of relief claimed via young, trained farmer stamp duty relief; the number of those availing of the relief in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48088/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered extending enhanced stock relief for farm partnerships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48089/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount raised in stamp duty on agricultural land for each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the applicable rate for each year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48090/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount raised in stamp duty in excess of that raised on the first million euros for each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48091/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to allowing young farmers to submit and have their business plans approved by Teagasc within 12 months of claiming young, trained farmer stamp relief duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48092/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to renew young, trained farmer stamp duty relief in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48093/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount raised in stamp duty on agricultural land by persons aged 35 to 40, 41 to 45, 46 to 50 and 50+ for each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48094/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of non-VAT registered farmers within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48095/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of allowing non-VAT registered farmers claim tax relief against farm safety equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48096/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the monthly number of automatic renewals of licence renewals to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [48106/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance the monthly number of automatic renewals of off-licence renewals to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [48107/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of his plan for a broad ranging review of the banking sector announced in Dáil Éireann in July 2021; when he will publish the terms of reference of such a review; if his Department has had engagement with the Central Bank on this matter since the initiative was announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48157/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which his Department and the Department of Health are engaging at a European level to ensure reform of tobacco taxes across the EU including lobbying for equal tax treatment for reduced risks products and traditional cigarettes in view of the expected publication of the updated Tobacco Directive by the European Commission in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48204/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated value of cigarettes and tobacco products seized by Revenue Commissioners' officials at Irish ports and airports to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48207/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that have been taken to implement additional measures to counteract cross-Border smuggling and illicit trade in fuel products; the number of enforcement proceedings issued in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; the plans in place to inspect loads of fuel crossing the Border; the steps taken to address this breach of law and environmental policy in Ireland; the course of action he and his Departmental officials will take to align with the new solid fuel regulations in respect of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [48316/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would be generated from an increase to 50% in the minimum effective tax rate of those earning more than €325,000 per year. — Sorca Clarke. [48372/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance the first and full year costs of indexing tax credits and income tax bands by 1%, 2%, 3% and 4% for persons with incomes above €100,000, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [48384/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance the first and full year costs of indexing income tax bands by 1%, 2%, 3% and 4% for persons with incomes above €100,000, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [48385/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce taxation measures to address the unfair situation whereby commercial landlords who make-up 60% of apartment and duplex owners

can write off their defect levies against their tax liabilities whereas owner-occupiers and social landlords cannot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48392/21]

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

*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason contracts which were furnished over two years ago by the solicitors acting for Coillte to the State Solicitors Office that are acting for the Office of Public Works were not executed which relate to the transfer of lands which are urgently required for the erection of facilities for use by the Irish Coast Guard at Castlefreke, Rosscarberry, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47838/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to allow civil servants to continue to work remotely when they wish to in order to not to lose the benefits of work-life balance and lost time and energy due to commuting and also the environmental benefits of less cars on the road; if he is engaging with trade unions on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47997/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48029/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated annual savings from reducing salaries by 50% of the Taoiseach, Tánaiste, Ceann Comhairle, Leas Cheann Comhairle, Ministers and certain Ministers for State, whilst leaving the current rate of the salary for Deputies in place (details supplied). — Mairéad Farrell. [48191/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of OPW owned buildings in Blanchardstown village, Ongar village, Ashtown village and Castleknock village, Dublin 15. — Emer Higgins. [48208/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of mobility moves at assistant principal and equivalent to secretary general including agreed moves and equivalent across the public service and all agencies since 1 January 2019 to date that are going to happen before 31 December 2021, by grade, Department, organisation and year in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [48327/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount spent to date on the refurbishment of Longford and Athlone Garda stations. — Sorca Clarke. [48360/21]

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

*229. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will ensure equal access to all concerts and cultural events with the provision of personal assistant tickets for a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [47563/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will ensure equal access to all concerts and cultural events with the provision of personal assistant tickets for an organisation (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [47607/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a matter raised by a club (details supplied) in correspondence will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [47662/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will establish a fund from which clubs can seek additional amounts under the sports capital programme to meet soaring costs given the substantial escalation in building costs over the past 12 months and the fact that there is currently no facility for a grantee to apply to have their grant amount increased which is putting many projects that were awarded funding under previous sports capital programmes in jeopardy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [47681/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she in consultation with the relevant Departments, will ensure that the work put in by those in local media organisations is given due recognition in view of the difficult period that they have faced due to Covid-19. — Cathal Crowe. [47708/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of businesses in mid-western areas of Dublin that received outdoor dining grant support; the total value of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [47722/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to address and ensure the ten main concerns raised by a group (details supplied) are prioritised in advance of the impending negotiations for Budget 2022 between her Department and the Department of Finance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [47735/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department will be able to create a research section within her Department to maintain, continue and co-ordinate the investment in research in the arts sector to ensure continuous ongoing accurate information is available to the arts sector on an ongoing basis. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47796/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will advocate for inclusion of questions regarding access and participation in culture, sports and the arts in the next census. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47797/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there will be an extension of a new creative Ireland program beyond 2022. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47798/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will respond to a query raised by a group (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [47814/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the recent relaxation of Covid-19 regulations now enables gyms and leisure centres to allow their members to avail of their changing rooms and shower facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47815/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a dedicated helpline and email address will be created for business owners in the tourism hospitality industry to seek clarity on the permissibility of planned events in the context of public health advice during the pandemic. — Ivana Bacik. [47871/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of a Gaeltacht college (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47974/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has received correspondence from a person (details supplied); and if she will review their access rights. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47975/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48001/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans in place or proposed to encourage members and players to return to sports following full reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47925/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the roll-out of all Gaeltacht language planning areas and Gaeltacht service towns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [47933/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans in place or proposed to address funding for sports organisations in view of losses suffered during the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [47934/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the timeframe in place or proposed for rolling out the basic income scheme for artists. — Niamh Smyth. [35109/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the role her Department has played in developing a universal basic income for artists. — Thomas Gould. [35261/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under her Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48033/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is seeking an additional sports capital allocation in the forthcoming Budget for 2022; if consideration is being given to carrying over the remaining funds available under the sports capital grant scheme to 2022 and combining this with possible additional provision to be provided in Budget 2022 for distribution amongst the current applicants under the scheme given the large number of applications and the risk that otherwise applicants will receive an allocation insufficient to undertake their proposed works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [48167/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of applications for sports capital grants remaining now that the allocations have been made for the equipment grants; the financial allocation available for this cohort; when allocations will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [48168/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the Galway 2020 legacy plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48220/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the evaluation of Galway 2020 by an organisation (details supplied); the amount paid to the organisation to date to carry out the evaluation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48221/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the Galway 2020 performance delivery agreement was extended after 1 July 2021 pursuant to her comments in Dáil Éireann on 22 June 2021; when the Galway 2020 performance delivery agreement is due to expire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48222/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the breakdown of the way the €50 million allocated for live performance (details supplied) in Budget 2021 in tabular form; and the amount actually spent or drawn down under each scheme or funding stream as of September 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48262/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the proposed funding schemes that will be made available to further support regional museums and other cultural facilities in County Louth provided by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [48342/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which the tourism industry is likely to recover over the next 12 months; if she plans to take any further initiatives to stimulate the industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48344/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department have examined the most important features of the tourism industry to which she can offer assistance or encouragement towards recovery in the wake of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48345/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department propose to take specific initiatives to help the recovery of the tourism industry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48346/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which her Department has identified a particular need for the tourism sector with specific reference to recovery and restoration of employment to the maximum extent possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48347/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when capital sports grants are likely to be awarded and granted in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48348/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if major capital sports projects are likely to be announced; if any changes to previous policy in this regard is contemplated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48349/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department proposes to put special emphasis on local sporting and community organisations when considering the allocation of grants in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48350/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department has directly supported the arts in 2021; her plans for the future in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48351/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she and her Department have identified any particular areas in which further assistance to the arts will be provided in the wake of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48352/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which employment is being restored throughout the arts community; if any further particular issues have arisen which might warrant her attention in the wake of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48353/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department are engaged in the promotion of Irish culture at home and abroad targeting the tourism and education sectors in particular thereby creating a new awareness at home and abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48354/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to promote and develop the use of the Irish language in all Gaeltacht areas throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48355/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to monitor the use of the Irish language throughout the country, its potential in non-Gaeltacht areas and the encouragement of its use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48356/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she and her Department are taking to target and eliminate online bullying across various social media platforms; the recent progress in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48358/21]

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

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the most recent study that has been carried out by his Department on the seal population in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47819/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans including timelines for the establishment of the seafood working group which is planned to be a compensatory body to oversee any disruption caused to fishing livelihoods as a result of the designation of marine protected areas and installation of renewable energy sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47826/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it can be expected that his Department will establish the maritime area regulatory authority that will be an important requirement of the Marine Area Planning Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47827/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if fees for foreshore licences for not-for-profit community groups and clubs will be waived; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47843/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the then Minister for the Environment, Community and Local Government updated sections of the Telecommunications Antennae and Support Structures Guidelines 1996 in 2012 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48212/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if information will be provided on the progress of a Strategic Environmental Assessment of draft interim regulations with new conditions and exemptions regarding solar panel installation; when a public consultation will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [47479/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the commissioning of aviation safeguarding maps for new planning regulations in relation to the installation of solar panels; the timeline for this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [47480/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the youth homeless strategy as part of the new Housing for All plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [47488/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the public sector benchmarking exercise used to evaluate and award the first bundle of social housing public private partnership homes will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47511/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date from which 100% of the yield from local property tax will be retained within the county in which it is raised; and if he will list the extent to which they intend to increase or decrease the tax yield by using their discretion to raise or lower the rate for each local authority. — Richard Bruton. [47530/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the waiver of rates will be extended over the coming 12 months; and the terms applying for the remainder of 2021 and into 2022. — Richard Bruton. [47534/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new limits for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan scheme will come into effect; the gross income limit for single applicants and couples respectively; and if changes will be made to the maximum loan to be issued. — Richard Bruton. [47542/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new interest rate will be in place for the Rebuilding Ireland home loan; the interest rate which will apply; the mortgage protection rate that will be charged; and the estimated monthly repayments on a €200,000 loan taken out over 30 years. — Richard Bruton. [47543/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the changes that are planned in relation to the income limit for eligibility to go on a social housing list during 2022; and the upper income limit for a single applicant and a couple respectively. — Richard Bruton. [47544/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the upper limit for a HAP rent in each of the four Dublin local authorities for families of different sizes; and if there are plans to review these limits. — Richard Bruton. [47545/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the planned duration of restrictions on eviction notices under the special Covid-19 rules; and if he is considering any further extension of these protections. — Richard Bruton. [47547/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to legislate for new protections for tenants; the target date it is hoped that they will come into effect; and the provisions planned. — Richard Bruton. [47548/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has made any changes in the terms of the housing assistance payments available to pensioners and those who need adaptation on grounds of disability or in the means test that will apply during 2022. — Richard Bruton. [47549/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications received in 2021 for regeneration areas from local authorities; the number to be granted in 2021 and the number expected to be granted in 2022. — Thomas Gould. [47559/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the person or body which a farmer can contact to confirm if their holding has been removed from a SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47574/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units by constituency in which his attention has been drawn to fire safety defects by unit type that is duplex, apartment and so on. — Emer Higgins. [47602/21]

*293. 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 that have already paid to repair their home will be included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [47603/21]

*294. 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. — Emer Higgins. [47604/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of boats removed from rivers, canals and inland waterways in Ireland in each of the years 2016 to 2020,

in tabular form; the process involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47676/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the allocations made to the four Dublin local authorities to fund the housing adaptation grant for older people and people with a disability scheme and the mobility aids grant scheme in each of the years 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; the allocation of same for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47677/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a new statutory instrument is required to amend the tenant purchase scheme as recently announced in the Housing for All plan; if so, when this statutory instrument will be published and the amended scheme terms and conditions made available to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47692/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that are being taken under the new Housing for All plan to increase the supply of housing for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47716/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 225 of 1 July 2021 and the publication of the Housing for All strategy, the cost to date to his Department for the provision of funding to each local authority for the post of vacant homes officers in tabular form; if each such local authority has appointed a vacant homes officer, the date of each appointment; if such appointments are full-time dedicated posts with no other responsibilities attached; if not, the other responsibilities; if he has requested an annual report for each such local authority in relation to the work of each vacant homes officer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [47724/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received annual reports setting out the progress in terms of tackling homelessness and housing delivery in Galway city and county for 2019 and 2020 from the Galway Social Housing Taskforce pursuant to the terms of reference of the taskforce; if he will provide copies of these reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47752/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that can be taken to ensure that Irish Water is no longer engaged in contaminating the habitat of endangered species; if new penalties need to be introduced to deter such activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47778/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail his engagements with the National Building Control Office in respect of defective concrete blocks entering the supply chain; the steps he and or the Office have in place to ensure this is not repeated; and if he will detail the failings by his Department in permitting this issue to arise. — Catherine Murphy. [47839/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if affordable housing schemes will be developed in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [47841/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times Mayo County Council has used the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in each of the years 2017 to 2019, in tabular form. — Michael Ring. [47844/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of staff in the fire service in Dublin over each of the past ten years; the number of vacancies that currently exist due to retirement; the number of staff due to retire in 2021 and 2022; the annual budget allocated to the Dublin Fire Service for each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [47866/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48002/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48027/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on extending the voting franchise for general elections to all persons who qualify to vote in local elections. — Holly Cairns. [48142/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 97 of 28 September 2021, the details of both the approved application and the pre-applications which are currently being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48152/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a foreshore application by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48153/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the recently agreed social housing targets for each local authority with a sub breakdown of social housing new build, acquisition and long-term lease for each local authority in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48155/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown by local authority of affordable purchase and affordable rental targets for each year from 2022 to 2025, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48156/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 280 of 21 September, the number of CREL funded cost rental homes that will be purchased and made available for tenanting in the first quarter of 2022; and the details of the location, unit size and costs of same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48194/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average length of time spent on the social housing list in County Wexford; the plans to reduce these times; the number on the social housing list for each of the past 12 months and each month of 2021 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [48234/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the target number of Housing First tenancies for County Wexford for 2021; the number of Housing First tenancies secured to date in County Wexford in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [48235/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable houses that have been built in County Wexford in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [48236/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of void council properties that have been brought back into local authority use in County Wexford per year since 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [48237/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of and reason for the delay in a decision being made in relation to his statement at the end of August 2021 during a visit to County Clare, that the decision to include County Clare homeowners in the national redress scheme would be made within a number of weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48247/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grounds on which the delay on the inclusion of homeowners in County Clare is based given in the findings of the working group's report homeowners in the county are not represented on the working group and their consideration into the redress scheme is wholly unrelated to the established working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48248/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason direction has not been given to Clare County Council to accept further submissions and or testing which is not being carried out at present. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48249/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question number 139 of 28 September 2021, when he expects all vacant homes officers based in local authorities will be full-time posts; the action he plans to take to make this happen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [48315/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress on his long-standing commitment to examine the eligibility criteria used for income thresholds and qualification to the housing waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48332/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can address the reason income thresholds and rent limits have not kept pace with rising rent expenses with many households now topping up their HAP to private landlords exceeding 30% of their net income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48333/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applicants currently in receipt of HAP and RAS in County Mayo from 2016 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48334/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social homes under Mayo County Council ownership; the number of new social housing builds

and acquisitions completed by Mayo County Council from 2016 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48335/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process he plans to follow to ensure the local authority in County Mayo implement an affordable housing scheme that is fit for purpose and adequately resourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48336/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he and his Department have any responsibility for endangered listed and or unlisted buildings throughout the country; his plans to take any specific initiatives to ensure their protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48359/21]

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

*328. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions the Government is taking to ensure justice for the victims of atrocities committed by ISIS Daesh in Iraq; if he plans to table a UN Security Council resolution referring this matter to the International Criminal Court; if not, if Ireland will commit to establishing an ad-hoc international tribunal to bring the perpetrators of atrocities committed by ISIS Daesh to justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47472/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the assessment he has made of the fourth report to the UN Human Rights Council by the UN Group of Eminent Experts on Yemen (details supplied) which suggests the International Criminal Court examine the situation in Yemen as a priority; if he plans for Ireland to either table or support a UN Security Council resolution referring the situation in Yemen to the International Criminal Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47473/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the role that freedom of religion and belief plays in Ireland's international human rights advocacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47474/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue ahead of travel on 3 October 2021 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47558/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if passport applications by persons (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [47632/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue for a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that a family have been separated by virtue of the fact that this person has not received their passport. — Michael Ring. [47669/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department will amend the passport form and corresponding website information to reflect the fact that persons securing a new Irish passport can photocopy their original and have it witnessed and signed by a member of An Garda Síochána instead of surrendering their existing in-date passport which they may need for travel purposes while their new passport is being processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47720/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the passport office will recommence the processing of postal applications; the number of postal applications that are currently waiting to be processed; the estimated timeframe for this backlog to be cleared; the processing times for postal applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47772/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the estimated amount in hours and costs of overtime for staff in the passport office on a monthly basis from February 2020 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47775/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47781/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for a delay in the witness checking stage of child passport applications; the status of an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47813/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the turnaround times for first time passport applications; the steps taken to reduce these turnaround times; if there has been additional staff allocated to first time applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [47846/21]

*340. 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. — Michael Collins. [47894/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a passport application (details supplied) has not been finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48013/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a passport application by a person (details supplied) has not been finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48014/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five-years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48024/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a passport has not been finalised in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48077/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue for a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that this person has imminent travel plans. — Michael Ring. [48078/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue for a person (details supplied) in view of their upcoming travel plans. — Michael Ring. [48084/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 23 September 2021 and his endorsement of the statement by EU Commissioner Lenaric which underlined that attacks on education constitute violations of international humanitarian law, his views on whether Israel will continue to perpetrate these violations with impunity unless direct

action is taken and that the time is now to institute such actions by the international community, by Ireland and the EU in particular; the form these actions might take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48127/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether the persistent expansion of illegal Israeli settlements is in keeping with the principles of the UN Charter in the context of Israel's treatment of Palestinians in the Occupied Palestinian Territory and in particular Israel's persistent expansion of illegal settlements; his further views on whether the Israeli Government has habitually failed to respect human rights and human dignity in its dealings with Palestinians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48128/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department by indicating support for the Jewish character of the Israeli state agrees with the treatment by Israel of Palestinian communities in its attempts to accomplish Jewish supremacy; his views on whether these attempts to perpetuate the supremacy of Jews over Palestinians amount to apartheid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48129/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent of the consular assistance that he and his officials have provided to the family of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [48154/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that this person is due to travel with their family shortly. — Michael Ring. [48159/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a passport has not been finalised in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48169/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a first-time passport has not been finalised for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48170/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when it is likely passports will be finalised for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48171/21]

*355. 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. [48188/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact this person has submitted the requested information. — Michael Ring. [48190/21]

*357. 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. — Michael Lowry. [48239/21]

*358. 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. — Michael Lowry. [48240/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application for a person (details supplied) can be expedited to enable travel for a vital family reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48242/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the return of passport of a person (details supplied) will be expedited in time for their travel plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48257/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue for a baby (details supplied) in Dublin 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48274/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of passport applications by a family (details supplied); if the passports will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [48317/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*363. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason the Defence Forces are having serious difficulties with the retention of personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [47620/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on pay and conditions in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [47621/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Defence the current plans for new recruitment for the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [47622/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Defence the current strength of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [47623/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Defence the current measures that are in place to encourage more women to join the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [47624/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48019/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Defence the current total strength of Air Corps personnel; and the number of qualified military pilots, cadet pilots in training, qualified military aircraft maintenance technicians, qualified military avionics technicians and military apprentices in training of both disciplines. — John Brady. [48259/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Defence if he plans to invite his French counterpart to Ireland before the end of 2021. — Sorca Clarke. [48364/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of full-time civilian carpenters, roofers and electricians employed by his Department working in Gormanstown Camp as of 27 September 2021. — Sorca Clarke. [48365/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated cost in 2022 if the budget for the Civil Defence increased by 12%. — Sorca Clarke. [48366/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*373. To ask the Minister for Education the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48008/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider re-establishing the school library fund that was cut in 2008 in Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47471/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the lack of a co-educational, non-denominational secondary school in the Killester, Raheny and Clontarf school planning area; her plans to address same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [47489/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that a person (details supplied) will miss school next week due to a lack of transport and that a parent has had to take time off work to provide transport for the child. — Thomas Gould. [47506/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 1079 of 27 July 2021, the position regarding the emergency works application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47557/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [47606/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education if a grant will be issued to a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47617/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a review of the scheme of reasonable accommodations at certificate examinations and consider broadening the current set of allowable reasonable accommodations with a view to making examinations a more accessible and equal experience for children with a disability. — Joe O'Brien. [47633/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be granted another special needs assistant to allow it to enrol more pupils with additional needs. — Chris Andrews. [47643/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education if a child (details supplied) will be granted special needs assistance support to allow them to attend their local school. — Chris Andrews. [47644/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education the options available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47663/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education the number of SNAs employed in each primary and secondary school (details supplied) in County Meath in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [47666/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education the number of vacant SNA positions in each primary and secondary school (details supplied) in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [47667/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education the number of NEPS psychologists assigned to primary and secondary schools (details supplied) in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [47668/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education the body with responsibility for the safety of children at school; and the body that has responsibility for the safety of school staff at school. — Paul Murphy. [47711/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a grant to support parents in cases in which students have been refused school transport as in the case of students (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [47712/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education if the 50% school bus transport capacity limit currently in operation for the post-primary bus service will be reviewed; if any late applications for the scheme will be considered as in the case of students (details supplied) in the context of any changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [47713/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students who reached 19 years of age or more while still in full-time secondary education in each the years 2015 to 2020. — Emer Higgins. [47744/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education if advice will be provided in relation to the case of a child (details supplied) with autism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [47749/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the current DEIS review; the way a school (details supplied) can be considered for the status under plans to extend the DEIS programme to new entrant schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [47753/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education if the appropriate practical rooms will be provided for the students at a school (details supplied); the status of the overall project; and the timelines for the completion of works. — Catherine Murphy. [47756/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of practical rooms for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [47760/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has examined the provision of an assessment tool (details supplied) in Irish schools; if so, the extent of this examination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47763/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to issues in relation to the bus route of a school (details supplied) in County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [47773/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision has been made on an appeal for additional special needs assistant hours by a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47776/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new school building for a school (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47780/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education the primary and post-primary schools approved for additional accommodation including temporary accommodation; the stage they are currently at in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47845/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any plans for an educate together school in the Killester, Raheny and Clontarf school planning area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [47867/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider requesting the NCSE to adopt a policy of assumption of allocation of a special needs assistant at secondary level in cases in which a child had one at primary level. — Ivana Bacik. [47874/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to commence a teacher recruitment programme to address shortages of teachers in certain geographical areas. — Ivana Bacik. [47875/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to introduce supports for school principals experiencing burnout. — Ivana Bacik. [47876/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48003/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the application for a physical education lab and equipment store made by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48015/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under her Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48020/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made with the review of the school bus service; when she expects the review to be complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [48036/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education if the review of the school bus service included the examination of the need to allow students attend their parish national school rather than their nearest school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [48037/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to increase the number of ASD units in primary schools in south-western County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [48139/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown, section by section, including a precise timeline for the commencement and the reason for the delay in commencement of the remaining sections of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48151/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education when the position of a person (details supplied) in a school in County Mayo will receive its correct recognition and associated remuneration, terms and conditions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48160/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education if she will take steps to secure the wooded lands owned by her Department (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [48161/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education if a pension application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48193/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education if student retention numbers can be lowered to allow minority ethos schools such as a school (details supplied) keep a minimum of two teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [48223/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education the status of restoring the Gaeltacht and island allowances paid to school teachers; if proposals exist to address the pay disparity for those who commenced employment since January 2011; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48225/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education if clarification will be provided on a matter in relation to a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48260/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a person (details supplied) is still waiting on a school bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48261/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 489 of 28 September 2021, if a copy of a masterplan (details supplied) will be provided to this Deputy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48287/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education if the prefabs in a school (details supplied) are leased or owned by her Department; if they are leased, if they will be replaced by the provider given their condition; if they are owned by her Department, if they will be replaced for the same reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [48319/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education if she is considering proposals (details supplied) regarding schools funding as part of Budget 2022; her assessment of measures she may take in Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [48331/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress of a Gaelcoláiste (details supplied); the efforts made by her Department to provide an adequate and permanent school premise to accommodate the needs of both current and future pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48337/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the failure to provide a suitable and permanent school building for the parents, guardians and students of a Gaelscoileanna (details supplied) in view of the commitment in the Programme for Government to implement the 20-year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030 and Action Plan; her views on whether this failure contravenes the commitment within the stated strategy to ensure a high standard of all-Irish education will be provided to school students whose parents and guardians so wish and that Gaelscoileanna

will continue to be supported at primary level and all-Irish provision at post-primary level will be developed to meet follow-on demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48338/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education the number of fulltime quantity surveyor and civil and structural engineers employed by her Department as of 30 September 2019, 30 September 2020 and 28 September 2021, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [48367/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools that are currently operating within temporary accommodation; the names and locations of these schools, the length of time each school has been in temporary accommodation in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [48390/21]

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

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will investigate the possibility of increasing the income limit for pensioners when considering the fuel allowance in the context of increasing energy costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [48374/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that artists and arts workers are supported through the pandemic unemployment payment until mass gatherings are permitted again and cultural events can take place at full capacity; if the pandemic unemployment payment will be restored to €350 for the arts and events sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47787/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for jobs initiative scheme participants be included in the winter fuel scheme (details supplied.). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47466/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if long-Covid myalgic encephalomyelitis chronic fatigue syndrome will be added to the list of prescribed diseases for the occupational injuries benefit scheme; if long-Covid will be recognised as a disability for the purpose of disability allowance and the invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [47482/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that self-employed fishers who crew fishing vessels but who do not meet the current criteria can access the rural social scheme. — Holly Cairns. [47505/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to retraining and upskilling; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [47514/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the terms on which the €1,000 grant for short courses is being made available; and if there is a restriction on the type of courses, full-time or part-time to which it can be applied. — Richard Bruton. [47531/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the terms on which the pandemic unemployment payment is being gradually withdrawn from those eligible as workers and for those eligible as self-employed; and if it is intended to review these terms as the progress of reopening and recovery evolves. — Richard Bruton. [47535/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is considering increasing the threshold of €100 over the equivalent rate of the State pension (contributory) as the upper limit for payment of the fuel allowance in view of the pressure on fuel costs. — Richard Bruton. [47536/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the suspension of the waiting time for recruiting a person aged under 30 years of age onto JobsPlus will continue during 2022; and if so, the conditions of eligibility for different options that will apply. — Richard Bruton. [47537/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the work placement scheme will continue during 2022; and if so, the terms on which it will be made available. — Richard Bruton. [47538/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the terms on which paternity benefit and parental benefit are scheduled to change during 2022; and if so, the terms on which they will be available. — Richard Bruton. [47539/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an application by a person (details supplied) for the working family payment has not been put into payment; when they will receive payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47612/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the fuel allowance for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47638/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers that work in County Cavan by office; the number of community welfare officers in the county that have been absent from work due to illness in the past six months by office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47639/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the funding for the school meals programme in a school (details supplied) can be increased to reflect the number of students currently attending the school. — James O'Connor. [47640/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average time that community welfare officers have been absent due to illness in County Cavan over the past six months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47651/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47714/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of any proposed change in calculating the State pension (contributory) moving from the total contributions approach and yearly average methods to the total contributions approach only method; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47731/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in processing an application for supplementary welfare in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47732/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting so long for their carer's allowance appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47733/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will consider extending the duration of child benefit to last until a child has completed secondary school in order to benefit those who turn 19 in their sixth year of secondary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [47734/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the full rate of disability allowance will be restored to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [47755/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application by a person (details supplied) for a living alone allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47764/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility of a person (details supplied) for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47765/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a secular body is defined as one with 50 members or less with respect to the definition of a body permitted to apply for additions to the Register of Solemnisers under the Civil Registration Act 2004; her plans to amend this number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47840/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has plans for a hot school meals programme expansion for 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [47892/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48005/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under her Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48031/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the depreciation rate for farm equipment and machinery to a standard 10% with regard to farm assist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48097/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of including forestry premium payments within income from farm schemes and direct payments disregards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48098/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of allowing a three-year income test assessment for farm assist applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48099/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of increasing the assessable income limit for fuel allowance means test by 10% for a single person under 80, single person over 80, for a couple in circumstances in which the qualified adult is aged under 66 or a couple in which the qualified adult is aged 66 or over in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [48144/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to publish a report (details supplied); the reason for the delay in doing so to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48150/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 518 of 28 September 2021, the number of students who are in receipt of disability allowance who lose this allowance by virtue of their studying abroad; if she is satisfied that this temporary relocation constitutes a non-compliance with the habitual residency requirement given that all such students still reside substantially in Ireland; the estimated cost of reversing the policy approach in this regard; if she will review the policy of her Department in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [48166/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the fuel allowance will be extended to those in receipt of illness benefit experiencing fuel poverty who are unable to work due to illness or ongoing medical treatment. — Peadar Tóibín. [48187/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider expanding the eligibility for the fuel allowance to include those in receipt of illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48210/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a back to education appeal in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48214/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the fuel allowance and bonus week payments to those on illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [48215/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine extending the telephone support allowance to those in receipt of the State pension (contributory) but not in receipt of either the living alone allowance or the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [48219/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason there is a rule that prevents persons who are on illness benefit from qualifying for fuel allowance and the bonus week payment at Christmas given that there is a provision made for those in receipt of jobseeker's allowance for 390 days, 15 months or more to qualify for both the fuel allowance and the bonus week (details supplied); and the reason no such provision is made for those on illness benefit. — Paul Murphy. [48233/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated amount of the additional €5 million that was made available through Dormant Accounts funding for carers and persons with disabilities as of September 2020 that has been granted to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48244/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a companion travel pass will be issued to a claimant who has very limited mobility (details supplied); if the chief medical officer of her Department can reconsider this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [48318/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of local employment services being funded by her Department to deliver construction skills training; the location of each service in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [48323/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if those receiving illness benefit will be considered for the fuel allowance and the double payment at Christmas, particularly those who have a claim category of continuous duration and those who have received illness benefit for several months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48324/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48386/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the decision to refuse an invalidity pension can be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48403/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can be placed as a dependent on the pension payment of their spouse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48404/21]

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

*473. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he, in conjunction with the relevant Departments will consider putting a scheme in place similar to the cycle-to-work scheme for those on disability and invalidity allowance in order to financially assist them to access bicycles and electric scooters and so on. — Cathal Crowe. [47464/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reasons for the delay to the successor of Better Outcomes, Brighter Future; when he expects same to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [47486/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a child poverty unit has been established in his Department; if so, the staff and resources provided to the unit; the remit of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [47487/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the advice he sought from persons and bodies with expertise in GDPR concerning subject access requests by survivors seeking personal information from the archive of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47502/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 254 of 16 September 2021, if he will consider matters raised in

correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47513/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to reduce the cost of childcare for parents with particular reference to ensuring as much support as possible to working families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47569/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of an inspection for a crèche (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47595/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made toward delivering on each of the specific nine actions outlined under Cultural Identity in the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021; the amount of funding that has been allocated to or spent on each of those actions to date; and his plans to address the continued need for progress in the area following the completion of the current strategy. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47685/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to increase funding for resources for young persons and youth services in line with proposals by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47770/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that early years and childcare workers are receiving adequate benefits such as sick leave, sick pay and maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47782/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that can be taken to strengthen the role of an organisation (details supplied) and other organisations that are involved in enhancing the lives of young persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47783/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to introduce additional entry points during the year for parents availing of the ECCE scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [47870/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to ratify the optional protocol on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; and if so, if he will supply a timeline for same. — Ivana Bacik. [47873/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48007/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue

or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48018/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied minors that have gone missing while in State care in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the number found or accounted for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48035/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the breakdown by section including a precise timeline for the commencement and the reason for the delay in commencement of the remaining sections of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48147/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he plans to sign the Optional Protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with a Disability to meet Ireland's obligations under the UNCRPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48148/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that are in place to meet the 6% employment target for 2024 under the Comprehensive Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities 2015-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48149/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will review the refusal of ECCE for a child (details supplied) considering the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [48224/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of applications for declarations of eligibility and suitability to adopt from abroad that were made by individuals and couples in 2020; and the number that were assessed as suitable. — Joan Collins. [48232/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider establishing a commission or a cross-party working group on ableism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48253/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will take on board the recommendation in the review by an organisation (details supplied) of the youth work sector response to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48288/21]

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

*496. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the initiatives that have been taken by Government to encourage women to take-up construction skills training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [48326/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that are been taken to address the current student accommodation crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [48339/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of the breakdown between online and in-person learning that each of the higher education institutions are providing; the rationale for same; if he is providing guidelines for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47491/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the terms on which post-graduate study can receive support towards fees and maintenance; and if there are plans to extend these schemes. — Richard Bruton. [47532/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the special maintenance rate is confined to students whose parents are in receipt of the working family payment or long-term social welfare payments; and if there a gross income test also effective under which students from low-income families can qualify. — Richard Bruton. [47533/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of the members of the Student Grant Appeals Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47625/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the rationale for reducing the number of members of the Student Grant Appeals Board from eleven to seven; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47626/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the years for which annual reports were prepared by the Student Grant Appeals Board for the relevant Department since its formation in 2011; the specific years the relevant Department requested an annual report from the Student Grant Appeals Board since its formation in 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47627/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if in accordance with the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies 2016, an oversight agreement has been put in place between his Department and the Student Grant Appeals Board; if not, if any exemption has been sought from the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47628/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he or another Minister or Minister of State from the Department of Education last met with the Student Grant Appeals Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47629/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if all further educational institutes are required to devise and submit strategic and development plans for their campus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47678/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports that are available to students who have recommenced first year at universities after difficulties with Covid-19 in 2020; if there is standard guidance to universities; if his attention has been drawn to reports of some institutions charging full tuition fees such as in the case of a person (details supplied) whereas others are only charging the student registration fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47679/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48008/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48025/21]

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

*510. To ask the Minister for Justice if former prisoners (details supplied) had been given extra money by the prison to help them re-enter society; if this extra money was used to buy drugs; and the steps taken to ensure that such funds do not get spent on drugs. — Peadar Tóibín. [47591/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address the case of a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [47592/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of any inquiry into the allegations made by an organisation in its mission to Ireland in 1977 which specifically references the case of a person (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [47615/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of any inquiry into the findings of oppression against the State by the Court of Criminal Appeal in 1980 which led to the successful appeal by persons (details supplied) of their sentences in 1980. — Patrick Costello. [47616/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of the civil legal aid scheme; the timeframe in which it will be held; and the details of any public consultation or engagement with stakeholders that it may include. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47649/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47654/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Justice her planned reforms to licensing laws; and when she anticipates being able to publish these legislative proposals. — Pa Daly. [47747/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is considering the possibility of introducing an amnesty in respect of asylum seekers who are residents in the State over a specific period of time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47751/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered allowing stamp 2 visa holders to work full-time in order to alleviate staff shortages in certain sectors of the economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47759/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Justice if steps can be taken to waive or delay the reintroduction of the €410 per night special exemption order in order that some financial pressure can be lifted from the Irish pub and nightclub industry that has experienced a difficult time over 19 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [47768/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fines that have been issued for non-essential travel by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [47790/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Justice if an appeals process exists for fines issued for non-essential travel during the Covid-19 lockdown; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [47791/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will clarify the steps a family (details supplied) need to take in order to receive or apply for citizenship; the steps expected of the family to retrieve their passports from Serbia, the state they fled; if she can offer any further advice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [47811/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for reform in the area of easements and rights of way and when she anticipates being able to bring legislation on the matter. — Pa Daly. [47812/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects the position of chaplain to be appointed by the Irish Prison Service in Limerick and Portlaoise prisons. — Alan Kelly. [47816/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of visas that were issued in the past five years including location and country of origin for the fishing industry in tabular form; the engagements her office has had with the fishing industry to determine future requirements for foreign workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47828/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Justice the up-to-date position in relation to efforts to pardon a person (details supplied); the updated timeline regarding the future process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47893/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48004/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under her Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48028/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Justice if a visa extension can issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48066/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of assaults on gardaí in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48122/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of public order offences that were handed out in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48123/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of e-scooters that were stolen by county in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48124/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to reports that appointments with the Garda National Immigration Bureau are being booked and sold online by a non-authorised entity; the steps her Department has taken to investigate this matter since it was raised in a parliamentary question (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [48177/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Irish citizenship applicants currently waiting longer than 12 months for a decision on their application; and the number of citizenship applicants currently waiting longer than 24 months for a decision on their application. — Ivana Bacik. [48178/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Justice the average waiting time for citizenship applications to date in 2021. — Ivana Bacik. [48179/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of citizenship applicants her Department plans to communicate a decision to in 2021. — Ivana Bacik. [48180/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on whether a specialist domestic violence unit may be warranted in view of the cancellation of domestic violence calls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48256/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of the Defamation Act 2009; the date for the expected completion of that review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [48325/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost in 2022 of increasing the number of sworn gardaí to 15,300 by the end of 2022; the estimated cost in 2023 to increase the number to 16,180; and the estimated cost in 2024 to increase the number of sworn gardaí to 17,100. — Sorca Clarke. [48361/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 439 and 440 of 6 July 2021, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities to answer the question. — Sorca Clarke. [48362/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*541. To ask the Minister for Health if a new scheme will be considered as part of Budget 2022 to make a contribution towards or cover the costs of medical reports required for driving licences for persons over 70 years of age who have a GMS card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47718/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty non-EEA doctors have accessing critical skills employment permits in Ireland; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that non-EEA doctors are not eligible for stamp 4 IRP unless they stay in Ireland for five years; if he is taking steps to remedy this to encourage doctors to stay and train in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47868/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48004/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) on remand will be transferred to another facility. — Peadar Tóibín. [48174/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the number of prisoners currently waiting to be transferred to the Central Mental Hospital; and the current bed capacity and waiting times. — Peadar Tóibín. [48175/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to modernise and integrate the IT infrastructure in his Department and the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47465/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined and a general practitioner allocated to them in view of the circumstances of the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47467/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health when early intervention will be provided to address the complex needs of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [47468/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health if a detailed update will be provided on the new building development planned for St. Vincent's Community Nursing Home, Mountmellick, County Laois; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [47469/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for an operation in Galway University Hospital in view of the exceptional circumstances in this case; if they will be considered for the surgery under the National Treatment Purchase Fund given the severity of their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [47470/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health the progress he has made in delivering the commitments made in the HIV Paris Declaration to fast-tracking measures to end AIDS by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [47484/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the testing of HIV; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [47485/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances in service in south eastern and mid-west HSE regions in each of the years since 2016; the number of staff employed in the ambulance service in both regions for the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [47490/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting for a procedure; when they can expect to receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47492/21]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health the details of progress made in addressing the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders Goals 2019-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47503/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he has taken since taking office to ensure the development of eating disorder treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [47504/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being put in place to ensure that medical card holders in County Laois have access to dental services; if his attention has been drawn to difficulties medical card holders have in accessing dental services due to a number of dental practices in the county having opted out of the dental service treatment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [47507/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in counties Laois and Offaly that have contracts with the HSE under the dental service treatment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [47508/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an onus on the HSE to inform medical card patients that their doctor is retiring from treating medical card patients; if so, if the HSE plan to inform the patients of a doctor (details supplied) in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47509/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health if the concept of a statutory homecare support has progressed; the terms on which the pilot scheme was made available; if an evaluation of the pilot scheme has been completed. — Richard Bruton. [47540/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health when each day care centre for service users with a mental health illness that remain closed will reopen by county in tabular form; the reason they have not reopened to date; the centres that have already reopened; his views on whether these centres are an essential part of the recovery process; and if he will request the HSE to reopen all such centres urgently. — Dara Calleary. [47541/21]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the level of activity under the National Treatment Purchase Fund during the most recent 12 months for which data is available; the main categories of procedure delivered; and the waiting time under the respective procedures which would trigger an offer of support from the fund for private treatment. — Richard Bruton. [47553/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons supported under the EU scheme for treatment abroad in the most recent twelve months for which data is available; the number that were treated in Northern Ireland; the number treated in the rest of the UK; and the scope for such patients to continue to exercise these options in 202 in view of Brexit. — Richard Bruton. [47554/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the charges made for private or semi-private beds in public hospitals; if the public hospital bed charge must be paid in addition to this charge; and if the charges levied are different if the patient is admitted as a private patient. — Richard Bruton. [47555/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health the changes being made to the fair deal scheme to reduce the assessment of vacant homes rented out or sold; and the date from which the new provisions will apply. — Richard Bruton. [47556/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for west County Cork by age, intervention type, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47561/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for Carrigaline, Kinsale and Bandon by age, intervention type, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47562/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1364 of 9 September 2021, the monthly and yearly spend on antibiotics in each acute hospital for the year to date in 2021, by the relevant hospital in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [47564/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment for a procedure at Sligo University Hospital; if the referral is general or urgent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47566/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the reason neonatal and premature baby ophthalmic care is unavailable at Letterkenny University Hospital; if there are plans to introduce this care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47567/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health the reason premature baby and neonatal ophthalmic care is unavailable at Letterkenny University Hospital for children (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47568/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health if appointments will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47583/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the backlog in audiology appointments in counties Cavan and Monaghan; when he expects this backlog to be cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47587/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish all documents relating to a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [47590/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47593/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47594/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding Covid-19 cases in schools (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [47596/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for respiratory patients awaiting an appointment at the chest clinic in University Hospital Galway; the number of patients currently on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47601/21]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the status of vaccines for persons here and their ability to travel in cases in which persons with habitual residence received both Covid-19 vaccinations

outside this jurisdiction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47613/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a date for a scoliosis operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47614/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting for a DEXA scan at University Hospital Limerick; when they can expect to receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47630/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health if the latest figures for the number of persons availing of methadone replacement treatment with a breakdown by treatment centre and a further breakdown by time in treatment in each centre will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47634/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if an update will be provided on the production of the first business case as required under the public spending code for the proposed new national maternity hospital; and when he expects to be in a position to submit this to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. — Róisín Shortall. [47635/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place to issue EU Digital COVID Certificates to Irish citizens resident here who received their vaccinations across the border in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [47637/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if a second physiotherapist will be reinstated in Fermoy Hospital, County Cork. — James O'Connor. [47641/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health if a physiotherapist will be reinstated in Youghal Community Hospital, County Cork. — James O'Connor. [47642/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons who are currently on waiting lists to be seen by the child and adolescent mental health services in Galway by the length of time waiting and age cohort; the number waiting in the catchment area of each mental health team in Galway city and county by the length of time waiting and age cohort; the amount by which the waiting lists in Galway have increased since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic; the number of young persons currently availing of these services in Galway city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [47645/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons who are currently on waiting lists to be seen by the child and adolescent mental health services nationally by the length of time waiting and age cohort; the amount by which the waiting lists have increased since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic; the number of young persons currently availing of these services nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [47646/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting times for new referrals to be seen by the child and adolescent mental health services in Galway city and county and nationally; the number of appointments that are currently held face-to-face or by other means of contact such as phone or online in Galway city and county and nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [47647/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing breakdown within the child and adolescent mental health services currently by category such as psychiatry, psychology, social work, nursing, social care, occupational therapy, speech and language, administration and so on and other staff in Galway city and county and nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [47648/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if an application for planning permission has been lodged in respect of the planned outpatient block in Merlin Park Hospital, Galway; when construction will commence on the planned outpatient block; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47652/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the reason primary school children in Mullingar, County Westmeath who wish to avail of the school vaccination programme are being offered appointments in vaccination centres in Athlone and Moate which is 45 and 32 kilometres, respectively from their home with no transport links, either public or private, available. — Sorca Clarke. [47670/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health when the next session of the school vaccination programme for primary school children will commence in Mullingar, County Westmeath. — Sorca Clarke. [47671/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list to see a physiotherapist at Midlands Regional Hospital, Mullingar, County Westmeath in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Sorca Clarke. [47672/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health the storage costs to date for the now defunct community hubs in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [47673/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider extending the free HPV vaccine programme to girls in every age group who are still attending school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47674/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the decision to transfer oncology day services including all ancillary services from University Hospital Kerry to the Bons Secours Hospital, Tralee; the projected timeline of the transfer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [47686/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the projected costs related to the transfer of oncology day services including all ancillary services from University Hospital Kerry to the Bons Secours Hospital, Tralee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [47687/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that some doctors surgeries are charging for the over 70s doctors' certificate report that is to be included in support of the free over 70s driving licence application. — Robert Troy. [47690/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses, management and administrative staff employed by the HSE on 31 December 2019; the corresponding number for each category on 30 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [47691/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the annual cost of running a fully staffed early intervention team, that is, occupational therapist, psychologist, physiotherapist, social worker and speech and

language therapist for a child with additional needs; if the cost varies between CHO based on operations to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47695/21]

*602. 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. [47696/21]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health the number of specialist dieticians, nutrition specialists and therapists specialising in eating disorders that work out of Ennis General Hospital through CAMHS services. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47697/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who have been of the waiting list for CAMHS services at the end of each year between 2016 to 2020, in County Clare in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47698/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of children currently on the waiting list for CAMHS in County Clare; and the length of time they have been on the list in under three, three to six, six to nine, nine to 12 months and in excess of one year, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47699/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the children on the waiting list for CAMHS services in County Clare by age in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47701/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on waiting lists for eye examinations in County Clare. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47702/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for speech and language therapy services by age and length of time they have been on the list in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47703/21]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for dental examinations and check-ups in County Clare. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47704/21]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an outpatient appointment; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47705/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health if he will amend the next-of-kin rule in order that both parents of single adults who are hospitalised are down as the point of contact rather than just one when applicable. — Cathal Crowe. [47706/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if it is the position of his Department that a school principal would be breaching GDPR by sending an email or letter saying to parents that there has been a case of Covid-19 in their child's class in relation to the new guidance regarding close contacts in childcare and education settings. — Paul Murphy. [47709/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health if the advice from his Department that it does not recommend that principals inform parents in relation to Covid-19 in their children's class supersedes a school's duty of care to pupils and school staffs' right to a safe work environment. — Paul Murphy. [47710/21]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health when the contract management support units will be fully in place to support the various service providers across the nine community healthcare organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47715/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the preclusions, exclusions or implications that exist for parents who gift via inheritance cash or physical assets to their next of kin in cases in which the children are living with a significant intellectual or physical disability; if they risk losing access to HSE supports or other social services; the efforts that have been made to ease inequalities in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47719/21]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which homecare support and access to resource centres for Alzheimer's patients remains available in County Kildare; if any improvements are anticipated or in hand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47725/21]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting for appointments in the adult primary care psychology services; the average waiting times by CHO area from 2019 to the latest date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47737/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments in primary care psychology services; the average waiting times by CHO area in each year from 2019 to the latest date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47738/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments in CAMHS: the average waiting times by CHO area in each year from 2019 to the latest date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47739/21]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children placed in adult psychiatric hospital and units in each year from 2019 to the latest date 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47740/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children referred to community specialist eating disorder teams who had waiting times from assessment to treatment started within four and eight weeks in each year from 2019 to the latest date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47741/21]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 688 of 3 February 2021, the status of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47742/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment; if they are classed as urgent; the position of the child on the waiting list; the current waiting time for such appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47745/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address waiting times for paediatric occupational therapy appointments in counties Roscommon and Galway; if all occupational therapists are working in occupational therapy roles; the plan to recruit additional occupational therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47746/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the services offered under priority 1, emergency services only, occupational therapy services; if paediatric patients are being seen for in-person appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47748/21]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health when the EU Digital COVID certificate will be made available for Irish citizens vaccinated outside of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47757/21]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the outcome in which the fair deal scheme has been approved but a spouse subsequently wants to separate and sell the family home; if the home can be sold in this instance; if so, the way that this will affect the approved scheme if after selling the home the person approved for the scheme uses their share of the proceeds of the sale to buy another property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [47761/21]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the community schemes or job initiatives available to persons with a disability or mental health issue such as schizophrenia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47774/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if there is another general practitioner who is accepting medical card patients in the Dún Laoghaire area in particular in relation to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47777/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the proposed review of the dental treatment services scheme contract to recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [47795/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health when guidelines will be introduced to maintain consistency with regard to partners being present for the full birth and visiting times after the birth in maternity services across the country (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [47799/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the way he plans to reduce inequalities with respect to access to patient services and health outcomes for members of the public who are diagnosed with coeliac disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47830/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the existing models of care for coeliac patients to drive efficiencies in their level of care and support a new pilot voucher scheme or pre-loaded payment card as a way of helping patients to access gluten free staples from local supermarkets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47831/21]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the alternative long-stay and respite placements available in Cork city and county to residents of the Owenacurra Centre if its proposed closure goes ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47832/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the service plan in place for the persons under the care of the Midleton and Youghal and Cobh and Glenville adult mental health teams with severe and enduring mental illness who require long stay or respite placement in the event that the Owenacurra Centre is closed permanently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47833/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the expected cost of a renovation to the Carraig Mór mental health facility in Shanakiel, County Cork. — Neasa Hourigan. [47834/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated reduction in service cost to the CHO4 budget of closing the Owenacurra Centre in terms of clinical staffing costs, food costs and cleaning costs in particular; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47835/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE estates department is of the view that no amount of refurbishment could allow the Owenacurra Centre to meet building standards or the standards required by the Mental Health Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47836/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health if the clinical risks, for example, symptom regression, deterioration of mental state, decline in functioning and quality of life, associated with the proposed closure of the Owenacurra Centre for residents has been assessed; the way these risks are being monitored or managed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47837/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the financial assessment breakdown in the case of a person (details supplied) availing of the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [47842/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the health and social care career pathway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [47869/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health if the Time to Move on from Congregated Settings policy of his Department will facilitate service users to continue to live in congregated settings in circumstances in which it is their will and preference. — Ivana Bacik. [47872/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health when the nursing registration will be completed in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47877/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on his recent meeting with a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47878/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the recently announced funding stream that will be available (details supplied); the timeframe for which funding will be available; the criteria linked to that funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47879/21]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his Department have issued the promised invitation to all interested groups, organisations and members of the public to provide their views to inform the review of the operation of abortion legislation; if not, when he plans to do so; the reason he prematurely met with stakeholder groups in early June 2021 to discuss the approach for the review which is being developed by his Department; if an invitation had not yet been issued at that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [47890/21]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health when the group home for persons with physical and sensory disabilities at Carrickmacross, County Monaghan will be operational; the number of residents that will be accommodated when the home opens; the number of staff that will be based at the home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47895/21]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for Galway (details supplied) by age, intervention type, speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47982/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for the Galway region (details supplied) by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47983/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for west Galway (details supplied) by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47984/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under the age of 18 years awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team (details supplied) in Galway by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47985/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under the age of 18 years awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for Sligo south Donegal children's disability network team by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47986/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under the age of 18 years awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for Mayo early intervention service by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47987/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under the age of 18 years awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for the early intervention team in County Laois by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47989/21]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under the age of 18 years awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for school age team in County Laois by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47990/21]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team (details supplied) by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47991/21]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for the Kilcreen children's disability service, County Kilkenny by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47992/21]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for an organisation (details supplied) in County Cavan by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47993/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for the north Kildare network disability team by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47994/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for the mid Kildare network disability team by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47995/21]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years of age awaiting a first-time appointment since being switched to the new children's disability network team for the south Kildare west Wicklow network disability team by age, intervention type, SLT, occupational therapy and physiotherapy in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47996/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the type 2 diabetes cycle of care programme since its inception; the number of persons that currently avail of the programme; the number of general practitioners that provide the programme; if the programme has been evaluated; if an audit of the programme has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47998/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering extending the type 2 diabetes cycle of care programme to all persons with type 2 diabetes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47999/21]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48009/21]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be issued with an appointment for a shoulder MRI under the MRI winter initiative for general practitioners; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48011/21]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address shortcomings in the delivery of ambulance services in County Mayo; the way this service compares to other services in the midlands and east of Ireland; the number of paramedics and vehicles assigned; the average wait time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48016/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48026/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the mean, median, and maximum wait time for children waiting on a MRI or CT scan by location. — David Cullinane. [48038/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRI and CT scan machines; and the number that are operational, non-operational and broken, respectively. — David Cullinane. [48039/21]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatres by location; and the number that are closed. — David Cullinane. [48040/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of surgeries for replacement joints which have been cancelled in the past three years due to a lack of replacement joints due to funding constraints. — David Cullinane. [48041/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff of the 14,700 announced in Budget 2022 which have been hired; the revised target for year end; the breakdown of onboarded staff by grade and section; the number recruited for Covid-19 test and trace services; the number hired on a permanent and indefinite basis; and the number hired on a temporary and fixed-term basis. — David Cullinane. [48042/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop a comprehensive fracture liaison service to provide high quality, evidence based care to those who suffer a fragility fracture with a focus on achieving the best outcomes for recovery, rehabilitation and secondary prevention of further fracture as is recommended in the Trauma Systems for Ireland 2018 report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48049/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health if the required allocation will be prioritised in the upcoming health budget to facilitate the establishment of a fracture liaison service as per the recommendation set out in the Trauma Systems for Ireland report 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48050/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to implement the recommendations set out in the Trauma Systems for Ireland report 2018 to develop trauma centres and units in hospitals nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48051/21]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if the National Office of Clinical Audit has developed a TARN dataset to collect functional and quality of life outcome data for all components of the major trauma care pathway as recommended in the Trauma Systems for Ireland 2018 report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48052/21]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE National Office for Trauma Services has established a formal trauma training committee and an appointed HSE lead for trauma education as is recommended in the Trauma Systems for Ireland 2018 report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48053/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for occupational therapy, psychological therapy and physiotherapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48126/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health if all hand sanitiser purchased by the HSE from 2016 until February 2020 had a valid PCS number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48132/21]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure the timely diagnosis and treatment of Lyme disease by medical professionals. — Holly Cairns. [48141/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide and cover the cost of care for women with pregnancy related conditions such as gestational diabetes under the National Maternity Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48145/21]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE currently covers the cost of care for women with pregnancy related conditions such as gestational diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48146/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in the CHO7 area awaiting a special needs assessment. — Seán Crowe. [48158/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the oversights members of the Houses of the Oireachtas will have over the selection and monitoring of the work undertaken by the organisation or company which he has indicated will be commissioned to oversee the service user and service provider strands as part of the three year review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [48176/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to reintroduce screening for scoliosis in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48183/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are currently awaiting scoliosis treatment and surgery; the current waiting time for both treatment and surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48184/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which his Department has been engaging at a European level and with the European Director General for Health on the need for a common position ahead of the next session of the conference of the parties to the WHO FCTC and of the meeting of parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48205/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the priorities for the upcoming session of the conference of the parties to the WHO FCTC and of the meeting of parties to the Protocol to Eliminate Illicit Trade in Tobacco Products as a signatory to the protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48206/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the opening hours for the paediatric outpatient and urgent care centre in Blanchardstown Hospital; and if not, the barriers to same. — Emer Higgins. [48209/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent application for respite care for a person (details supplied) will be granted given the severity of the family's situation. — Chris Andrews. [48211/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which basic primary care will be provided to private patients who are unable to access general practitioners due to lack of capacity; the way they are to access the most basic level of primary care; the procedures open to them in seeking primary general practice care and ancillary services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [48216/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health if additional staff will be recruited for a centre (details supplied); when this will happen; the location in which he expects these positions to be advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [48217/21]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting for two years to see a urologist at University Hospital Limerick and over one year to see an ENT specialist at University Hospital Limerick; when they can expect to receive same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [48218/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on the CAMHS waiting list in County Wexford; the average waiting time; the number waiting more than six and more than 12 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [48226/21]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the number of post vacancies in CAMHS County Wexford; the vacancies there are; the length of vacancies; when these vacancies will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [48227/21]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a speech and language appointment in County Wexford; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [48228/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists that have left the dental treatment services scheme in the past 12 months in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [48229/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the current vacancies in Wexford General Hospital in tabular form; if they have been advertised; the length of time they have been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [48230/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home help hours provided in 2020 and to date in 2021, in County Wexford; the number of hours that were HSE direct provision; the number of hours that were provided by private providers; the number of persons that have received these hours in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [48231/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health if he in conjunction with the HSE will examine eliminating the fee facing parents of teenagers who missed out on the HPV vaccine in first year of school and now want to be vaccinated. — Cathal Crowe. [48238/21]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to zolgensma gene therapy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [48243/21]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the processing of applications for primary medical certificates; if this has resumed since it was stalled due to Covid-19; if there is a substantial backlog of applications to be processed; the number of applications that are currently waiting to be processed; and the breakdown of pending applications in each CHO in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48254/21]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1364 of 24 March 2021, the names of the individuals and groups from whom he received representations in relation

to lobbying for the introduction of the remote provision of abortion services telemedicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48328/21]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of appointing one whole-time equivalent clinical psychologist to each acute hospital diabetes paediatric teams; and the number of additional clinical psychologists needed to meet this target. — Sorca Clarke. [48369/21]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the costs associated with the national roll-out of heart failure integrated core projects in the community. — Sorca Clarke. [48370/21]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list to see a consultant dermatologist at Mullingar Regional Hospital; and the average waiting times to see the consultant. — Sorca Clarke. [48371/21]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a needs assessment in CHO3; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [48375/21]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a needs assessment in CHO5; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [48376/21]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO3; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [48377/21]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting a speech and language appointment in CHO5; the number who have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [48378/21]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed in July 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 in community psychiatry, community psychology and community CAMHS areas in County Cork by area; and the positions recruited since January 2021 in County Cork in these sectors. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [48387/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list for CAMHS services in County Cork by area; the average waiting time; and his plans to address this. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [48388/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young people on the CAMHS waiting list in Cork city for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to and over 24 months, respectively in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [48389/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health if medical card renewal forms will issue by post to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48391/21]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently on waiting lists for dental appointments in County Wicklow by town and municipal district in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48393/21]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently on waiting lists for orthodontic appointments in County Wicklow by town and municipal district in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48394/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the number of independent dental practices that are currently signed-up to the dental treatment services scheme in CHO6 and CHO7, County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48395/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are currently awaiting an assessment of need in CHO6 and CHO7, County Wicklow; the number that have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12, and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48396/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are currently awaiting an assessment with the school age team in CHO6 and CHO7, in County Wicklow; the number that have been waiting less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12, and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48397/21]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are on the waiting list for an appointment for early intervention services for speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and psychology by waiting list timeframes of less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively for CHO6 and CHO7 in County Wicklow in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48398/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults awaiting occupational therapy in CHO6 in County Wicklow and CHO7 in west County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48399/21]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on the CAMHS waiting list in County Wicklow; the average waiting time; the number waiting more than six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48400/21]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that are awaiting homecare support in County Wicklow; the total number of hours allocated in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 in County Wicklow; the average number of hours granted to successful applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48401/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for ophthalmology in County Wicklow; the average waiting time for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [48402/21]

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

*725. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding that has been made available to the collaborative farming partnership fund to date; the number of persons who have availed of it for each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the average amount paid by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48076/21]

*726. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on banning or restriction the use of glyphosate by public bodies. — Holly Cairns. [48140/21]

*727. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will bring forward legislation to ban inshore fishing by large trawlers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [47493/21]

*728. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to support inshore fishers. — Holly Cairns. [47497/21]

*729. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to make additional amounts of pelagic quota available to inshore fishers. — Holly Cairns. [47498/21]

*730. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a separate whitefish tie-up scheme will be put in place for inshore boats which are not eligible for the primary whitefish scheme. — Holly Cairns. [47499/21]

*731. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to address the use of 100mm mesh gill nets for hake in Irish waters. — Holly Cairns. [47500/21]

*732. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the primary and secondary legislation underpinning the need for prescription with regard to veterinary medicinal products or derogation thereof; if he plans to amend or introduce new related legislation by 31 December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47570/21]

*733. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that will receive reduced direct payments as a result of increased water levels at Lough Funshinagh; the mean, mode, median and highest reduction; the mean, mode, median and highest percentage reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47571/21]

*734. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that will receive reduced direct payments as a result of a fire originating in Killarney National Park; the mean, mode, median and highest reduction; the mean, mode, median and highest percentage reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47572/21]

*735. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a penalty arising from a Departmental inspection in the case of persons (details supplied) will apply on a recurring basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47575/21]

*736. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a penalty arising from a Departmental inspection in the case of a person (details supplied) will apply on a recurring basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47576/21]

*737. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to bring his proposed CAP strategic plan before the Houses of the Oireachtas for approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47577/21]

*738. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of hectares within the State effected by ash dieback; the total amount for which applications to RUS have been successful; the total tonnage of wood effected by ash dieback; the total tonnage of wood for which applications to RUS have been successful in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47578/21]

*739. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the potential amount of emissions per year associated with rotting ash as a result of ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47579/21]

*740. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the basis on which the amount provided to a farmer under the hardship grant scheme is calculated; the last time this was reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47580/21]

*741. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) is entitled to have livestock retested via skin test prior to their herd being restricted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47581/21]

*742. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the course of action available to farmers with regard to subsequent retesting in the event that an inconclusive result is returned from a routine bTB test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47582/21]

*743. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers approved for the organic farming scheme in September 2021; if such holdings were horticultural, tillage or other; the mean, median, and mode of these holdings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47584/21]

*744. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that are expected to gain approval for the organic farming scheme in September 2021; the outstanding matters that are required to be addressed; if such holdings were horticultural, tillage or other; the mean, median, and mode of these holdings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47585/21]

*745. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that were refused a place in the organic farming scheme in 2021; the reason for refusal; if such holdings were horticultural, tillage or other; the mean, median, and mode of these holdings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47586/21]

*746. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to improve laws in relation to cruelty to animals given that there has been criticism that the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 contains the term unnecessary suffering which has been deemed too ambiguous to enforce in practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47600/21]

*747. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider an intensive review of the mackerel policy including full public consultation to address the loss of fishing quota for Irish fishers responsible for the early closure of the 2021 mackerel hook and line fishery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47729/21]

*748. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement he has had with organisations (details supplied) for the hook and line fishery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47730/21]

*749. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a detailed itemised statement of account will be provided for a farmer (details supplied) in County Clare in respect of the basic payment scheme, areas of natural constraint, organic farm scheme and GLAS since 2018 in view of the Agriculture Appeals Office decision on 12 April 2021. — Niall Collins. [47754/21]

*750. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the Common Fisheries Control programmes under articles 60 and 61 of EU Council regulations that allow non-Irish registered European vessels to land their fishing catches at Irish ports without any checks being carried out by the SFPA and in which responsibility for checks is laid upon their home countries once they return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47817/21]

*751. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of aquaculture licences issued by his Department in the past 20 years by location and any transfer of ownerships that have occurred in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47818/21]

*752. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to examine diversification options for inshore fishermen, for example, spur dog which is being reported in increased numbers along the coast; if the Marine Institute will work with inshore fishermen to ascertain to establish those current numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47821/21]

*753. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will publish the rationale and the data available to him that will close the crayfish fishery off the south coast for 2021 to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47822/21]

*754. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to review the allocation of species such as mackerel and herring to inshore fishermen. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47823/21]

*755. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tonnage of prawn catch currently available to the fishing fleet of each member state in the EU in tabular form; if he will seek to negotiate a higher share in future negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47825/21]

*756. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications for approval under the ash reconstitution and underplanting scheme that have been received in each of the three forest service districts covering County Cork; the number of these applications that have been approved in each district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [47887/21]

*757. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications for forest road approvals under the single consent system that have been received in each of the three forest service districts covering County Cork since the beginning of 2020; the number of approvals issued in each district for this period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [47888/21]

*758. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications for forest road grants have been received in each of the three forest service districts covering County Cork since the beginning of 2020; the percentage of these that resulted in a remedial letter issuing in each district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [47889/21]

*759. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of Programme for Government commitments (details supplied); if they have been completed; if not, the timeline on their progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [48010/21]

*760. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under his Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48017/21]

*761. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department is liaising with the Department for Enterprise, Trade and Employment on the matter of critical skills permits for dairy farm workers; if his Department will be recommending additional critical skills permits for dairy farm workers under the current review due to the shortage of such workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [48043/21]

*762. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of increasing the State aid limit for young farmer relief from €70,000 to €140,000 in bands of €10,000, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48056/21]

*763. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the heading and sub-headings in the Revised Estimates which regard the allocation of funding for farm safety; the purpose of each allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48101/21]

*764. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of young farmers that have not had their business plans approved by Teagasc with regard to applying for young trained farmer stamp relief duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48103/21]

*765. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated amount expended in the TAMS scheme for low-emission slurry spreading technology for each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the resulting amount paid by farmers; the number of farmers; the VAT paid by farmers in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48104/21]

*766. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has a target with regard to the growth of biogas or solar usage amongst farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48105/21]

*767. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider changing the criteria of appeal regarding ANC payments for persons who ticked the wrong box and made a clerical error online but whose difficulties have not been rectified through the appeals process which is only of benefit if farmers were ill or incapacitated at the time but not to those who made a simple error while using the online system; his views on the fact that many farmers have made such errors since they were forced to do the applications online in 2018 such as persons (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the number of farmers who met the stocking density but who were not paid more than doubled between 2018, 109 and 2019, 239; if his attention has been further drawn to the hardship that this lack of payment caused; his further views on whether the current inability of his Department to put in systems to address this problem is a serious administrative flaw; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [48109/21]

*768. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cattle removed from the national herd arising from the BEAM scheme by replacement index rating in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48110/21]

*769. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 778 of 15 September 2021, if his attention has been drawn to an interruption to the service provided to the mart referred to in 2021; the cause of the service interruption; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that farmers have been unable to sell cattle as a result and have incurred costs due to the need to retest livestock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48111/21]

*770. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of suckler cattle by county as of 5 October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48112/21]

*771. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of veterinary practices in Ireland; the number of veterinary practices which have transferred into corporate ownership in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48113/21]

*772. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way he plans to engage with farmers that are engaged with forestry with regard to the ownership of carbon credits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48114/21]

*773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the prevalence of liver abscesses in cattle by county or smallest available geographic unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48115/21]

*774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of controlled finishing units by county or smallest available geographic unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48116/21]

*775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farm partnerships; the number which name a woman as part of the partnership; the number of new farm partnerships registered since 2016; the number registered since 2016 on which a woman is a named partner in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48117/21]

*776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cases that have been raised with the unfair trading practices unit within his Department; the current status or resolution of those cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48118/21]

*777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a head of unit will be appointed to the unfair trading practices unit within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48119/21]

*778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expenditure that has arisen from the unfair trading practices unit within his Department to date in 2021; the items the spending related to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48120/21]

*779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expenditure that has arisen from promoting, marketing or educating producers on the unfair trading practices unit within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48121/21]

*780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 164 of 15 September 2021, his views on the labour shortages in the mushroom sector; the

engagements he has had with the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding this; the actions he plans to take in his own Ministerial capacity to ensure sufficient labour for the horticulture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48133/21]

*781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentages and tonnage of Irish grain and imported grain used in the production of Irish whiskey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48135/21]

*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding provided to each local authority related to equine by year from 2015 to date; the purpose of the funding, for example, control of horses, training courses or otherwise in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48136/21]

*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding provided to animal welfare charities regarding equine by year from 2015 to date; the purpose of the funding, for example, control of horses, training course or otherwise in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48137/21]

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to establish an Oireachtas inquiry into the meat processing sector in view of a resolution by Dáil Éireann and the recommendation of the Special Oireachtas Committee on Covid-19 Response. — Matt Carthy. [48185/21]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proposals for investment in the form of breeding initiatives to improve the quality of the Irish sport of horse and pony breeding together with knowledge transfer for breeders providing a pathway for young horses to add value in the State including the upgrade and developments of regional facilities across the country and the inclusion of equine farming in all Departmental and EU agri-schemes as a low carbon energy alternative with regard to the Programme for Government commitment to support further investment in Ireland's sport horse industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [48213/21]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will give consideration to the inclusion of equine farming in all Department funding schemes, for example, TAMS; if he will address its exclusion from these schemes to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48241/21]

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

*787. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the public consultation of the Control of Dogs Act 1986 that was carried out in 2019; if the results of the consultation will be published; and if the Act will be amended to reflect the outcome of the consultation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48564/21]

*788. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when public liability insurance was first secured from her Department for the two existing mountain access project areas, that is, the MacGillycuddy Reeks, County Kerry and Binn Sléibhe, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47573/21]

*789. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the recent public consultation around the Control of Dogs Act 1986; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [47675/21]

*790. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will extend the timeline for the streetscape scheme due to difficulties with construction issues and the availability of specialised tradesmen and to complete the work. — Cathal Crowe. [47767/21]

*791. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her attention has been drawn to a settlement between a State agency (details supplied) and the Revenue Commissioners; if there are any agencies under her Department's remit that have had a similar issue or have made a settlement with the Revenue Commissioners in relation to any issue in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48030/21]