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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the tendering process for employment services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48968/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the pandemic unemployment payment was paid to ineligible recipients; the way she plans to recoup this funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [48673/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider introducing a new payment scheme for bereaved parents following the death of a child; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48969/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the fuel allowance eligibility criteria will be reviewed to allow those on benefit payments such as jobseeker's, illness benefit, carers benefit and so on to qualify; and if she will review the requirement of 15 months or more on jobseeker's allowance in order to qualify for the fuel allowance which is discouraging persons from taking up seasonal work as they would then lose the fuel allowance in the winter (details supplied). — Danny Healy-Rae. [48966/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to establishing a discretionary fund to assist households with utility costs and debt given rising energy costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48970/21]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the level of take-up of initiatives which have been put in place to help persons get back to work given that the economy has reopened; and if gaps in the range of supports is emerging. — Richard Bruton. [47853/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to extend the flexibility on rent supplement for victims of domestic violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [48443/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of the fall in the number of persons in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment since a peak in May 2020, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [48637/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when in-person appointments will resume in social protection offices. — Sorca Clarke. [48665/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider reviewing the reduced rate of jobseeker's allowance for persons under 26 years of age who are residing in their familial home considering the challenges the Covid-19 pandemic and the ongoing housing crisis which have given rise to an increase in the number of young persons living at home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48618/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are and will be made available for workers when the plan to transition pandemic unemployment payment recipients to the jobseeker's payment is enacted in order to ensure that workers have supports as long as they are needed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48617/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the increase in the State pension and other social welfare rates that will be required in Budget 2022 to match inflation since the last increase in rates. — Willie O'Dea. [44885/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures taken to assist domestic violence victims to access rent supplement; the number of persons accessing the payment by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48639/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community employment participants over the age of 62 who have participated on a continuous basis up to the State pension age on the community service support stream from 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48648/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans she has to reform the criteria for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48283/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that couples who are in receipt of the State pension (contributory) pension with a payment for a dependent adult are being penalised in cases in which savings and investments are put in joint names rather than in the name of the primary earner; if she plans to address this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48301/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the terms of reference of the procurement tender in relation to the request for tender of the Regional Employment Service in four geographical lots in the north-west and midlands will involve showing evidence of the ability to deposit funds against a failure to deliver on the tender. — Joan Collins. [48534/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the numbers availing of parent's leave and parent's benefit since the extension was announced on 1 April 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [48653/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a review into the farm assist scheme. — Matt Carthy. [47521/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the specific actions her Department will be taking to address low-income farmers being locked out of State pension schemes. — Matt Carthy. [47522/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are currently available to families with children in hospital; if consideration has been given to placing a social welfare officer on site at children's hospitals to provide necessary information on exceptional needs payments and carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [48266/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to increasing the weekly carers payments by €8 and the carer's support grant from €1,850 to €2,000. — Marian Harkin. [48627/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the minimum essential standard of living data compiled by an organisation (details supplied); her views on the validity of the research behind the data; and if she will consider using the data as evidence in determining the level of core social welfare payments. — Róisín Shortall. [45864/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to expand the fuel allowance given the significant increases in fuel prices. — Thomas Gould. [48661/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures she will take to protect persons from the rising cost of fuel and electricity and the increasing risk of fuel and energy poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [47688/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to allow persons on community employment schemes and who are approaching retirement age to remain on the schemes until they are eligible for old age pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [48664/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an increase in income criteria for the fuel allowance can be considered given the rising costs of heating a home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48622/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on increasing the disability allowance personal rate by €20 a week. — Holly Cairns. [48682/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 629 of 28 July 2020, the status of the cost-benefit analysis of the public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48655/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the Article in the EU Directives on Public Procurement 2014/24/EU in which it states that it is obligatory to go to public procurement; and if the interpretation of this article has been validated by the Office of Government Procurement. — Joan Collins. [48552/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to the establishment of a Covid-19 discretionary fund to assist households with heating and electricity costs, especially those who find themselves struggling with debt; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48616/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons availing of the exceptional needs payment, urgent needs payment and supplementary welfare allowance payments by the main reason for each in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [48644/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status and timeline for the introduction of a pension auto-enrolment system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [48636/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to establish a stakeholder forum which would include community organisations, service users, elected representatives, workers' representatives and academics in view of the ongoing issues in relation to the planned move to a tendering model for local employment services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48654/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will take on board concerns expressed by stakeholders in relation to the proposed reform of local employment services and review her plans in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48441/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the social clauses that will be applied at the eligibility stage and at the award stage in order to factor in broad policy considerations into the procurement process of the regional employment service request for tender. — Joan Collins. [48536/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to maintain the enhanced illness benefit scheme for Covid-19; and if the scheme will be extended in circumstances in which a person is deemed to be experiencing the effect of long Covid. — Sean Sherlock. [48508/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that are being examined to exempt qualifying arts sector workers from unsuitable activation measures during periods between arts work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47792/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to increasing the income disregard for the carer's allowance until it is in line with average weekly earnings. — Marian Harkin. [48628/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the rural social scheme will be amended to enable participants who wish to remain on the scheme until pension age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48452/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the proposed privatisation of local employment services. — Patrick Costello. [47684/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children availing of hot school meals in Fingal, County Dublin; the number nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [48537/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will reconsider the deadline for moving those in receipt of €203 on the pandemic unemployment payment to the jobseeker's payment specifically for those in industries that have not yet fully opened such as the live entertainment sector until such a time when employment opportunities are readily available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [48521/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the work her Department plans to carry out with employers in order to match persons currently on the live register or on the pandemic unemployment payment with the significant vacancies that are arising in sectors across the economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48438/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether persons on illness benefit should be included in the fuel allowance scheme. — Joan Collins. [48535/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether including PhD stipends and scholarship awards for a PhD from the means test for the one family payment is an active barrier facing students who are parenting alone or heading one parent families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [48688/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children availing of hot school meals in mid-west areas of Dublin; the number nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48439/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the income threshold for the fuel allowance for persons with disabilities can be raised in order to reflect the additional cost of living with a disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48671/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if further consideration has been given to examination of the thresholds for earning in relation to the qualification for the carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [48265/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to ensure that Tús and community employment places on schemes are filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47515/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way the universal basic income payment will be distinguished from a working age payment that is also being discussed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47918/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons availing of the fuel allowance per main qualifying payment in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [48643/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the low morale that exists amongst community welfare officers due to the increased workload that Covid-19 has placed on them; her plans to increase the number of community welfare officers in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [48293/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will halt the tendering of local employment services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48553/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who have signed off from the pandemic unemployment payment in County Louth since the peak of claims in May 2020; the breakdown of the general live register figures for the county since the pandemic commenced in early 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [48444/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will assess the income eligibility criteria for fuel allowance to only apply to the applicant's income as opposed to other adults' resident in the property whose income is not necessarily pooled with the applicant for the purpose of general expenditure and as such has no impact on their ability to meet heating costs. — Patrick Costello. [47855/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the absence of statistical data on the use of site visits including home visits by social welfare inspectors; her views on whether this lack of statistical data is appropriate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [48691/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the take-up of the additional 3,000 places for employment support schemes announced as part of the 2020 July Stimulus package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48649/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of a pandemic unemployment payment who have transferred to the work placement experience programme, community employment, Tús and JobsPlus in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48650/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the new local employment schemes contract will cater for walk-ins; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [48612/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes she is considering to the work schemes under the Pathways to Work initiative given the abuses of same by employers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [48663/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the implementation of the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [48652/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the up-to-date position in relation to the provision of pensions for community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48440/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the tender processes for local employment services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [48538/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to acknowledge the significant burden on carers throughout the Covid-19 pandemic. — Thomas Gould. [48660/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the EU directive or regulation on public procurement that requires the dismantling of the current local employment services system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48670/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that self-employed fishermen and women who crew fishing vessels but who do not meet the current criteria can access the rural social scheme. — Holly Cairns. [48681/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place or planned to support groups facing additional challenges accessing work such as lone parents, persons with disabilities

and minority groups including Travellers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48651/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress on the implementation of the Pathways to Work 2021-2025 national employment services strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48638/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons under 25 years of age in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment in County Mayo; the number nationally; the steps her Department is taking to reduce youth unemployment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48630/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes made to the local employment service model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48647/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider removing a rule in relation to the rural social scheme (details supplied); her views on the adequacy of the €20 top-up payment for rural social scheme participants; if she will consider the approval of an increase in the top-up to €50; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [48294/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the detail of the changes to community employment service criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48634/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will commit to providing a hot school meal for every DEIS school in Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [48690/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the additional 3,000 places announced for community employment; the way these places are broken down by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48629/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the number of persons currently in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment in County Wicklow; the steps she is taking with regard to engaging with local employment services in the county to reduce the figure; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [48601/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the commitment to benchmark pension rates in the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [48642/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the new local employment scheme contract will take account of current providers that experience issues with cash flow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [48613/21]

79. 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. [48672/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place to improve employment opportunities for persons with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [48645/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has assessed the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on persons who have been supported under the back to work enterprise programme; and if she has considered the need to evolve this programme as the economy reopens. — Richard Bruton. [47854/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the consideration that is being given for flexibility for participants over 55 years of age who are currently engaged in a community employment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48621/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons availing of the fuel allowance; her plans to widen eligibility for the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48635/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress that is being made regarding the terms and conditions for community employment supervisors, particularly regarding their demand for a pension scheme. — Brian Stanley. [45187/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will remove PhD stipends and scholarship awards for PhDs from means-tested social welfare payments as she has already done for the disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [48689/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that employees about to finish their Covid-19 related payment have ready access to an alternative payment or a job offer within reasonable distance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48449/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the specific clauses her Department is quoting from under the EU directive in regard to the public tendering process for local employment services; and if her attention has been drawn to further advice contrary to this position. — Sean Sherlock. [48507/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made on the provision of pensions for community employment scheme supervisors and assistant supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48646/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to increasing the fuel allowance in Budget 2022 as a result of rising energy prices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48519/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has examined the report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection and Rural and Community Development titled Prebudget submission to the Department of Social Protection; if she is considering implementing the recommendation of the report in Budget 2022 and social welfare legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48300/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will remove the six-year cap on participation on the rural social scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48451/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there will be an increase in the old age pension in budget 2022 given rising living costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48520/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether eligibility for the fuel allowance should be expanded given the increases in electricity prices and carbon tax. — Paul Murphy. [48554/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there will be a review of the rates of payment for the parent’s leave and benefit scheme to ensure that parents can afford taking up the leave including with regard to situations in which employers previously topped-up salaries of parents availing of this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48201/21]

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

95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has prioritised the reduction of parent’s childcare fees as part of his Department’s Budget 2022 proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48267/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase funding for childcare services to make childcare services affordable for all. — Paul Murphy. [49076/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will honour the commitment to children to double State investment in childcare by 2028; if the ongoing future funding model and workforce development plan processes and the national childcare scheme review will inform budgetary allocations for the sector in time for the Budget 2022 announcement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48268/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps his Department is taking to address childcare costs in Ireland which are some of the highest childcare costs in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49074/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the ways in which disabled persons are supported to partake in public life and activities such as politics and policy making; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [28224/21]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to extend the parent’s leave and benefit to all parents of children born after November 2019 given that the current legislation excludes parents of children born by surrogacy; if he will ensure that lone-

parents can avail of the full ten-weeks of the benefit and leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48200/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for a State funded national childcare system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [48656/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of Ireland's plans to sign the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [48707/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way he can support national youth organisations and local youth services and clubs; if there is specific support for locations experiencing rapid population growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48680/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the implementation of the 22-point Action Plan following publication of the Mother and Baby Homes Commission of Investigation final report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [48694/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of refugees accepted from Afghanistan since 1 August 2021; the status of the acceptance of refugees from Syria under IRPP II; the challenge that exist in taking larger numbers of refugees from both crisis zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [48693/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will publish the national action plan against racism. — Gino Kenny. [48559/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an independent inspection regime of accommodation centres for asylum applicants will be established. — Gino Kenny. [48557/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will facilitate subject access requests from survivors seeking personal information from the archive of the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes without the requirement for a nominated general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [48687/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress regarding the implementation of the White Paper to End Direct Provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48698/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to improve the pay and conditions of professionals in the childcare sector. — Matt Carthy. [47519/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been brought to recent reports which raise concerns about child protection and governance policies and practices within an organisation (details supplied); if he will provide details as to the extent of Tusla funding provided to the organisation; and if he has plans to provide a mechanism

for the exchange of information about child protection concerns on a cross-Border basis between this jurisdiction and Northern Ireland. — Ivana Bacik. [48515/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Cork City Council has presented her with the results of an accessibility audit undertaken in the city and if he will request same. — Thomas Gould. [48658/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 69 of 6 July 2021, the status of the strategic review by Tusla of emergency domestic violence accommodation nationwide; when the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48523/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will publish the Government's plans for a restorative recognition scheme for survivors of mother and baby homes; and his views on the on the provision that has been made to compel religious orders to contribute to said redress scheme. — Kathleen Funchion. [48270/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of refugees from Afghanistan that have been accepted into the Irish Refugee Protection Programme following the seizing of power by the Taliban in August 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [48302/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the current status of the Childminding Action Plan considering the crisis in capacity within the childcare and early years sector; and if he will consider reducing overall target dates to meet pressing demand in the near future. — Kathleen Funchion. [48272/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is expected that HIQA will commence inspection of direct provision accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [48306/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of refugees from Afghanistan who have been accepted into the Irish Refugee Protection Programme following the seizing of power by the Taliban in August 2021; the background of persons who have been granted permission to come to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [48310/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the assistance he and his Department have provided to date in regard to the vulnerable children and their families fleeing the crisis in Afghanistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [48446/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on young people and youth services; the supports his Department has put in place to help assist youth services and youth organisations with resilience; the capital supports are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48699/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress in developing proposals for an agency which would drive the development of early childhood services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [47857/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of early childcare services and his efforts to ensure affordability in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [48540/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that are being taken to address the staff shortage issues in childcare facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48620/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he will take to increase the funding and resources for services combating gender-based violence and assisting those impacted by Covid-19 given the well documented rise in gender-based violence during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [48662/21]

125. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he has taken to progress a thorough investigation of the grounds at the former Bessborough Mother and Baby Home in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47858/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the work undertaken to date to fulfil obligations arising from an amendment to a private members motion on the Mother and Baby Homes Commission which was passed and provides an entitlement to a full medical card for all persons that spent any time in a mother and baby home. — Ivana Bacik. [48517/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is proposed to expand the capital grant scheme for the provision of upgraded and or additional childcare accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48632/21]

128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a recommendation in a report by an adoptee organisation (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [48685/21]

129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made implementing the Report of the Advisory Group on the Provision of Support including Accommodation to Persons in the International Protection Process. — Matt Carthy. [47520/21]

130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 1237 of 27 July 2021, the status of the report of the interdepartmental group set up to develop detailed proposals for the restorative recognition scheme for survivors of mother and baby and county home institutions; if he has received the report to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48522/21]

131. 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. [48686/21]

132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he intends to take in line with the Programme for Government to ensure childcare is available to

parents at an affordable cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48304/21]

133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to take children out of the direct provision system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48751/21]

134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the current review into the national childcare system; the expected timeframe for completion of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48614/21]

135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a recommendation in a report by an adoptee organisation (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [48684/21]

136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the redress scheme for survivors of mother and baby homes to applications will be opened. — Gino Kenny. [48558/21]

137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress on the successor to the Better Outcomes, Brighter Futures: the National Policy Framework for Children and Young People 2014-2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [48709/21]

138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase specialist supports for children with additional needs attending afterschool services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [47694/21]

139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his proposals to ensure that childcare providers have the resources to pay adequate wages to staff in childcare centres in order for childcare to become an attractive career; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48303/21]

140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he recognises the supports offered by parent and toddler groups; the way he plans to support such groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48701/21]

141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the barriers faced by persons within the naturalisation process in accessing further and higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [48669/21]

142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered greatly expanding the role of the county childcare committees in order that they could drive the development of childcare facilities in their county. — Richard Bruton. [47856/21]

143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of work by the expert group established in September 2019 to develop a new funding model for ELC and SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48706/21]

144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the development and roll-out of a new funding model for childcare, for early learning and care and for school-age childcare in view of the recent crèche closures and fee increases in childcare facilities in an area (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [48516/21]

145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is the policy of his Department to extend parent's leave in 2022 and in subsequent years; the final total parent's leave entitlement will be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [48198/21]

146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a commitment will be given to increase the number of domestic violence refuge spaces above the current allocation of one refuge space for every 10,000 persons; his views on the current review being undertaken by Tusla into emergency accommodation; when the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48269/21]

147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is the case that some survivors submitting subject access request applications for their records are being informed they cannot have their records until they nominate a general practitioner and that it is the role of the general practitioner to then decide if it is appropriate to pass their own medical records to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48271/21]

148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he plans to take to improve the pay and conditions of childcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47518/21]

149. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which reports relating to children at risk have been updated during the lockdown; the extent to which appropriate action was taken in circumstances in which it was necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48447/21]

150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way his Department is assisting Youth Climate Justice efforts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [48695/21]

151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that childcare is affordable and accessible to all families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47979/21]

152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to alter the eligibility for the ECCE scheme given the cut-off dates currently set as part of the scheme can lead to one child missing out on the cut-off by a mere couple of days but having to wait an entire year to access the ECCE scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45020/21]

153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 3 December 2020, the reason the latest inspection report on the International Protection Accommodation Service website for this direct provision centre is for May 2019 when an inspection was supposed to have been carried out in September 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [48692/21]

154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which his Department supports play and play facilities nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [48702/21]

155. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of commitments to transfer unaccompanied minors to Ireland as refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [48710/21]

156. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the results of the survey of providers and parents and the data gathered in respect of the review of the national childcare scheme; his recent engagements with the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48615/21]

157. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the process to end the direct provision system. — Holly Cairns. [48683/21]

158. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the work of the Anti-Racism Committee; when he expects the final report to be published; the actions he will undertake in response to the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48697/21]

159. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to improve retention of staff in the early years sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47978/21]

160. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the development of proposals to provide a statutory entitlement to domestic violence leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48700/21]

161. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will liaise with the Minister for Justice on the matter of some section 47 assessments and reports given the difficulties in their operation reported by mothers in regard to themselves and their children and the fact these difficulties have been further outlined and underscored by highly qualified family practitioners and accredited therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [47619/21]

162. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase funding for childcare services to make services affordable for all. — Gino Kenny. [48555/21]

163. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he intends to publish the review into the national childcare scheme; the way he plans to implement the recommendations of the review; and if he will implement these recommendations early in 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [48518/21]

164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way his Department supports migrant integration; the funding his Department awards in support of community and migrant integration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [48199/21]

165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department continues to monitor the treatment of children in residential care or fosterage with particular reference to the need to ensure their welfare and well-being on follow up in relation to issues of any concern; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48448/21]

166. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total allocation in 2021 for the childcare capital grant scheme; the projected drawdown of this funding by year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48633/21]

167. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to expand autism specific services in the early years sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [47693/21]

168. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount that has been provided in capital grants to support national youth organisations and local youth services and clubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [48539/21]

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

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to reports of mistreatment of vulnerable migrant workers in the Irish meat industry (details supplied); if his Department plans to engage with migrant workers to address these matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [48798/21]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the impact of his decision to exclude home carers from the critical skills exemption list to the non-EEA employment permit system on recruitment in the sector; the steps he will take to remedy same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48810/21]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the provision of a second advance technology facility for Tralee, County Kerry; the type of industry for which the facility will be suitable; the timeframe for when the facility will be available to industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48914/21]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current position in relation to the operation of a company (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48915/21]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention or that of his officials has been drawn to a change of ownership of a hotel (details supplied) in County Kildare; the statutory obligations of the receiving party in respect of staff that will transition to a new employer under a transfer of undertaking; the degree to which employer representatives are to be kept informed of the progress of the sale process; and if they are entitled to query the seller in respect of the sale progress. — Catherine Murphy. [48960/21]

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

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of fines issued for dog fouling in each local authority area in the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [48805/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of fines issued for littering in each local authority area in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [48806/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons prosecuted for a littering or dumping infringement in each local authority area in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48807/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount collected in fines for dog fouling in each local authority area in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Johnny Guirke. [48808/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the SEAI will continue to provide grants for the installation of solar PV panels in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48783/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when fibre broadband will be available in Meentulla, Murroe, County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [48785/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if State bodies under his aegis are involved in or propose to become involved in projects for developing large-scale electricity storage capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [48799/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if concerns outlined in correspondence (details supplied) will be given urgent consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48840/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will investigate the provision of fibre broadband to a property (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [48895/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the 2020 annual transition statement will be published as required by section 14(1) of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49059/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures he plans to introduce in winter 2021-2022 to address fuel poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [48674/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a series of matters in relation to the taxation of vehicles (details supplied) in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48951/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the BusConnects process will take regional connections into account from the county to the city transport hubs (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [48752/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if instructions will be in place regarding wearing of facemasks for transport workers in which close contact is unavoidable such as for driving instructors and their clients after the lifting of restrictions on 22 October 2021. — Louise O'Reilly. [48760/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of illegal taxi operators detected in 2019 and 2020; the number of illegal operators detected in each county; the number of illegal operators prosecuted in each county in tabular form; the efforts that the National Transport Authority and his Department have taken to address the issue of illegal taxi operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [48776/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if the NCT centre in Killarney, County Kerry is closing and combining with Tralee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48782/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for a bus shelter in a town (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48786/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will make temporary changes to allow class D/DE licence holders to drive HGV type vehicles under class C to counter the current shortage of HGV drivers in the country. — James O'Connor. [48790/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding an NCT test centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [48829/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to use his power to increase by statutory instrument the fixed charge penalty notice fine for offences such as parking on a footpath, driving on a pedestrianised street, driving in a bus lane and to also introduce penalty points for such egregious offences. — Patrick Costello. [48836/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if the lifting of restrictions in October 2021 will also remove the restriction on sanitary and toilet facilities at driver test centres to allow access to instructors, students and those accompanying learner drivers to lessons and tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48842/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if the lifting of restrictions in October 2021 will also remove the restriction on sanitary and toilet facilities at driver test centres to allow access to instructors, students and those accompanying learner drivers to lessons and tests. — Thomas Pringle. [48843/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if the lifting of restrictions in October 2021 will also remove the restriction on sanitary and toilet facilities at driver test centres to allow access to instructors, students and those accompanying learner drivers to lessons and tests to use these facilities. — Catherine Murphy. [48892/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions in October 2021 will also remove the restriction on sanitary and toilet facilities at driver test centres to allow access to instructors, students and those accompanying learner drivers to lessons and tests. — Joan Collins. [48896/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a shortage in drivers for the LocalLink bus service due to the restriction which prevents operators from using drivers over 70 years of age. — Martin Browne. [48904/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding allocated to the LocalLink service in each of the past five years; the factors that determine the annual funding allocations; and his plans to expand the service. — Martin Browne. [48905/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if a roads project (details supplied) in County Kerry will be funded in order to progress in 2022, given the importance of the continuation of this project for the social and economic life of the district it serves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48929/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application for roads funding for the final element of a project (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48930/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the public transport project included in the NDP for Connacht; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48976/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to provide funding as promised for the cycleway along the promenade in Galway given that approval for same has been given by Galway City Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48977/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects a railway order application for MetroLink to be submitted in view of his recent comments regarding a seven year delay to the project; when his Department plans to complete its review of the preliminary business case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49026/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the reasons for the reported delay to construction of MetroLink; the steps he is taking to address blockages to progress of this major infrastructure project; if an updated timeline will be provided for the completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49027/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of two delayed public bike schemes stations in Limerick city (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [49065/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address an accident black spot on the N71 between Skibbereen and Ballydehob (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49066/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on putting in place protocols that are automatically put in place at locations of serious or fatal road accidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49067/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to issues of persons whose homes are affected by pyrite and so therefore have no market value and are exempt from paying the local property tax, however as the home is a duplex they are situated above the foundation and have not received the necessary certification required to receive the necessary exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48818/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance when offices of the Revenue Commissioners will reopen to members of the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48891/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected increase or decrease that will occur in the next five years from corporation tax if the rate of corporation tax is increased from 12.5% to 15%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48978/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected loss of corporation tax that will occur in the next five years if the basis on which corporation tax is paid changes from one based on the country in which the profits are attributed to one based the final location of the customer particularly in view of Ireland's large volume of exports per head of population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48979/21]

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

*213. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén uair a dhéanfar fógra faoi réir 9(2) d'Acht na Gaeltachta 2021 ag fógairt go bhfuil i gceist An Clochán a ainmniú mar bhaile seirbhíse Gaeltachta agus ag lorg tairiscintí le plean a réiteacht; an fáth go bhfuil moill ar seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48973/21]

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

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures in place or planned to improve housing options for persons with a disability and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [48704/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when regulations for affordable housing will be issued to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [48774/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the terms of the new local authority mortgage scheme can be adapted to include provisions for those that cannot get a mortgage through the bank due to a chronic illness and as such are not able to get life assurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48780/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the four joint local area plans that were promised for the largest population centres that cross county boundaries (details supplied) have been completed or started; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [48794/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 389 of 9 September 2021, if it remains his position that no file relating to an investigation was created by his Department in view of an affidavit (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [48796/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider redrafting the draft nitrates plan for further consultation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48859/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the point at which his attention was drawn to the fact that the report of the working group on horticultural peat would not be furnishing the Minister of State with a completed report by the end of September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48862/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the existing schemes and his proposals as outlined in Housing for All to convert existing but vacant commercial premises, including licensed premises and pubs to residential use; the timelines for the introduction of supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48874/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to protect the small remnant of ancient oakwood at the Uragh woods Special Area of Conservation from destruction by both wild and domestic grazing animals. — Neasa Hourigan. [48932/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites placed on the vacant sites register of each local authority since 2015. — Michael McNamara. [48942/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of notices issued under section 7 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 by each local authority each year since 2015. — Michael McNamara. [48943/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount levied by each local authority each year since 2018 as a levy under section 15 of the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015 known as a vacant site levy. — Michael McNamara. [48944/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is planned to make a decision in relation to breaches of the foreshore laws in a location (details supplied); when these breaches were first brought to the attention of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48981/21]

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

*227. 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. [48803/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the financial commitments his Department has made for 2022 and beyond to fund the UNESCO programme Our Rights, Our Lives, Our Future O3; the monitoring or evaluation Irish Aid has carried out of the programme; if any monitoring or evaluation reports on Irish Aid funding of the programme will be made available publicly; if the funding agreement, memorandum of understanding or contract between Irish Aid and UNESCO will be made available publicly; the reason the planned funding of the programme in Ghana did not proceed following its launch in Accra in January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48954/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*229. To ask the Minister for Education the process involved in applying for an ASD unit in a local school; the assessments that would be needed to be undertaken by the children involved; the requirements of the school in this process; the involvement of the local community in this process; the level of demand needed for a successful application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [48791/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Education if the school transport grant can be extended to students attending schools in circumstances in which a bus is unavailable such as in a case (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [48846/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Education the progress of the new school facilities at a school (details supplied). — Barry Cowen. [48771/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Education if it is possible for the times of a school bus service (details supplied) in County Mayo to be reviewed and amended in view of the difficulties which it is causing for the children using the service. — Michael Ring. [48804/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Education the status of funding for a school (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [48875/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a newly qualified teacher (details supplied) who was offered a contract in July 2021 and who furnished all necessary documentation and commenced employment on the first day of this school year has not been paid; when this issue will be resolved and their remuneration will be received; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48890/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made to date in preparations for a refined DEIS programme; if the DEIS programme is being expanded to other schools in the meantime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [48903/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Education if she will allow any flexibility for rural schools when it comes to retaining a teacher in which student numbers have reduced given the continued complexities of Covid-19 in school communities and the impact of the loss of a teacher to a school, its students and the wider community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48910/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Education if class sizes will be reduced for 2022; if she plans to move class sizes here towards the EU average of 20:1 rather than the current class size of 24:1; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48917/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Education if she will fund a release day per week for teaching principals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48918/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Education if a permanent national supply panel will be put in place for primary and special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48919/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reduce the teacher allocation and retention thresholds for two, three and four teacher schools; the current allocation and retention figures for two, three and four teacher schools, respectively; the way these figures compare to the lowest historical allocation and retention threshold figures for each respective school size, including Gaeltacht schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48920/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Education if the primary capitation grant will be restored to €200 per pupil which was the rate in 2010; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48921/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a tender project for a school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [48934/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a tender project for a school (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [48935/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which a school (details supplied) will be provided with a fully complete campus of its own with all the required laboratories and classrooms; if her attention has been drawn to the current shortcomings in the provision of facilities at this school; and if she will commit to improving and upgrading the existing school. — Catherine Murphy. [48961/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education if she will change the annotation on teacher's salary payslips in order that the summer provision programme no longer appears as autistic programme as the aforementioned may be considered offensive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48962/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education the number of appeals lodged in the past 12 months in relation to the amount awarded for assistive technology applications; the number of those appeals that were successful; the average length of time an appeal will take; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49023/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education if an update will be published for parents on the status of developments for a school (details supplied) given the appointment of a consultant architect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [49025/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education the number of substitute teachers from supply panels that have been deployed since schools have reopened by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49058/21]

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

*249. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons in receipt of the benefit for a 65 year-old payment are not entitled to the fuel allowance payment; if she plans to include the

payment as a qualifying payment for fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48982/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons in receipt of the benefit for a 65 year-old payment will receive the Christmas bonus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48983/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the eligibility criteria that bar persons in receipt of illness benefit from the fuel allowance and the bonus week payment at Christmas. — Patrick Costello. [48311/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of her engagement in dealing with the issue of pensions for community scheme supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [45422/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps being taken to tackle youth unemployment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [48640/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the implementation of the hot school meal programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [48641/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider reviewing the decision to change the tendering process to for profit as in the case of the recent campaign by community-based employment services (details supplied); and if the concerns of the existing employment services workers have been taken into consideration. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [43747/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a community employment scheme placement will be extended for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48741/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48767/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48769/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an invalidity pension appeal in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48772/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the income limits for the fuel allowance in Budget 2022 given the rising cost of fuel prices. — Robert Troy. [48781/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of complaints made under her Department's customer charter against social welfare inspectors in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of these complaints that were accepted; the number that were rejected; the number of these complaints that were referred to another public authority; and the number referred to An Garda Síochána. — Catherine Murphy. [48784/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered broadening the fuel allowance qualifying conditions to include those partaking in the community employment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48787/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the household income for a retired married couple with regard to eligibility for the fuel allowance; and the way bank savings are calculated in this regard. — Michael Creed. [48889/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any flexibility in cases in which a person (details supplied) has the required number of PRSI contributions but not at the necessary class for the invalidity pension given that through no fault of their own, they had paid a WOPS stamp during their early years at work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48941/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average waiting time for registering a birth and registering a death; and the number of applications awaiting processing for both. — Claire Kerrane. [48945/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current waiting time for the processing of child benefit; and the number of applications currently waiting to be processed. — Claire Kerrane. [48946/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current waiting time for the processing of PPS numbers; and the number of applications currently waiting to be processed. — Claire Kerrane. [48947/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the offices under her Department that remain closed to the public due to Covid-19. — Claire Kerrane. [48948/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the Civil Registration Office, Dublin remains closed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48949/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures undertaken to prevent and alleviate poverty during childhood; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48705/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a matter in relation to the community employment scheme (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48958/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she expects to be in a position to respond to the various demands received in pre-Budget 2022 submissions to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48985/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current and expected position in relation to the age at which applicants may qualify for the old age pension in the future having particular regard to the wider debate on the subject that has taken place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48986/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which her Department can accommodate earlier processing of appeals in respect of all categories of payment under her

Department's control; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48987/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can foresee an increase in the various allowances operated by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48988/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons currently in receipt of the State pension (contributory); the extent to which this number is likely to fluctuate in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48989/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons currently in receipt of jobseeker's allowance; the extent to which this number has fluctuated in the past two years and is likely to so do in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48990/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of recipients of long-term jobseeker's support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48991/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of recipients of invalidity pension; the extent to which the number has fluctuated over the past two years or is likely to so do in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48992/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of recipients of child benefit payments; the extent to which this has fluctuated over the past two years and is likely to so do in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48993/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of recipients of State pension (non-contributory) over the past two years; the extent to which this number has fluctuated or is likely to so do; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48994/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of prisoners wives' allowances granted over the past two years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48995/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of exceptional needs payments made in each of the past two years to date; the most common reasons for which the payment was sought; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48996/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of rent support payments in lieu of rehousing made by her Department in each of the past six years to date; if a particular trend in terms of reliance on the payment has been identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48997/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of appeals filed in respect of decisions made under the headings of jobseeker's allowance, disability allowance or illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48998/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of appeals upheld in respect of decisions to refuse for invalidity pension, jobseeker's allowance, illness benefit and disability; the

number that have been overturned or otherwise following further appeal or review thereof; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48999/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons aged 100 years or more in Ireland and in receipt of an appropriate social welfare payment or have been refused such a payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49000/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid out in rent allowance in each of the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Sorca Clarke. [49036/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the processing of applications for the carer's and disability allowance is in line with the most expeditious practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [49082/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the processing of appeals for the carer's and disability allowance is in line with the most expeditious practice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [49083/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which satisfactory provision has been made for public sector employees reaching mandatory retirement age prior to reaching pensionable age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [49084/21]

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

*292. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether Ireland is fully honouring its commitments under the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities regarding those with Down syndrome and their access to inclusive education and equality before the law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48828/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps his Department is taking to address the serious challenges in staff recruitment and retention within the early years sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49075/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will engage with employers to encourage them to top-up employee parent's leave rates to encourage its take-up; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47976/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to encourage the take-up of paternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47977/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made under First 5, the whole-of Government strategy for babies, young children and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [48703/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures he has undertaken within his remit to address the issue of youth employment and youth employability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [48696/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement by his Department with children within the asylum system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47517/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to increase funding for the childcare sector in Budget 2022. — Sean Sherlock. [48756/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the submission from an organisation (details supplied) with its business plan for the reinvigoration of voluntary clubs network across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [48850/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the protections that have been put in place and or the consultation he or Tusla have had with An Garda Síochána in advance of a raid by gardaí on a house and or dwelling that is known to contain children; if he and or Tusla provide a counselling service post-raid in cases in which a child and or teenager has been present during a raid; and the number of referrals made to Tusla as a result of a raid by gardaí since 2015. — Catherine Murphy. [48901/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review the current payscale for early year and childcare workers and ensure that they are paid a professional salary in line with the responsibility they hold and the level of education required for this position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [48902/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the protections and or the consultation that have put in place by his Department or Tusla have with An Garda Síochána in advance of a warranted search by An Garda Síochána on a house and or dwelling that is known to contain children; if he and or Tusla provide a counselling service post the warranted search in cases in which a child and or teenager has been present during a search; the number of referrals made to Tusla as a result of a warranted searches by gardaí since 2015; and if Tusla officials accompany gardaí on raids or warranted searches in cases in which it is suspected children will be present. — Catherine Murphy. [48908/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if information regarding potential avenues of State funding from his Department will be provided to a service in (details supplied) County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48928/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he continues to monitor the welfare of children in State care, fosterage or other forms of care other than parental care with a view to ensuring strict observance of child welfare requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49002/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which breaches of child welfare supports have been observed or reported in respect of children in various forms of State care including fosterage; the action taken on foot of any such reports; the follow up in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49003/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which adequate support is available to children at risk in all situations throughout the country; the

action taken or pending on any particularly sensitive cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49004/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department continues to meet any necessary requirements in respect of deficiencies in the protection of children in care or as reported at home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49005/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which a rapid response remains available to children deemed to be at risk of physical, mental or sexual abuse; if any particular issues have arisen which need further attention in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49006/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department continues to monitor any breaches of equality legislation whether of a gender, race or sexuality origin; the extent to which any correction required is in hand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49007/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential places available to children or women who may find themselves in need of secure accommodation; the extent to which such residential places have been utilised in the past five-years to date; his plans for the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49008/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which he and his Department have received pre-Budget 2022 submissions from the disability sector with particular reference to core recommendations which he might consider; if he has examined the submissions with a view to acceding to their requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49009/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department have reviewed the disability sector with a view to addressing weaknesses in the services available to those with disabilities; if he plans to undertake a major overhaul of any such deficiencies; his plans to address them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49010/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department has encouraged and promoted integration in all areas throughout the country; the extent of any issues that have arisen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49011/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which he and his Department have identified obstacles to integration; his plans to address any such issues in the short to medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49012/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent of the dialogue his Department has had with the youth sector throughout the country over the past three years; the degree to which he has identified specific needs arising therefrom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49013/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which his Department continues to liaise with youth organisations at community level throughout the country; the extent to which he has identified any specific needs in respect of future engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49014/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the efforts his Department continues to make with various youth organisations to encourage integration and observance of equality requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49015/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which his Department monitors breaches of equality and or integration regulations throughout the country in order to address any issues arising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49016/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department continues to monitor children deemed to be disadvantaged; his plans in progress or otherwise to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49017/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a refuge centre for victims of domestic abuse will be established in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2022; the progress to date in reviewing emergency accommodation nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49035/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if birth parents of children in care have a say in the administration of the Covid-19 vaccine to their children in foster care. — Mattie McGrath. [49040/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that parents in some of Tusla's service areas are being told that face-to-face access to their children in State care is denied until they have received the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [49041/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of newborn babies under two weeks old taken into State care in each Tusla service area in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [49042/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children under 18 years of age in each Tusla service area in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Mattie McGrath. [49043/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children taken into State care in each Tusla service area in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Mattie McGrath. [49044/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total spend on guardian ad litem in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the position regarding the proposed legislation to regulate this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [49045/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will commit to increasing investment in youth services in line with the proposals of the National Youth Council of Ireland in view of the under provision of youth services and in particular the additional need arising from the impact of Covid-19 on young persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49050/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of unaccompanied migrant minors who have gone missing while under Tusla's care annually since 1 January 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49057/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the discussions his Department has had with regard to provision for additional capacity across the education sector to allow persons to take up a career within the early years sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49077/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding his Department will be providing to re-engage young people with youth services and to increase volunteer and staff recruitment for youth services following the recent new report by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49078/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the proactive steps his Department will take over the next 12-months to address youth unemployment in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49079/21]

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

*333. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will intervene to increase grant support for students unable to secure accommodation and forced to commute. — Sean Sherlock. [48755/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who received SUSI grants in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48824/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who appealed a SUSI grant refusal in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48825/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who were successful in their appeal of a SUSI grant initial refusal in the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48826/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the action he will take regarding a CAO appeal by a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [48965/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will request the Central Applications Office to review the graphical user interface of its

application system to ensure it is compliant with the Disability Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [48972/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to offer the position as director and chief scientific adviser of Science Foundation Ireland to the same person; his views on the positives and negatives that the impact of such a move would have on both positions; if a final decision has been made on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48974/21]

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

*340. To ask the Minister for Justice when she will publish a gambling control Bill; and the reason for the delay given the commitments made by the Government that the Bill would be published by the end of quarter 3. — Thomas Gould. [48792/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address a matter in relation to a stamp three holder (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [48793/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of fixed charge penalty notices issued for illegal parking offences issued in 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 with a breakdown of such notices issued per offence in each period, for example, parking on a footpath, parking at a bus stop, parking on a cycle lane and so on. — Patrick Costello. [48835/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking to promote high-visibility policing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48853/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will determine the steps the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau and the Garda National Cyber Crime Bureau are taking in conjunction with the relevant stakeholders in response to the rise in phishing over the past year and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48855/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount and volume of drugs and cash seized by An Garda Síochána 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. [48856/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered the examination by the Chief Justice of government spending on the courts and justice system; her views on whether the funding is sufficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48861/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in respect of the offices which were acquired by her Department in Cork city and county over two years ago to facilitate asylum applications; the reason the facility has not opened; when the premises are likely to be brought into use; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48893/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of armed support unit raids there have been on family homes and dwellings in each of the years since 2015 to date. — Catherine Murphy. [48899/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount her Department and An Garda Síochána have paid in compensation for damage caused during raids and searches in each of the years since 2015. — Catherine Murphy. [48900/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of ASU warranted searches there have been on family homes and dwellings in each year since 2015. — Catherine Murphy. [48907/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank suspended in 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [48938/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí dismissed from the service under a disciplinary sanction by rank in 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [48939/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí disciplined by rank for abuse of information services within An Garda Síochána, that is phone communications, email and data recording systems such as PULSE in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and do date in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [48940/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of District Court judges appointed in County Kildare; the number of cases that are in a backlog to date in 2021; and the plans to increase the provision of judges at District Court level in 2021 and 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [48963/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date that has taken place in the case of a person (details supplied); if a particular person or persons have been given the responsibility to restore the case to its previous status other than the repeated intention to deport which would be totally at variance with previously established humanitarian standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49001/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to ensure that the Courts Service is permitted to release photographs of persons convicted of murder and other serious offences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [49047/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Justice the public policy reason for the Courts Service not publishing the names of persons convicted of murder and other serious offences after the conclusion of criminal trials; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [49048/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will bring forward the commencement date of the humanitarian admissions programme for Afghan nationals to October 2021 reflecting the urgency of the situation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49061/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will remove the limit of four family members per sponsor from the humanitarian admissions programme for Afghan nationals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49062/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*360. To ask the Minister for Health if section 39 organisations will be recognised for their invaluable work for communities by delivering parity of treatment in relation to pensions for workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48911/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the required funding is made available to safeguard the necessary services and ensure lifelong supports for persons with intellectual and physical disabilities and assist ageing parents and carers who are struggling to manage. — Danny Healy-Rae. [48967/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health if a monitor will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48742/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of assessments of need completed under the Disability Act 2005 that included a diagnosis of a disability, on an annual basis in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [48744/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of applications by county for assessments of needs under the Disability Act 2005 overdue for completion at 3, 6, 12 and 18 months respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [48745/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the reason assessors are not asked to provide a diagnosis under the new standard operating procedure for assessments of need under the Disability Act 2005, given the Act requires the nature and extent of the disability to be set out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [48746/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the mean and median time required to complete assessments of need under the Disability Act 2005 for 2018, 2019 and 2020, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [48747/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the total public expenditure committed to the Tobacco Free Ireland initiative in 2019 and 2020, within his Department, the Health and Wellbeing Programme and the Health Service Executive including all prevention and cessation programmes be provided in view of the progress reported in the recent Tobacco Free Ireland Annual Report 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48748/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the day care centres that are back in operation for an area (details supplied); the centres that are not open; and the reason for same, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48753/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the areas of the health services (details supplied) in which it is required that graduates work a certain number of years in the health service upon graduation. — Sean Sherlock. [48757/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of developmental checks which took place in north County Dublin in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [48758/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health if a catch-up programme will be put in place for developmental checks, assessment of needs and early intervention in north County Dublin given the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic in reducing the number of checks, assessments and interventions that took place over the past 18 months. — Louise O'Reilly. [48759/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health if instructions will be in place regarding wearing facemasks for transport workers and others in which close contact is unavoidable after the lifting of restrictions on 22 October 2021. — Louise O'Reilly. [48761/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide funding in Budget 2022 to fund the provision of the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [48762/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ring-fence some of the anticipated 2021 cost savings from the recent HSE Medicines Management Programme preferred blood glucose strips for adults with type 1 and 2 diabetes evaluation to fund the provision of the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age based on clinical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [48763/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for the FreeStyle Libre device that were submitted by individual hospitals for persons with diabetes over 21 years of age; the number approved; the number refused in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; his plans to remove the age restriction on the device; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [48764/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if a student (details supplied) can receive a HPV vaccination under the HPV vaccination programme in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [48765/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [48766/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for impending legislation to be enacted regarding the diagnosis of an autistic child by a psychologist or health professional (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [48768/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health if all necessary supports including additional staff, clinicians and administration staff, training for staff and all necessary clinic resources have been put in place in the South Kerry CAMHS team (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48775/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be made for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48777/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 431 of 13 May 2021, the reason data is not recorded on referral centres in relation to applications for prior authorisation and reimbursement made under the cross-border directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48778/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 431 of 13 May 2021, the number of applications for prior authorisation and reimbursement made under the cross-Border directive for each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by medical specialty in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48779/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of persons that are waiting to be seen in the national gender service by CHO, LHO and age group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48789/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department plans to relax guidelines on wearing facemasks in churches and other indoor venues on 20 October 2021. — Robert Troy. [48797/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department plans to remove the age restriction on funding for the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system for persons with diabetes over the age of 21 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [48801/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health if it is his Department's policy that HSE funding committed to persons in healthcare and residential facilities must be accounted for and spent solely on their care in the manner agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [48802/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health if there are consequences in place if a venue has breached the guidelines by not checking EU Digital COVID Certificates while admitting persons to the premises. — Duncan Smith. [48809/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Our Lady's Hospital, Navan is to reduce its accident and emergency services from 24 hours to 12 hours per day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48811/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to maintain services at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan for the foreseeable future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48812/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48813/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors that were employed at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48814/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses that were employed at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48815/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding for Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48816/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients diverted from Our Lady's Hospital, Navan accident and emergency to Our Lady's Hospital, Drogheda accident and emergency in the period July to September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48817/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Health if Our Lady's Hospital, Navan was on a list of nine hospitals targeted by the HSE Mallow Report which proposed the downgrading of its accident and emergency services from 24 hours to 12 hours per day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48819/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Health the current plans for the new regional hospital which is to be located in Navan, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48820/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Health the specific timeline for the proposed new regional hospital in Navan; the expected start and finish dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48821/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE still has plans to downgrade Our Lady's Hospital, Navan to a model 2 hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48822/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Our Lady's Hospital, Navan has been under resourced and understaffed in a planned manner designed to reduce services and the capabilities of the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [48823/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the reopening of a day-care centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [48830/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a counselling appointment in primary care; the average waiting time in each CHO area from 2019 to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [48833/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults waiting on a counselling appointment in primary care; the average waiting time in each CHO area from 2019 to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [48834/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 186 of 29 September 2021, if his plans to roll-out the EU Digital COVID Certificate to Irish citizens vaccinated outside of the EU will also include Irish residents who are not citizens; the date of the announcement on the launch of the portal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48837/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment with a consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48838/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a place in a suitable day facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48839/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine a budget submission from organisations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48844/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the reason funding provided to the HSE for residential provision in the disability sector is so limited that only 56 new emergency residential placements could be provided in 2020 given that his Department's capacity review document outlines a need for 91 placements per annum to meet demographic demand on top of up to 1,200 places required to meet needs identified since 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48845/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the Covid-19 treatments which are currently in use in Ireland; if each has full approval or emergency approval; the date each treatment came into use in Ireland; and the number of patients treated with each in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [48847/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health if home help will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48848/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health if he will note correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the proposed pandemic payment for healthcare workers; his views on the fact that these workers

performed a vital service during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [48849/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be ensured that respite services are restored for a person (details supplied) as soon as possible. — Robert Troy. [48858/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to persisting issues with the portal for those vaccinated in Northern Ireland to apply for an EU Digital COVID Certificate; the steps he is taking to remedy this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48860/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO1 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48876/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO2 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48877/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO3 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48878/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO4 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48879/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO5 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48880/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO6 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48881/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO7 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48882/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO8 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48883/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting for audiology appointments in the CHO9 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [48884/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health when zolgesma will be approved for use here (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48897/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the HSE has made no provision in its budgets for the provision to a person (details supplied) of a brace; if he will request the HSE provide the €4,500 that is necessary for this brace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [48909/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health if the budget provided to an association (details supplied) will be substantially increased in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48912/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a substantially increased budget for respite services for persons using the services of an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48913/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health if information regarding potential avenues of capital State funding from his Department will be provided to a service (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48931/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 696, 697, 698; 711 and 747 of 15 September 2021, when the National Consultant Appointments Advisory Committee will decide on the proposal by a company (details supplied) for one permanent consultant post for the medical assessment unit Nenagh General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48936/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether any other staffing positions are required other than the current proposal before the National Consultant Appointments Advisory Committee for one permanent consultant post for the medical assessment unit, Nenagh General Hospital; if not, if the unit is adequately staffed other than this pending consultant position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48937/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a closed facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48950/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the serious situation in relation to patient safety (details supplied) in University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48955/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a person (details supplied) receives the medical attention they require; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [48956/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health if an analysis has been carried out on the possible negative effects of the greater use of telemedicine during the Covid-19 pandemic for interaction with medical practitioners; if analysis has been carried out on the use of telemedicine for the prescription of abortion pills which was temporarily provided for as an emergency measure; if so, the results of such studies; if not, if it is planned to carry out such an analysis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48980/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of young girls and boys who received a dose of the HPV vaccine in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Cathal Crowe. [49018/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health when schools will once again be running HPV vaccine drives as opposed to venues away from the school campus. — Cathal Crowe. [49019/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health if the decision to run a HPV vaccination clinic in a school is a Government policy or individual school policy. — Cathal Crowe. [49020/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of schools that ran a HPV vaccination clinic in 2019, by county in tabular form. — Cathal Crowe. [49021/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to appoint nine extra neurology nurse specialists at University Hospital Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49024/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health if the €100 pandemic payment for clinical placements will be paid to student nurses and midwives this academic year; if not, the financial supports that will be provided to assist student nurses and midwives during their clinical placements; the status of the review of student nursing and midwifery placements and internships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49028/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider removing carpark charges for cancer patients as per the pre-Budgetary 2022 by an organisation (details supplied) request in view of the fact that cancer patients face additional financial pressures and invariably have to spend long periods of time in the hospital receiving treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49029/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the shortfall of eight neurological nurses in University Hospital Limerick as highlighted by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49030/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the existence of in-patient charges for cancer patients as requested by the Irish Cancer Society as cancer patients are financially pressured by virtue of their illness. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49031/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health the gross sum of in-patient charges charged by the HSE across all hospitals in 2020. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49032/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health the total sum of in-patient charges successfully collected by the HSE across all hospitals in 2020. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49033/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate the use of debt collection agencies to retrieve due in-patient charges from cancer patients; and if he will review the use of these agencies and consider an alternative. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49034/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made with regard to the Programme for Government commitment to extend the remit of the National Treatment Purchase Fund to secure timely assessment for both child and adult psychological services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49037/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children as of 1 October 2021 or latest date available that were awaiting a first assessment of need from the HSE under the Disability Act 2005 by each CHO; the number of additional therapists recruited since July 2020 in order to address waiting times for the assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49038/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional residential places, respite nights and new emergency residential placements for people with a disability that have been made available since July 2020 by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49039/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49053/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the staffing deficits of over 168.91 whole-time equivalent HSCP posts that exist across the children disability network teams in CHO4 when comparing current staffing levels and caseload figures against the HSE minimal staffing requirements for HSCPs as set out in chapter 9: Health Services for Children in Ireland, a Guide to Workforce Planning of the HSE Policy Document A National Model of Care for Paediatric Healthcare Services in Ireland. — Holly Cairns. [49063/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the upgrade of Dunmanway hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49064/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the HPV vaccine. — Sorca Clarke. [49068/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to engage with a committee (details supplied) in a meaningful way to resolve the current issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [49069/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Health the reason section 83 of the Assisted Decision Making Capacity Act 2015 has not been commenced; the timeline for the commencement of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49085/21]

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

*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to introduce measures to address concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [48770/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48773/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding farmers in slurry derogation areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48841/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48852/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements he has had regarding the draft nitrates action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48857/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons in receipt of areas of specific constraint (islands) payments by county; the average payment by county; the number of persons receiving payments up to and including 20ha, 34ha and 40ha for the 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. [48863/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding provided to knowledge transfer schemes for each year from 2016 to date in tabular form; the individual schemes involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48864/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of equine related funding that has been provided under TAMS 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. [48865/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding provided to Horse Sport Ireland from 2016 to date in tabular form; the purpose of the allocation by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [48866/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if equal recognition and opportunities will be provided for equine farmers through access to TAMS schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48870/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will be implementing the Knowledge Transfer, Horse Production Pathway; if he will invest in regional training and production facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48871/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to protect the equine industry's integrity through the National Equine Anti-Doping Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48872/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding will be provided to help construct a national training and education building, reproduction and veterinary hub and industry administration headquarters for Horse Sport Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48873/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if full attendances at racecourses will be moved forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48926/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will introduce frost reconstitution in order that young plantations heavily effected by late spring frost can undergo necessary works to get the stocking levels up to an acceptable standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [48957/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications approved under the reconstitution and under planting scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [49049/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the appropriateness of a semi-State body under his remit receiving sponsorship from a betting company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49054/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the animal welfare assurances he has put in place for the recent trade deal involving the transport of live breeding pigs to another jurisdiction (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49055/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his response to the withdrawal of an organisation (details supplied) from discussions surrounding industrial hemp; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49056/21]

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

*473. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of town and village renewal applications (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [48743/21]

*474. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail an bhfuil sí ar an eolas nár sheol an bád lasta ó Ros a'Mhíl chuig Inis Meáin Dé hAoine seo caite, lú Deireadh Fómhair, de bharr droch aimsire; an bhfuil i gceist aici a chinntiú go mbeidh an rialtacht agus caighdeán seirbhíse céanna lastais go hInis Meáin agus atá go hÁrann agus go hInis Oirr an Geimhreadh seo tri shocrú a dhéanamh leis an bhfarrantóir go núsáidfidh sé bád a bheadh i ndon dul le céibh ag Céibh an Chalaídh Mhóir i ndroch aimsir; an bhfuil i gceist ag a Roinn an cheist a phlé le pobal agus lucht gnótha Inis Meáin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [48975/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application to the Covid stability fund (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [48749/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a public funding stream under her Department is available for an entrepreneur to develop a town centre market and social area on private lands in a small town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48916/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of an application for town and village renewal funding in respect of a project (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48925/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the next round of CLÁR funding will allow primary schools to apply for funding to develop playgrounds on their school grounds that can also be used by the wider public; the reason such developments have been excluded from the last two rounds of the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48927/21]