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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a review has been conducted by her Department or the Charities Regulatory Authority on whether the work of the authority and its €4 million annual budget is delivering increased confidence in and within charities. — Paul Donnelly. [49932/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department intends to facilitate a local improvement scheme in 2022; and if so, the criteria that will be applied to ensure an allocation of funds based on an equal and fair distribution across the country. — Sean Sherlock. [50256/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the impact the National Development Plan will have on the spending by her Department; the provisions in the plan for rural and community development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50326/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has been involved in supporting efforts to establish a domestic violence refuge in County Carlow; and if her Department provides assistance to such rural-based community services. — Paul Murphy. [50090/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures she will put in place to increase funding already allocated under the rural regeneration development fund to projects in which the costs have increased substantially due to the unprecedented rise in the cost of materials; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49400/21]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is a specific scheme within her Department for the upgrading of playgrounds. — Michael Ring. [50030/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to support the development of women's sheds in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49403/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the percentage of the EAFRD that must be utilised for the purposes of Leader; and the percentage she has sought for the programme for 2023-2027. — Sean Sherlock. [50094/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the schemes that are available for local groups to avail of funding to establish community centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [49453/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if additional funding will be provided for digital hubs particularly in north central areas of Cork city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [50120/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the maximum permissible Exchequer co-funding rate for the purposes of Leader from 2023-2027. — Sean Sherlock. [50095/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total capital allocation to her Department in 2021, broken down by sub-head; the amount spent to date; if she expects this funding will be totally expended in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [49842/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her level of engagement with Cork County Council in meeting its demands on delivery of upgrades works on rural roads and laneways due to increased funding to €21 million in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50106/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she has taken when it comes to incentivising persons to restore derelict properties in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49837/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of funding awarded and applications under consideration in counties Louth and Meath in respect of support for walking infrastructure such as trails given the importance of such local amenities particularly during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50156/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the anticipated amount of funding that is expected to be provided to counties Laois and Offaly through the Leader programme in 2021. — Brian Stanley. [49417/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider funding options for rural SMEs that would have space on their premises that could be made available for the establishment of remote working hubs in rural villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50107/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the input she has had in the development of the CAP strategic plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [50093/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 114 of 15 July 2021, the status of the development of Caladh Mór pier on Inis Meáin; the status of the preparation of the simulation model of the harbour by the National Maritime College of Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50138/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason the shop front improvement scheme will not be extended despite the short timeframe and difficulties shopkeepers have had in carrying out works due to bad weather; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [49846/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will ring-fence funding for an improved shop front improvement scheme taking into account the difficulties experienced in 2021 by applicants working within a short timeframe and very limited time to complete works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [49845/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to further encourage the establishment of remote working hubs in rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50049/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the actions that are being considered to simplify the process for small projects to apply for small amounts of funding in view of assurances given to review the process. — Paul Donnelly. [49981/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider providing funding of the development of Schull town park; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [50134/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the roll-out of broadband connection points; the number that have been connected to date by county; the number planned to be connected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50013/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has plans to support rural information support services and assist those in rural communities to access supports they are entitled to. — Paul Murphy. [50088/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the walks scheme in respect of new projects in County Mayo; the funding that has been allocated to these projects; the likely timeline for the development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50111/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will report on plans for a new location for the Limerick city centre library. — Paul Murphy. [50086/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the specific funds available from his Department to provide for the delivery of public greenspace, public parks and playgrounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [45843/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce is set to meet; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48282/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she is satisfied with the uptake of the rural regeneration scheme; the number of the schemes that have been completed; and when she expects to have the next round of the rural regeneration scheme. — Michael Ring. [50031/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the promised €2 million scheme to fund the development of town masterplans; the details of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50136/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures being taken to ensure that Leader funding will be maintained at the current level as part of Ireland's Common Agriculture Policy Strategic Plan. — Martin Browne. [50157/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the roll-out of broadband connection points across Ireland. — James Lawless. [50160/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the date of the last meeting of the Mobile Phone and Broadband Taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48281/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the expected timeframe for the establishment and operation of the mobile and broadband taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [50164/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the capital scheme for the rejuvenation of community centres as announced in the National Development Plan will be available to each local authority; the total sum of the scheme's allocation; when applications for the scheme will open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50109/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of supports provided to community-based organisations in counties Louth and Meath that provide vital services such as cancer care transport services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50155/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the work of the interdepartmental committee for the development of the islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [50161/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she expects to announce the next round of allocations from the rural regeneration development fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49404/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of playgrounds funded under the CLÁR scheme in each county both through community organisations and through schools. — Niamh Smyth. [49905/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider establishing a fund for the building and enhancement of playgrounds in rural towns and villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [50140/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration has been given or will be given to reintroducing the additional 30% grant for Rapid and CLÁR areas under the sports capital grant. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47794/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the criteria her Department and Pobal have adopted for awarding grants and funding for units of an organisation (details supplied); if she will consider introducing a funding scheme for capital projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [49535/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications received to date for the Awareness Raising Initiative for Social Enterprise, ARISE; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [49764/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the progress made in the 2021 Work Programme for Our Rural Future; the number of measures which have been completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49836/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she plans to increase funding for local improvement schemes in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49402/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the dates on which LIS funding for 2021 was allocated to local authorities in 2021; the amounts allocated; the amount of expenditure to date by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [49843/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of support to be provided by her Department in 2021 for the development of remote working hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50048/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next round of town and village funding will issue; if she will provide details of all County Kerry applications in the current round; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50132/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when additional funding under the transitional programme for the Leader programme will be allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50083/21]

52. 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 past two rounds of the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49904/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department plans to share the draft policy strategy for the islands with representatives as requested by an organisation (details supplied) to ensure island communities can engage with the policy development process and provide insights to the strategy focus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49834/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports available from her Department to community groups and organisations that have obtained staff through various social protection schemes but now want to retain these staff permanently given their important role in community development. — Thomas Gould. [50097/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the development of the rural proofing model promised in Our Rural Future – Rural Development Policy 2021–2025; the status of the assessment of international best practice in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50139/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of a project (details supplied); when the project is likely to proceed to construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50110/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the number of remote working hubs now up and running and available for use of the initial 400 that were identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49833/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of funding for remote digital hubs provided for in Budget 2021 that has been disbursed; if additional remote working hubs will be considered going forward in view of the fact that these facilities are vital for both urban and rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50014/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the value of the dormant accounts fund that is to be available in 2022 to support community development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49405/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will employ additional rural recreational officers and ensure they are allocated according to the work plans being operated by the local development companies. — Holly Cairns. [50123/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the new policy for the islands; when she expects to publish the policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50135/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has plans to support a local library for the City West area. — Paul Murphy. [50089/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next tranche of rural regeneration funding will be announced; the status of the application for Killorglin, County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50131/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department plans to make funding available under the rural regeneration development fund for the installation of municipal waste water treatment plants in towns and villages in which no such services exist and development cannot progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49401/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme funding for walking infrastructure in County Carlow for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [50159/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding that has been provided to counties Laois and Offaly through the LEADER programme in 2019 and 2020. — Brian Stanley. [49416/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if additional funding will be provided for the Social Inclusion and Community Activation Programme which is delivered by local development companies and is of great importance to many individuals and organisations in rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50084/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has received an application for town and village renewal made by Clare County Council in respect of Clonlara Village, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [49950/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the work of the interdepartmental group which was established to develop a town centre first approach; the number of times the group has met to date; when the group will bring forward its recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50137/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of support for remote working hubs; the amount of 2021 funding that has been disbursed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [49949/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she expects to be in a position to address issues affecting rural life in the context of the National Development Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50129/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of her engagement with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the employment of additional rural recreational officers. — Holly Cairns. [50122/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the formal personal engagement she has had with communities and Leader providers on the rural development element of the CAP pertaining to her Department in view of the national CAP consultation undertaken by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine. — Sean Sherlock. [50092/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has received an application for town and village renewal made by Clare County Council in respect of Drumgeely Neighbourhood Centre, Shannon Town, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [49951/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she plans to expand the walks scheme to include walking trails in the Dublin mountains; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [49454/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the roll-out of broadband connection points in north central areas of Cork city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [50121/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding provided under the community enhancement programme for County Carlow in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [50158/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagement she has had with the Department of Transport in relation to the funding of the local improvement scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49835/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to liaise with urban and rural communities with a view to addressing such concerns as isolation and the ongoing need for services to address issues arising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50130/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to ensure the development of sustainable communities with adequate provision and prioritisation of public greenspace, public parks and playgrounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45842/21]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are supports available to a business owner in circumstances (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [50252/21]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by her Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50318/21]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there will be a review of the application of the Workplace Relations Commission code of conduct on the right to disconnect by either the Workplace Relations Commission or his Department to examine the number of workplaces that have adopted it and the way they it is applied in practice; and the monitoring and evaluation of the policy that is being conducted. — Emer Higgins. [50327/21]

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

*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding the provision of fibre broadband to a property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [50187/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the policy position of his Department in relation to the storage of electricity particularly that generated from renewable sources; if he has a specific position on encouraging the development of pumped hydro storage as an integral part of improving the robustness the national grid and as a means of storing excess

renewable energy that may arise from wind turbines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [50240/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his interpretation of directive 2003/54/EC and the classification of pumped hydropower storage systems such as Turlough Hill as electricity generation facilities; if engagement has occurred with the European Commission on reclassifying facilities such as these as grid infrastructure that act as batteries or strategic services for the purposes of the grid operator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [50241/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by his Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50320/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has received lobbying from air traffic controller representative groups requesting his intervention and calling for an external investigation of the governance and management structures of the Irish Aviation Authority; the response taken to date by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50178/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the appointment of an external mediator in the Irish Airport Authority as opposed to relying on the internal dispute resolution mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50180/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding NCT certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50217/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will allow those with driver's licences that have been automatically extended to be renewed before the six-month window; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50231/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a full breakdown on the progress or lack thereof in respect of the NTA Active Travel Investment Programme projects (details supplied) in County Louth which were allocated €4.6 million in funding in March 2021; if the updates can be provided on a project by project basis; the total funding that the council has drawn down to date or lack thereof for each project and any other relevant details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50250/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions he has taken to address difficulties within the Irish Coast Guard; if his attention has been drawn to the expenditure of €140,000 by the Irish Coast Guard on training and mediation support; his views on whether the current situation is entirely unsatisfactory; and if he will outline a process to address the grievances highlighted by an organisation (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [50257/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that a transport service (details supplied) will be provided at an early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50328/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided to undertake the necessary preparatory work for the upgrade of a road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50348/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*96. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to include special needs assistants on the list of professions entitled to claim flat rate expenses; the reason this profession has not been included in the list to date in view of the fact that teachers are entitled to claim flat rate expenses; the engagement he has had with representative bodies acting on behalf of special needs assistants on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50226/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Finance when his Department plans to have completed its examination of the Department of Social Protection proposal in relation to community employment supervisors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [50239/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Finance if he and or his officials have engaged with lending institutions here in respect of persons that availed of pandemic unemployment payments and as a result were placed in a position that they were required to restructure credit arrangements and as a result had negative credit rating applied to them over the course of 2020 and 2021; and if so, his plans to remedy this situation. — Catherine Murphy. [50347/21]

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

*99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress to date in 2021 on the Ballina, County Mayo flood relief scheme. — Dara Calleary. [50165/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress to date in 2021 on the Foxford flood relief scheme, County Mayo. — Dara Calleary. [50177/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by his Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50324/21]

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

*102. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if sports projects in the Gaeltacht can be funded under the capital sports programme in which another element of the overall project has been funded from the Gaeltacht section of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50273/21]

*103. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil tograí spóirt i gceantair Ghaeltachta cáilithe do dheontais ón Rannóg Gaeltachta den Roinn má fuair gné eile den togra iomlán deontas faoin scéim Deontais Caipitil Spóirt; má tá siad cáilithe, na coinníollacha a bhaineann leis seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50274/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by her Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50325/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next round of sports capital grant scheme funding will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50338/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress made in achieving action 12 of the National Sports Policy 2018-2027. — Holly Cairns. [50352/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress made in achieving action 28 of the National Sports Policy 2018-2027. — Holly Cairns. [50353/21]

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

*108. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the stress HAP tenants and prospective HAP tenants are under who are forced to take cases to the Workplace Relations Commission; if consideration has been given to providing assistance to HAP tenants; if his attention has further been drawn to the fact that many cannot take cases due to the fact they do not have contact details for the landlord or prospective landlord; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50253/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will make provision in which persons allocated voluntary housing could apply for a transfer to the local authority housing list or on to the HAP scheme if their voluntary housing does not suit their current needs; the reason such persons are confined at present to applying for a transfer to the voluntary housing body they are housed with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50259/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of his Department's queries with regard to the concrete block redress scheme applied for by Clare County Council. — Cathal Crowe. [50268/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by his Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50319/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the outcome of the studies undertaken by the working groups concerning the future use of peat by the horticulture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50349/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a project (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50357/21]

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

*114. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of political prisoners in Belarus; the extent to which the international community has concerned itself with the issue; the response from the authorities in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50199/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will be nominating any Irish election observers for the election in Uzbekistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50224/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which Ireland will meet its commitment to reach a spend of 0.7% of GNI by 2030 on overseas development aid; his plans to achieve this; if he will provide a breakdown of the spend in 2020 and to date in 2021, respectively; the amount of aid spent directly by Ireland; the amount committed through EU programmes; the breakdown of those commitments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [50233/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that this person is travelling this week. — Michael Ring. [50340/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*118. To ask the Minister for Education if there are grants available to schools for the purpose of building storage facilities for scooters and bicycles; and if so, the way schools can apply for same. — Mark Ward. [50183/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding land allocations for schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50184/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education her plans regarding the banking of hours by primary schools in cases in which mainstream classroom teachers are replaced by special education teachers due to absences; if her attention has been drawn to the demands of a union (details supplied) to reinstate this policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50188/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education her plans regarding teacher supply panels at both primary and secondary school level; if she plans to expand the existing coverage of supply panels to make them accessible to schools nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50189/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the adequacy of the number of teachers currently allocated to supply panels for substitute teachers at a primary school level; if her attention has been drawn to cases in which three substitute teachers are covering up to 14 schools in a district as is the case in north County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50191/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Education the funding options a DEIS band 1 senior primary school has to return to running an after-school club once current health restrictions are lifted (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50198/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to reinstate the primary school library fund; the analysis that her Department has carried out into allocating €10 per primary school child in order for schools to buy books for their libraries; if her attention has been drawn to a campaign (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50208/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 113 of 23 September 2021, if all restrictions on school transport numbers will be lifted after 22 October 2021 in line with the lifting of all other restrictions; and if those students who have been unable to secure a seat on school transport up to this point will have their cases re-examined following the lifting of capacity restrictions. — Robert Troy. [50213/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by her Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50321/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Education if the guidance on mask wearing in post-primary school settings will continue to apply after 22 October 2021. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [50342/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Education the plans in place to transfer funding for an organisation (details supplied) to the Department of Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50343/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Education if an educational institute (details supplied) is under her Department's remit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50344/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a school (details supplied) that has no engineering or metalwork teacher and has been unable to source a teacher through advertisements resulting in the second and third year metalwork and sixth year engineering academic year groups going untaught; if she will engage with the school to put a solution in place for these students in the academic year 2020-2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [50355/21]

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

*131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if pension contributions will be liable for PRSI; if, when drawing down a pension it will be liable for PRSI; her views on whether it is necessary for the same pension to be charged PRSI on two occasions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50210/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding a nationwide local employment service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50173/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50206/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50207/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50211/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension review for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50215/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will establish a stakeholder forum to allow for the meaningful engagement of all stakeholders in the local employment services sector in order to find the best way forward; if she will halt the tendering process of local employment services until full consultation has been carried out with the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50216/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if preparations are being made to ensure adequate staffing levels to maintain community employment schemes throughout County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50223/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is provision within the social welfare code governing entitlement to State pension (contributory) whereby credits can be awarded in respect of persons who have been caring for their adult children with disabilities and who consequently were unable to take up paid employment opportunities outside the home and who now find themselves short of the requisite number of contributions for the pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [50242/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider introducing some disregard in the means test for disability allowance for a person who is in a position to rent a room within their home. — Richard Bruton. [50249/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by his Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50316/21]

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

*142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons including children seeking international protection who have been required to quarantine in hotels on arrival in Ireland by month to date in 2021; the number of persons that have been required to quarantine beyond 14 days; if those that receive a negative PCR test no earlier than five days after arrival are permitted to exit quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50258/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding adopting the Optional Protocols to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. — Catherine Murphy. [50197/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding will be provided for a family and community resource centre (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [50225/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that section 83 of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 has not been commenced; the timeline for the commencement of each section; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50244/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 164 of 29 September 2021, the date by which the sustainability and case management team in the early years division's finance, governance and reform unit's review of the process for Special Service CCSP Programme funding will be completed. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50269/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by her Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50322/21]

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

*148. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has discussed increasing the number of places for courses in further and higher education institutions related to the hospitality sector to meet the employment needs of the sector. — Holly Cairns. [50354/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by his Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50323/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if an educational institute (details supplied) is under his Department's remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50345/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to increase the number of places for courses related to the hospitality sector to meet the employment needs of the sector. — Holly Cairns. [50351/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will respond to the points raised in a correspondence (details supplied); if the programme will be restored given its education benefits for younger adults with intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50439/21]

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

*153. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider the recommendations of an organisation (details supplied) in respect of the new programme for families in Afghanistan in order that the lessons from previous experiences can be applied. — Richard Bruton. [50341/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a naturalisation application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50303/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will review a deportation order in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50304/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Justice the position in regard to residency and stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50305/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Justice if the application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied) can be urgently considered having regard to the situation and the need to regularise their residency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50306/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by her Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50314/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*159. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the proposed east Meath primary care centre which is to be located in Bettystown town centre; when he expects works to commence and any other relevant details; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50251/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to engage with the EU regarding Ireland's participation in a joint procurement process related to potential Covid-19 treatments; if these potential treatments will be made available after the EMA approval; if Ireland will join in a European Commission-led process on the matter; if Ireland will seek to secure these treatments independently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50166/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce minimum mandatory staffing levels for nursing homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50169/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines that are provided to State and private providers in the design, construction and fit out of new nursing home facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50170/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending the HSE services at Ladywell, Dundalk, County Louth; the number of staff and their grades; the current waiting time for second and subsequent appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [50175/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of the pathfinder project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50176/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who have availed of cataract surgery under the cross-Border healthcare directive in each of the past five years; the cost incurred in reimbursing patients for those procedures; the number of patients by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [50182/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health if he has given consideration to frontline treatment for hyperemesis to be included on the drug payment scheme and the medical card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50185/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health when a resumption of services is planned at a facility (details supplied) in County Donegal; if full-time services will be available on reopening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [50190/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which air purifiers have or are being deployed to combat any further threats of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50201/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the certificate of recovery has a timeline of six months when the HSE is saying a person is safe for nine months; his views on whether the certificate of recovery should be changed to nine months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [50202/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the operations of an organisation (details supplied) being managed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50204/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding health service worker pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50209/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding accident and emergency numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50212/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a site (details supplied); and his plans for same. — Louise O'Reilly. [50214/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 683 of 15 September 2021, the status of the recruitment campaign for the six whole-time equivalent posts for area directors of public health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50219/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 683 of 15 September 2021, the number of recruitment campaigns launched to date for the 34 whole-time equivalent consultant in public health medicine posts which are due to be in place by June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50220/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 683 of 15 September 2021, the status of the public health consultant recruitment working group; the number of times the working group has met to date; the membership of the working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50221/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 684 of 15 September 2021, the analysis that his Department has carried out into the delays in recruitment of public health pandemic plan resources in the eastern region, which as of September 2021 was at 48% compared to an average of 68% across all eight departments of public health; the actions his Department is taking to fill the remaining vacancies in view of the stated competitive recruitment environment; when all 171 whole-time equivalent posts will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50222/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health the age at which children in County Laois are receiving a first dental intervention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [50227/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Laois currently awaiting dental intervention in each priority group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [50228/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE dental surgeon positions in County Laois; the number of vacancies in County Laois for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [50229/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a proposal for the regulating and licensing of osteopaths; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50232/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels in the diabetes department at the University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50235/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to recruit additional diabetes nurse specialists at the University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50236/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the thrive with diabetes project at University Hospital Waterford and its deliverables to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50237/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health if he will seek the necessary finance for the establishment of a designated intestinal failure unit or service in Ireland in order that that the HSE fulfils its ethical and legal responsibility to reduce the unacceptably high rates of complications and mortality among persons with intestinal failure. — Catherine Murphy. [50238/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health when the Sláintecare project on the development of a national diabetes register will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [50247/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the need for a national diabetes register; the reason there is no current register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [50248/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an overview of services for heart failure patients in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50254/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an overview of services for heart failure patients within the Chronic Disease Management Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50255/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health when the Sláintecare project on the development of a national diabetes register will recommence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [50261/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the need for a national diabetes register; the reason there is no current register (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [50262/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the recorded number of ambulance despatches treating women suffering complications from self-administering medical abortions after receiving remote medical advice since 2020; when telemedicine for such cases was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50263/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an assurance that the cross border health scheme will continue after 31 December 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50275/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the consolidation and scale-up of Heart Failure Virtual Consultation Service with Integrated Care Clinical Nurse Specialist Supports in the Community in which this service is available currently; his plans for further expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50276/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on services and programmes for heart failure and heart failure patients that make up part of the Enhanced Community Care Programme and those delivered as part of the Integrated Care Programme for Chronic Disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50277/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the Enhanced Community Care Programme Integrated Care Specialist Ambulatory Care Hubs in the community in which they are located; his plans for more services being provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50278/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the integrated care cardiology service to be provided as part of the Enhanced Community Care Programme Integrated Care Specialist Ambulatory Care Hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50279/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on additional cardiology acute gaps to be addressed in alignment with Enhanced Community Care Programme Phase two developments; the detail of this that is currently being finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50280/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment of the staff to operate Enhanced Community Care Programme integrated care specialist ambulatory care hubs in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50281/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on Enhanced Community Care Programme planning which is underway to support non-invasive diagnostics including ECHO services; the plans that are in place to include additional cardiac physiologist resources to support community services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50282/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels in the diabetes unit in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50307/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the recruitment of additional diabetes nurse specialists for University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50308/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Sláintecare Thrive with Diabetes project in University Hospital Waterford; the deliverables to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50309/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to provide funding or support to organisations for the purchase of air purifiers and CO2 monitors in order to facilitate their return to normal activities particularly in the case of organisations frequented mostly by older persons such as bridge clubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50310/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by his Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50315/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on funding for 24 hour paediatric psychiatry services in public hospitals and emergency departments; the estimated expenditure on this service in the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50329/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to national and international guidelines that recommend there should be 14 neurology nurse specialists employed in the neurology department based on the population number living in the catchment area of St. James' Hospital but there are currently four nurses; if he has plans to increase the level of neurology nurses at St. James' Hospital; and if so, if he will provide a timeline for same. — Bríd Smith. [50330/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to reinstate the role of dedicated national lead for mental health in the HSE. — Catherine Murphy. [50331/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health his Department's plans to engage with the Irish Blood Transfusion Service in respect of introducing an individual risk assessment for all prospective donors to compliment arrangements in place regarding persons that can donate blood in Northern Ireland. — Catherine Murphy. [50332/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide multi-annual funding to non-statutory mental health service providers that deliver services in line with Sharing the Vision. — Catherine Murphy. [50333/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide additional funding for cancer services and support improvements in the wider health sector. — Catherine Murphy. [50334/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the way in which his Department is working towards reducing in-patient charges in the health system. — Catherine Murphy. [50335/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the amount provided to date for the implementation of the National Cancer Strategy; and the date on which it will be fully Implemented. — Catherine Murphy. [50336/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of the amounts directly collected by all HSE hospitals and primary care centres in respect of car parking charges for visitors and patients in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; if he will also provide the amounts collected by contracted companies to run and manage car parking facilities at HSE hospitals and primary care centres for the same time period; and if he will provide the dividend received by the HSE from private car parking management companies in respect of car parking at HSE sites in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [50337/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to introduce a multi-annual funding structure to support motor neurone disease nurses in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50339/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health when a specialist diabetic nurse will be appointed to St. John's Hospital, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [50356/21]

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

*217. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding importing peat and timber; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50186/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding funding allocated to Horse Racing Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50192/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which DVO and RVO staff at Naas, County Kildare have been augmented in line with demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50200/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an ANC penalty will be examined in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50203/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an ANC payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50205/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the current slurry-spreading season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50218/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the findings of the working group established by his Department to look into the peat supply issue to the horticultural sector in the wake of the peat harvesting cessation on Bord na Móna bogs; and the way in which he plans to deal with this issue in the short-term to protect those involved in the horticultural trade. — Robert Troy. [50230/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 468 of 7 October 2021, if his Department is unable to fulfil the needs of the forestry sector,

not only in terms of licensing but other essential needs such as frost recon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50264/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 393 of 30 September 2021, if he regards the integration between CAP and afforestation as being satisfactory during the current CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50265/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 392 of 3 September 2021, his views on whether there are forestry profession skills such as species selection, establishment practices, ongoing management and other specific operations particular to the growing of trees that should be inherent in any schemes run and administered by his Department to ensure optimum success, such schemes to include any new eco or environment schemes in the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50266/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 392 of 30 September 2021, his views on whether it is appropriate for unqualified persons in the forestry profession to advise farmers or other land-owners on forestry or tree related issues in schemes administered and run by his Department, such schemes to include new agri-environmental or eco schemes in the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50267/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to the most recent Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture, if the Secretary General of his Department followed through on their commitment to discuss the issue of the requirement for planning permission on dead and dying ash crops as outlined in circular 5/2021 with their counterpart in the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage specifically as to whether the Act took into consideration the fact that many ash crops are either dead, dying or rotting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50270/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a dead tree or dead trees in either a farm or forest situation requires a tree felling licence, specifically in the case of the ash species; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50271/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will include similar metrics as are currently included for the afforestation, roads and felling licences for the ash dieback RUS scheme in the weekly dashboard from his Department from now on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50272/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures he will introduce as a matter of urgency to ensure that there is an adequate supply of domestic peat for the mushroom and horticulture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50312/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that the concerns of the mushroom and horticulture sector in relation to the harvesting of horticultural peat are addressed in view of the importance of peat for that sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50313/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the transparent and objective criteria used under Article 17 of the Common Fisheries Policy for allocating fishing opportunities. — Holly Cairns. [50350/21]

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

*234. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will address a matter regarding the sustainability of the local development sector (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50168/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will address a matter regarding the development of a digital inclusion fund (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50172/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the development of the new Leader programme for the period 2023-2027; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50163/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will increase the level of funding to the transitional Leader programme to ensure its continuity until the new programme is commenced in 2023 given the high demand under the transitional programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50194/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if prior to the commencement of the new round of the Leader programme in 2023, she will review the programme guidelines to introduce a tiered system that makes it less bureaucratic for those seeking small levels of funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50196/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she expects to engage with urban and rural communities with the objective of improving their quality of life; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50283/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department is concerned regarding rural depopulation leading to closure of rural schools, post offices and Garda stations all of which have a major contribution to make in the social and economic life of communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50284/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she expects to further enhance the quality of life for rural or urban communities with particular reference to the need for inclusivity leading to stability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50285/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of monies allocated by her Department to various community groups in the past 12 months; her plans to continue this policy in the coming year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50286/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to support urban and rural based groups involved in reviving community activity and support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50287/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to liaise with women's groups in urban and rural Ireland with a view to offering social and

or economic support; the degree to which she has studied the beneficial effects of such interaction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50288/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department has supported rural and community renewal throughout County Kildare in the past year; her plans in this regard in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50289/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department through the CLÁR programme her Department has assisted communities throughout the country including County Kildare in the past year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50290/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department has assisted, directly or indirectly, voluntary and or community groups throughout County Kildare in the past year; her plans in this regard for 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50291/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she might consider broadening the eligibility for the various rural community schemes operated by her Department in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50292/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department have assisted towns and villages throughout County Kildare through the town and village renewal scheme in the past 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50293/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department have assisted various towns and villages through the country through the town and village renewal scheme; her intentions in this regard in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50294/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps she continues to take to encourage economic investment in social supports to encourage investment in jobs and services in all areas throughout the country leading to increased economic activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50295/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total monies allocated by her Department for urban and rural development and renewal purposes in the past two years to date in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50296/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department has continued to monitor areas throughout the country deemed to be deficient in adequate infrastructure with a view to supporting development to meet modern day challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50297/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent of her Department's support through the public participation network for various groups and communities around the

country over the past two years; her future proposals in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50298/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department has supported various communities throughout the country through the Leader programme in the past year; her current engagements and future proposals in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50299/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department continues to support the use of digital hubs as a means of replicating the workplace without having to travel to and from work; the extent to which opportunities may arise in the future with particular reference to attract persons living in rural or isolated areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50300/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department has been in contact with Kildare County Council in respect of local improvement schemes; the number of applications on hand in the county at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50301/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department has identified specific local initiatives in County Kildare worthy of support by her Department since its inception; her ongoing proposals in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50302/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has given consideration to increasing the capacity of local development companies to tackle inequality and social exclusion across Ireland as it emerges from the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50311/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a list of buildings either owned or managed by her Department in Blanchardstown village, Dublin 15; and if they are currently being used. — Emer Higgins. [50317/21]