DÁIL ÉIREANN

Dé Máirt, 19 Deireadh Fómhair, 2021
Tuesday, 19th October, 2021

CEISTEANNA
QUESTIONS
Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the progress of the shared island unit. — Thomas Gould. [44816/21]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the shared island unit of his Department. — Neale Richmond. [46323/21]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island unit in his Department. — Alan Kelly. [47880/21]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the shared island unit of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47883/21]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of upcoming public events under the shared island dialogue. — Neale Richmond. [47950/21]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island unit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50785/21]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the shared island unit. — Paul Murphy. [50788/21]

9. To ask the Taoiseach the funding provided to the shared island unit of his Department under Budget 2022. — Neale Richmond. [50908/21]

10. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work of the shared island unit within his Department. — Alan Farrell. [51086/21]

11. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he sees the shared island initiative developing in the future. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51254/21]

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

13. To ask the Taoiseach the details of his recent address to the British-Irish Association. — Brendan Smith. [43772/21]
14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his address to the British-Irish Association. — Alan Kelly. [48289/21]

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

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Matt Carthy. [44754/21]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45167/21]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [46801/21]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [46804/21]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe last met and will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [47881/21]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Mick Barry. [47971/21]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50786/21]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [50789/21]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Mick Barry. [50874/21]

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

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 last met and will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [44761/21]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 last met. — Peadar Tóibín. [45192/21]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47861/21]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 last met; and when it is next due to meet. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [47909/21]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 last met and will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47961/21]
31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 last met and will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [47964/21]

32. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 met last; and when it is next due to meet. — Mick Barry. [47972/21]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 met last; and when it is next due to meet. — Mick Barry. [50875/21]

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

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination last met and will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [44764/21]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47862/21]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination last met and will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47962/21]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination last met and will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [47965/21]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination last met and will next meet. — Mick Barry. [47973/21]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination last met. — Cian O’Callaghan. [48202/21]

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

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change last met and will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [44763/21]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45168/21]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on the Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [47963/21]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [47966/21]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change last met. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51085/21]

47. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit will next meet. — Neale Richmond. [46325/21]
48. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland last met; and when it is next due to meet. — Brendan Smith. [43770/21]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47863/21]

50. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit will next meet. — Neale Richmond. [50909/21]

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

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee which deals with marine and fishing will next meet. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47859/21]

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

54. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [44743/21]

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment last met. — Peadar Tóibín. [45193/21]

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment last met and will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [44765/21]

57. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will meet next. — Niamh Smyth. [48299/21]

58. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment last met. — Alan Dillon. [48307/21]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will commission a review on the use and security implications arising from the use of personal devices and messaging services by Ministers, Ministers of State and senior officials in the conducting of Government business. — Matt Carthy. [44140/21]

60. To ask the Taoiseach the proposed running order of the citizens’ assemblies committed to under the Programme for Government. — Thomas Gould. [44815/21]

61. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline and order of citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [47884/21]

62. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to the United Nations and on the vaccine distribution to poorer nations. — Alan Farrell. [46099/21]

63. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings with the United Nations Security Council on climate action. — Alan Farrell. [46100/21]

64. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent trip to New York. — Peadar Tóibín. [46661/21]
65. To ask the Taoiseach the nature and the extent of discussions he had with the various leaders during his recent visit to the United States of America and attendance at the United Nations.
— Bernard J. Durkan. [46753/21]

66. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the most recent meeting of the United Nations Security Council.
— Neale Richmond. [47952/21]

67. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to the United States of America and his attendance at the United Nations in New York.
— Seán Haughey. [48197/21]

68. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to the United Nations in New York.
— Richard Boyd Barrett. [48308/21]

69. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to the United Nations in New York.
— Paul Murphy. [48309/21]

70. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the United Nations General Assembly.
— Alan Kelly. [48291/21]

71. To ask the Taoiseach the reason the timeframe for the NAMA Commission of Investigation has been extended.
— Peadar Tóibín. [46662/21]

72. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the preparation of the language scheme of his Department.
— Mary Lou McDonald. [47860/21]

73. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent discussions with the UK Prime Minister.
— Alan Kelly. [47882/21]

74. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his last meeting with the UK Prime Minister.
— Neale Richmond. [47951/21]

75. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on his latest engagement with the British Prime Minister.
— Neale Richmond. [50910/21]

76. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport matters; and when it is next due to meet.
— Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [47910/21]

77. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet.
— Alan Kelly. [48290/21]

78. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet.
— Mick Barry. [50876/21]

79. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture; and when it is next due to meet.
— Michael Moynihan. [48297/21]

80. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on any recent engagement with the European Commission and to provide an update on the Irish protocol.
— Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48506/21]

81. To ask the Taoiseach the full extent of the special and exceptional arrangements made by the Government to facilitate the appointment of the new Attorney General in June 2020, which
allowed for the continuation of private litigation while at the same time serving as Attorney General. — Mattie McGrath. [49071/21]

82. To ask the Taoiseach the full extent of the level of private litigation engaged in by the serving Attorney General during his time in office; the timelines involved; if any of the case outcomes are still awaited. — Mattie McGrath. [49072/21]

83. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of each private client of the Attorney General during their time in office since June 2020; and if the Attorney General acted on behalf of or advised, the directors or shareholders of a company (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [51336/21]

84. To ask the Taoiseach the full number of advisers employed by him or his office; the respective roles of each; the salary paid to each adviser; and the background to the recruitment process used for hiring. — Mattie McGrath. [49073/21]

85. To ask the Taoiseach if he will meet with victims and survivors of the loyalist Glenanne gang. — Peadar Tóibín. [50837/21]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

86. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on hospital waiting lists including lists not reported by the NTPF such as diagnostic lists; his plans for tackling waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50782/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Health his intended approach to spending the funding for disability services as committed to in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50818/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to prevent emergency department overflows from interrupting scheduled care this winter; if he will provide additional resources to the National Ambulance Service to boost emergency care in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50783/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the shortage of general practitioners; and the specific timescale to which he is working. — Róisín Shortall. [51198/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the €24 million announced for new measures funding for mental health will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50784/21]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

91. To ask the Minister for Health if an update will be provided on the staffing levels and range of services being provided currently in a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50829/21]
92. To ask the Minister for Health if the accident and emergency department at Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan will be downgraded from 24 hours to 12 hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [50826/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of work to improve the responsiveness of the HSE to reports regarding the conditions of mental health facilities and to provide oversight and accountability in this regard. — Pat Buckley. [50595/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the chronic waiting lists within the health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49955/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health office area in CHO5; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [50605/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for homecare support in each local health office area in CHO7; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50709/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Health the contingency plans in place to deal with the severe lack of capacity at University Hospital Limerick (details supplied) as winter season approaches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50924/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the provision of lung cancer screening; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [50618/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take in relation to the Brandon Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50025/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Health if an update will be provided on the commencement of changes to the nursing homes support scheme, the fair deal scheme; the benefits of these changes; if additional funding will be allocated for the fair deal scheme; if so, if this funding will help progress the expansion of the scheme or the introduction of a similar scheme for non-residential care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50817/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reopening of the HSE Keltoi Rehabilitation Unit. — Thomas Gould. [50813/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €250 million allocation in Budget 2022 for addressing waiting lists will be disbursed; his plans to assist the HSE in alleviating hospital overcrowding in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [50904/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the recent increase in patients on trolleys at Galway University Hospital, a trend which is expected to continue through the winter due to staffing shortages; his plans to address these staffing shortages and capacity requirements in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [50615/21]
104. To ask the Minister for Health if a commitment can be given that student radiographers will be paid standard HSE allowances for attending clinical placements in public hospitals similarly to other student grades within the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50822/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Health the additional supports Budget 2022 is providing for persons with dementia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [50707/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase specialist training places in particular for general practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50780/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Health if the accident and emergency and intensive care unit in Navan Hospital will not close; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [50516/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Health if he will deliver a joint diabetes centre of excellence at Letterkenny University Hospital and Sligo University Hospital as called for by diabetes campaigners in the region. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50616/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the additional funding of €105 million earmarked for disability services in Budget 2022 will help to provide greater independence for those in a post-school setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50832/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the way parents are being faced with paying for private needs assessment for their children due to lengthy public waiting times; his further views on the way that this is creating an unequal playing field for young people from families with limited means; the efforts being made to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [48678/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health office area in CHO2; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [50550/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Health when the review of waiting lists will be concluded. — Joan Collins. [50811/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Health the status in relation to the expansion of the newborn screening programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50842/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the way that the €31 million women’s health package will be dispersed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50840/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which he expects to advance the Sláintecare project in the next 12 months; his plans for dealing with the various hospital waiting lists in the same period and at the same time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50776/21]
116. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail for each voluntary and public hospital the number of beds in each as of 31 March 2021 or latest available; and the number in each on 30 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [50620/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which young persons with disabilities, in particular those with intellectual disabilities, can be further supported once they leave second-level education and start attending adult disability services with respect to transport to these services or centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50836/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for homecare support in each local health office area in CHO 6; the corresponding figures in each area for the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [50543/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to those under 65 years of age and living in a nursing home residential setting who do not qualify for the third vaccination despite all fellow residents over 65 years of age and all nursing home staff members regardless of age who are equally exposed to the same risks of catching Covid-19 being eligible to receive the booster dose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [50778/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to have the 446 ICU beds in place that he announced in December 2020. — Gino Kenny. [50806/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Health the key measures for services for persons with disabilities in the Health budget for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [50711/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the funding including possible future funding that his Department will provide to regional drug taskforces and the HSE in County Louth to support family and addiction services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [50846/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the four CHO sites selected to test a reformed model of service delivery for homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [50845/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for surgery for scoliosis patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50841/21]

125. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the adequacy of existing mental health supports for children in County Wicklow; the number of children under 18 years of age who are waiting three months or longer to see a psychologist following a referral from a general practitioner; the steps he is taking to reduce the wait times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50772/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the cancer strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [50621/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which capacity will be managed with the expansion of free general practitioner care for six and seven year olds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50825/21]
128. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his review into primary care facilities. — Pa Daly. [50810/21]

129. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 809 of 28 September 2021, if, considering that a high volume of breast cancer cases are oestrogen-driven and many women experience hormonal changes from the age of 40 onwards, he has considered extending breast check screening to all women from 40 years of age to 69 years of age and introducing ultrasound screening for all women from 25 years of age to 40 years of age in addition to women of 70 years of age and over; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50833/21]

130. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health office area in CHO3; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [50552/21]

131. To ask the Minister for Health the way the funding will be disbursed to address waiting lists such as the €250 million allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50839/21]

132. To ask the Minister for Health the details of progress made in addressing the National Clinical Programme for Eating Disorders Goals 2021. — Holly Cairns. [50794/21]

133. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being taken to address the issue in relation to the recruitment of psychologists for CAMHS in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48619/21]

134. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health office area in CHO 4; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [50602/21]

135. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to tackle overcrowding in hospitals coming into the winter period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [50835/21]

136. To ask the Minister for Health the ambulance protocols governing the tasking of ambulances covering cardiac episodes in the west County Waterford area during out-of-hours; if they are fit for purpose and provide for best patient outcomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50871/21]

137. To ask the Minister for Health the progress which has been made to date in identifying a site for the new elective hospital in Cork under the Sláintecare Implementation Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2023; if consideration will be given to the site at St. Stephen’s Hospital, Sarsfield Court, Glanmire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45571/21]

138. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for restricting the funding of mental health to below 6% of the health budget when the ask of mental health campaigners is to increase it up to 12% of the total health budget in line with the average across the OECD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50799/21]
139. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of beds in Belmullet district hospital; his plans to increase this number in advance of winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50801/21]

140. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a project (details supplied); the likely timeline involved; if consideration will be given to using the adjacent Covid-19 assessment unit at later point as an interim measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50816/21]

141. To ask the Minister for Health the discussions he has had with colleagues in relation to the advanced practice proposals and pay parity claim by medical scientists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [50517/21]

142. To ask the Minister for Health the additional supports Budget 2022 is providing for persons with dementia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50693/21]

143. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he has taken to allow partners to attend maternity services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [50798/21]

144. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health office area in CHO8; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [50607/21]

145. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the budget allocated to Letterkenny University Hospital, the 13th highest in the State, does not reflect on the fact that the hospital is the sixth largest in the State based on inpatient numbers; and the action he plans to take to address this imbalance. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50617/21]

146. To ask the Minister for Health his progress to date in lowering the waiting times for assessment of needs in Dublin 9 and 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [50797/21]

147. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that have been put in place to retain clinicians in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50519/21]

148. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a recent ballot (details supplied) to approve industrial action regarding pay, conditions, and career structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50819/21]

149. To ask the Minister for Health the work undertaken to date by the post-implementation surveillance monitoring group of his Department established to assess the impact of the change to blood donor deferral policies in 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50779/21]

150. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of the process to reduce hospital charges for persons under 18 years of age as referenced in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50824/21]

151. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for homecare support in each local health office area in CHO1; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50612/21]
152. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to clear the outpatient waiting lists; the timeline for so doing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50800/21]

153. To ask the Minister for Health the measures his Department will take to reduce public orthodontic treatment waiting lists which are as high as six or seven years in the south south west region; if this treatment can be included under the treatment purchase scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50885/21]

154. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider extending access to free contraception to all persons that request it as per the recommendations of the Oireachtas Committee on the Eighth Amendment of the Constitution; the forms of contraception that will be available under the scheme; if he will consider a choice of contraception and for the scheme to be introduced ahead of the August 2022 target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [50843/21]

155. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to assist a service (details supplied) with recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [50791/21]

156. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the evaluation carried out by the HSE on the services of a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50807/21]

157. To ask the Minister for Health the action he plans to take to ensure that those who suffered narcolepsy after receiving the pandemrix vaccine will receive appropriate compensation without court cases. — Paul Murphy. [49533/21]

158. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding being provided for the National Maternity Strategy in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50614/21]

159. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement he has had with Saolta with regard to the vision and a masterplan for the Merlin Park University Hospital site, including clarification on the building projects completed there in the past five years; the building projects currently under construction; the building projects for which planning permission has been given but which have not yet commenced and further planned projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50803/21]

160. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions his Department is taking for the implementation of a crisis resolution team for County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50624/21]

161. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for homecare support in each local health office area in CHO9; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50623/21]

162. To ask the Minister for Health the status of each capital expenditure projects planned with respect to University Hospital Kerry; and the timeline for their completion. — Pa Daly. [50809/21]

163. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of the commitment in Budget 2022 to introduce phased reduction of costs for children in hospital and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [50814/21]
164. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to address the overcrowding of the emergency department at University Hospital Limerick and to mitigate against the increased number of patients presenting at the emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [50769/21]

165. To ask the Minister for Health his views on and the status of the progression of the opening of dedicated menopause clinics as of October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50821/21]

166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health office area in CHO 6; the corresponding figures in each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [50542/21]

167. To ask the Minister for Health when he will introduce the legislation for safe access zones to ensure persons can access reproductive health services in safety with dignity and with the right to privacy. — Joan Collins. [50774/21]

168. To ask the Minister for Health the number of capital projects approved under the winter planning within the Covid-19 pandemic October 2020–April 2021 plan; the projected number of additional beds to be provided; the number of projects completed to date; the additional beds provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49952/21]

169. To ask the Minister for Health if there are current vacancies in a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50830/21]

170. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the waiting lists for ENT appointments in the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore and a person (details supplied) who has been waiting an appointment since they were referred in 2018 and has been informed by the hospital it will be another two years before they can expect an appointment. — Sorca Clarke. [50777/21]

171. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the detail of the winter plan of his Department for Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [50520/21]

172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for homecare support in each local health office area in CHO 2; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [50551/21]

173. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for a health and social care policy adviser at his Department given the acceleration in expansion of community health in which health and social care providers will be leaders in service planning and delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50823/21]

174. To ask the Minister for Health the status of Mayo University Hospital in terms of waiting lists for inpatient and outpatients and the current nurse to patient ratio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50802/21]
175. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the shortage of staff and resources at Connolly Hospital, Dublin 15; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [50596/21]

176. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of the waiting list for neurology services in County Galway; the steps being taken to address this issue; if more nurse specialists in neurology will be appointed in Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50765/21]

177. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed elective hospital in County Cork. — Thomas Gould. [50812/21]

178. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on hospital surgery waiting lists for six months or longer; the steps being taken to reduce waiting periods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [50815/21]

179. To ask the Minister for Health the vacancies within the CAMHS south Wexford services that are presently with the national recruitment service; the actions his Department is actively taking to provide adequate staffing levels to CAMHS south Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50625/21]

180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently on orthodontic waiting lists in north County Kildare; the number waiting greater than six months, one year and three years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [50521/21]

181. To ask the Minister for Health the work or efforts his Department is undertaking to reduce and eliminate the differential in breast cancer survival rates in the public versus the private health system. — Peadar Tóibín. [50793/21]

182. To ask the Minister for Health if a review of all disability services provided by the HSE is planned in response to the Brandon Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50028/21]

183. To ask the Minister for Health if more nurse specialists in neurology will be appointed in Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [50831/21]

184. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health office area in CHO9; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50622/21]

185. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that all maternity hospitals in the State will provide abortion services; if it will be ensured that the review of the abortion legislation will examine the measures needed to ensure provision of abortion services in all hospitals and in all areas of the State; if a guarantee can be provided that the national maternity hospital when based at St. Vincent’s Hospital will provide abortion services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [50844/21]

186. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the re-implementation of services in a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50808/21]
187. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reconfiguration of the South Southwest Hospital group as proposed in Sláintecare; the likely implications on the work of University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50872/21]

188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for home care support in each local health office area in CHO5; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [50606/21]

189. To ask the Minister for Health the key measures for mental health in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [50619/21]

190. To ask the Minister for Health the current progress of the Abbeyleix nursing unit; the new projected timeline for major capital works including an extension; and the estimated cost. — Brian Stanley. [50626/21]

191. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the shortage of chiropodists in West Cork; and the measure that are been taken to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [50796/21]

192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for home care support in each local health office area in CHO4; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [50609/21]

193. To ask the Minister for Health the status of Irish citizens who reside in Ireland but have been vaccinated in Northern Ireland and who are trying to apply for an EU Digital COVID Certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [46836/21]

194. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the serious delays caused by the waiting lists within the health system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49956/21]

195. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the construction of the new national children’s hospital; and the costs incurred with the construction project to date. — Peadar Toibín. [50792/21]

196. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health office area in CHO7; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50708/21]

197. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the Budget 2022 package for his Department for health and social services for persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [50610/21]

198. To ask the Minister for Health the main measures for older persons services in the Health budget for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [50710/21]

199. To ask the Minister for Health the expected costs, work and timeline for renovation or refurbishment of the Owenacurra Mental Health Centre in Midleton, County Cork. — Pat Buckley. [50594/21]
200. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the appointment of a permanent doctor to the general practitioner practice in Swanlinbar, County Cavan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50461/21]

201. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for homecare support in each local health office area in CHO3; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [50553/21]

202. To ask the Minister for Health the action he has taken to date to ensure that those who suffered narcolepsy after receiving the pandemrix vaccine have received adequate compensation. — Paul Murphy. [49534/21]

203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting an assessment of need under the Disability Act 2005 in each local health Office area in CHO1; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50611/21]

204. To ask the Minister for Health the projected number of additional beds to be provided under the winter planning within the Covid-19 pandemic October 2020–April 2021 plan; the additional beds provided to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49953/21]

205. To ask the Minister for Health the way he plans to tackle the growing waiting lists for children with scoliosis waiting to receive surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50691/21]

206. To ask the Minister for Health if Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan will not be downgraded to a model two hospital in line with the 2013 Health National Framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [50827/21]

207. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to introduce a no-fault vaccination compensation scheme for severe adverse reactions to State-promoted vaccination programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49954/21]

208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of older persons on the waiting list for home care support in each local health office area in CHO8; the corresponding figures for each area at the end of June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [50608/21]

209. To ask the Minister for Health his views on and the position regarding the 22 October 2021 lifting of maternity restrictions in hospitals across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50820/21]

210. To ask the Minister for Health if he has explored the potential to trade excess vaccines in Ireland which are approaching their expiration date with other states in need of vaccine supplies. — Patrick Costello. [43477/21]

211. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will be instructed to take any actions on foot of the Brandon Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50027/21]

212. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the implementation of Sláintecare incorporating dealing with accumulated hospital waiting lists with particular reference to the need to make urgent
and positive impact on such lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50775/21]

213. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on securing a copy of the Brandon Report from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50029/21]

214. To ask the Minister for Health if there is funding available to statutory bodies that provide mental health services to refer persons to community and voluntary organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50518/21]

215. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the new model for public health medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50764/21]

216. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans any follow up with the families of residents mentioned in the Brandon Report raised previously in Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50026/21]

217. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the promised updated implementation plan for the National Maternity Strategy; when the plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50804/21]

218. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns in relation to medical card holders being unable to get dental appointments due to ongoing issues between dentists and the HSE; his plans to alleviate this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50773/21]

219. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his efforts to reduce maternity restrictions at maternity hospitals nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50692/21]

220. To ask the Minister for Health if he is a plaintiff in the case related to the Court of Justice of the European Union’s CBD ruling or a respondent in the case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50878/21]

221. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has submitted a report to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform on the most recent cost estimate and timescale for the completion of the new national children’s hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [45657/21]

222. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to outsource children for scoliosis surgery; his views on the wait times for scoliosis surgery; the number of children waiting in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [50601/21]

223. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address children waiting for initial contact with children’s disability network teams in the west Cork network. — Holly Cairns. [50795/21]

224. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in the past 12 months to the school dental scheme in counties Laois and Offaly. — Brian Stanley. [50627/21]

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225. To ask the Minister for Health the action he will take to address the ongoing restrictions on partners attending at maternity hospitals. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [50834/21]

226. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to provide a new emergency department in GUH, Newcastle, County Galway; the progress made to date in the development of hospital services in GUH Merlin Park to relieve the pressure on GUH, Newcastle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50766/21]

227. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he will fully implements the safe staffing framework; the full-year implementation cost; the number of nurses and midwives the health service will hire in 2022; if he will implement nurse patient staffing ratios; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50781/21]

228. To ask the Minister for Health if more nurse specialists in neurology will be appointed in Sligo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [50828/21]

229. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the Budget 2022 package for women’s health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50613/21]

230. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the issuing of free access to the FreeStyle Libre device for all adult diabetics; his plans to remove the age limit for free access to this device; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50464/21]

231. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase the mental health services budget to the internationally recognised level of 12% of the overall health budget in the lifetime of the 33rd Dáil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50805/21]

232. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that have been taken to alleviate the situation whereby women have been diagnosed with breast cancer recently and have a more advanced diagnosis as a result of screening being unavailable over the Covid-19 restrictions given that October 2021 is breast cancer awareness month; the actions being taken to assist these women and their recovery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50925/21]

**CEISTEANNA LE hAIGHIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

_Chrun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach._

*233. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide the costs to date incurred by the Future of Media Commission. — Catherine Murphy. [50364/21]*

*234. To ask the Taoiseach if he plans to include all publications in national advertisement campaigns that are under the umbrella of an organisation (details supplied) in view of the fact that the spread of expenditure and public messaging was fragmented across trusted local media sources. — Catherine Murphy. [50368/21]*

*235. To ask the Taoiseach the amount of funds spent by his Department to date in 2021 for Covid-19 public communications activities; and if he will provide a comprehensive breakdown of the funds allocated in tabular form to including the recipients of the funds allocated, the services*
provided and the tendering processes undertaken to ensure optimal value for money. — Mattie McGrath. [50683/21]

*236. To ask the Taoiseach the estimated total amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the total amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office IT equipment or furniture in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51112/21]

*237. To ask the Taoiseach the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51129/21]

*238. To ask the Taoiseach the working groups his Department has with industry; the members of the groups; and the way the members of each group were selected. — Gary Gannon. [51311/21]

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

*239. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the work being undertaken to deliver a universal basic income pilot separate to the pilot basic income for arts; the reason these two schemes have been separated; and when he expects both to be delivered. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50974/21]

*240. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if undocumented workers who report illegal employment practices as described in Parliamentary Question No. 169 of 7 October 2021 will be referred to immigration authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [50449/21]

*241. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the State organisation that assumed responsibility for ensuring the quality of concrete blocks from the Institute for Industrial Research and Standards after it was merged with the National Board for Science and Technology to form Eolas in 1988 and then Forbairt in 1993. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50457/21]

*242. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of non-EEA doctors that are offered critical skills work permits from 2015 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50472/21]

*243. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider a programme to encourage non-EEA doctors and their families to work and stay in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50473/21]

*244. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address concerns (details supplied); the business supports that may be available to severely impacted cottage industries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [50654/21]

*245. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress to date in the National Remote Work Strategy; when it is expected to implement the recommendations from same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50690/21]

*246. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address concerns that the delay in issuing work permits for persons from outside the EEA is having an
extremely adverse impact on capacity of certain sectors to maintain viability, particularly the pig sector and the slaughtering plants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [50855/21]

*247. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to French President’s five-year, €30 billion industrial strategy and investment plan aimed at boosting domestic high-tech industries and reducing dependence on imported raw materials and electronic components; if he has plans for developing a comprehensive, cross-sectoral industrial strategy for the Irish economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [50946/21]

*248. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason for 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. — Emer Higgins. [50977/21]

*249. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51102/21]

*250. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51119/21]

*251. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will address concerns by farmers that factories are advising pig farmers that they may be unable to process their pigs as they are unable to source staff. — Richard O’Donoghue. [51171/21]

*252. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the working groups his Department has with industry; the members of the groups; and the way the members of each group were selected. — Gary Gannon. [51312/21]

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

*253. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the provisions of the Air Pollution Act 1987 (Marketing, Sale and Distribution of Fuels) (Amendment) Regulations 2011 applies to situations in which coal is imported, whether for direct delivery or redistribution throughout Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51016/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will investigate the possibility of National Broadband Ireland producing a rolling 12-month plan for broadband connection within the Cork south-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [51328/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when fibre broadband will be available at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [50359/21]
*256. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a property (details supplied) is scheduled to be connected to broadband by National Broadband Ireland; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [50438/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some energy companies have stated that they will be increasing their standing charges by €30; if he has engaged with the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities on the issue and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50475/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated number of gas boilers being used in Irish homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50476/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes in Ireland that have been fitted with heat pumps to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50477/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated number of Irish homes that will be fitted with heat pumps in 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50478/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes in Ireland that have been fitted with smart meters to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50479/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated number of Irish homes that will be fitted with smart meters in 2021, 2022 and 2023, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50480/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if further supports are being considered to incentivise a greater take-up of retrofitting in Irish homes; if so, if he will provide details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50481/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports that are being considered specifically for middle income earners that do not currently qualify for free retrofitting supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50482/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the work of the micro-generation working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50483/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the public consultation on a micro-generation support scheme in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50484/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of warmer home schemes completed in each of the past five years; the average waiting time from application for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50528/21]
*268. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of one-stop-shop, home improvement schemes that have been completed through SEAI in each of the past five years; the average waiting time from application for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50529/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the budgets given to the SEAI for the retrofit scheme for each of the past five years; the amount spent per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50530/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of his Department’s review of energy security in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50581/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a report on the National Food Waste Prevention Roadmap and its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50583/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of permits that have been issued across Dublin city and county by the National Waste Collection Permit Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50584/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a progress report on the Interdepartmental Group for the Delivery of Offline Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50587/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a briefing on the criteria for and the level of uptake in relation to the local authority enforcement measures grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50590/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans for the development of Cong Hatchery and associated facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [50645/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a price for selling back solar energy to the grid will be put in place. — Richard Bruton. [50680/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the role which former peat fired power stations may play in the decarbonisation of the electricity system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [50684/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the role which former peat fired power stations may play in the decarbonisation of the electricity system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [50685/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to review the current policy and regulatory framework pertaining to direct wire in order to support the deployment of distributed generation. — Sean Sherlock. [50866/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the SEAI-administered EXEED scheme is funded nationally or if it receives European Union funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50975/21]
*281. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of the definition that his Department uses for energy poverty or fuel poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51000/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of the methodology for measuring and tracking energy and fuel poverty levels that his Department uses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51001/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated number of households in energy or fuel poverty in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51002/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he was consulted by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the reduction in the space for nature element of CAP and the impact this would have on the environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51010/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 42 of 12 October 2021, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a company (details supplied) does not appear on the list provided. — Thomas Gould. [51019/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter in relation to a Better Energy Home Grant application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51037/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51103/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51120/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will instruct his Department to extend the deadline for the town hall consultation meetings for stakeholders in relation to mineral exploration and mining here beyond 22 October 2021 to facilitate an open and in-person consultation that will not disenfranchise rural communities that have restricted access to internet connection considering the final phase of the Government’s response to the Covid-19 pandemic comes into effect on 22 October 2021 which will see most of the remaining Covid-19 restrictions lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51163/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the public appointment process that was used to appoint the new members of the Climate Change Advisory Council announced on 12 October 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51186/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the roll-out by National Broadband Ireland will be extended to an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [51214/21]
*292. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason only homeowners including landlords, whose homes were built before 2011 can apply for the solar electricity grant in order to help with the installation of solar PV panels; his plans to allow owners of houses built since 2011 to apply for this grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51287/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount expended on the solar electricity grant in each year since its inception; the number of installations completed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51288/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount carried over from his Department’s 2021 budget allocation to Budget 2022; the Departmental underspend in the 2021 budget allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51289/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown of the programmes or initiatives to be funded under the energy transformation heading in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51290/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that have been retrofitted to date in 2021; the number estimated to be retrofitted by the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51291/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that will be retrofitted in 2022; the number of these that will be fully funded by the State; the cost of same; the number that will be partially funded by the State; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51292/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average cost to the State of retrofitting a home for those living or at risk of energy poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51293/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average grant provided to a household for retrofitting their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51294/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the detailed breakdown of the €202 million announced for retrofits in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51295/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that will receive financial assistance under the solar PV grant programme in 2022; the estimated average grant; the estimated impact this will have on electricity demand and carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51296/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of households that have received a grant to date under the solar PV scheme in each year; the impact this had on carbon emissions to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51297/21]
*303. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount the low-cost loan scheme for residential retrofitting will cost the State in 2022; the number of households that are expected to use this facility in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51298/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason he did not increase the €109 million retrofitting budget for those living or at risk of energy poverty in Budget 2022 compared to Budget 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [51299/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*305. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [50260/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to ensure that grey seals are not placed at undue risk due to commercial vessel-based or shipping-based activities. — Ivana Bacik. [50453/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is now no plan to construct a MetroLink southern route towards Terenure and Rathfarnham or towards Belfield and Stillorgan (details supplied); the reason these routes are not being proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51223/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Bus Éireann X20 route serving the towns and villages Oranmore, Craughwell, Loughrea and Ballinasloe, County Galway will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [50374/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to an employment situation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50380/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Transport when he will introduce a Bill to make e-scooters legal on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [50385/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected timeline for completion of the inner relief road Thurles, County Tipperary linking Slievenamon Road to the Mill Road; if funding is in place for same; if a route been finalised; and if all land required has been secured. — Mattie McGrath. [50386/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Transport the commitments that were given to deliver a bypass of Castlemartyr and Killeagh following discussions on infrastructural projects relating to the constituency of Cork East in respect of the N25 road; the timeline that was given for the delivery of this project; the amount of funding that was committed; and if the National Development Plan is to be amended to deliver this project. — Sean Sherlock. [50398/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports in place to assist hauliers to transition to cleaner European standards given that there is no alternative fuel source available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50410/21]
*314. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the completion of the Athenry ring road; and the funds that have been allocated to Galway County Council to provide for completion. — Ciarán Cannon. [50460/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to contradictory information as to whether training was provided to volunteer cliff rescue units prior to their return to active duty; if a series of operational assessments with no training component were conducted; if he will ask the Irish Coastguard Service to detail the replacement equipment that was made available to which cliff rescue units and when the equipment was provided in order to facilitate their return to cliff rescue operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [50462/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline and stage process of the end-of-life decision and actions taken for the Rescue 400 life jackets for the Irish Coastguard Service; the reason there was a requirement to stand down all Irish Coastguard Service boat operations while waiting for the procurement process for a replacement to be found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [50463/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason his Department’s website for motor tax online is not enabled to accept the online credit card payments system in line with its most recent banking security arrangements; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that local authority motor tax offices are not accepting payment by credit card over the telephone; if his further attention has been drawn to this leading to frustration for motorists attempting to renew their motor tax resulting in many unnecessary car journeys to motor tax offices for motor tax renewal; when will his Department resolve the outstanding issues with regard to the online payment arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [50465/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to implementing an ongoing extension into the future for taxi drivers with cars reaching the 9-to-10-year age under Regulation 31 of the Taxi Regulation (Small Public Service Vehicle) regulations 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50474/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will work with the National Transport Authority and Dublin Bus to ensure the Nitelink bus services are reinstated at the earliest opportunity. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50512/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consult with the National Transport Authority with a view to reducing renewal fees for SPSV licences and given that these many drivers have not been working for long periods since March 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50526/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans including a timeline for delivery of the DART+ coastal north to Drogheda, County Louth in the context of the recently published National Development Plan; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that planning permissions have been granted by the planning authorities along the northern commuter line on the basis that this will delivered by 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50535/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and percentage of the Dublin Bus fleet that is aged over 10 years. — Catherine Murphy. [50554/21]
*323. To ask the Minister for Transport if contact has been made with the relevant landowners of the proposed extension to the LUAS Green Line from Brides Glen, confirming the agency that will be the point of contact for this work and when it is likely to be undertaken. — Cormac Devlin. [50586/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a breakdown for 2020 and to date in 2021, of the way in which persons chose to tax their motor vehicle, that is, quarterly, bi-annually and in full; the amount raised in motor tax over these time periods; and his plans to equalise the amount due per vehicle in view of the fact that a person that pays in full pays less tax than a person that pays quarterly. — Catherine Murphy. [50600/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Transport when theory test day support assistance such as reader recorder service and dyslexia support professional will resume. — Sean Sherlock. [50629/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of helicopter emergency medical services-related calls provided on a monthly basis by a company (details supplied) as part of the overall contract; if this number is capped; if there are additional costs per tasking charged to the State over and above any cap that might exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50633/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Transport the timescale for the electrification of the commuter rail route from Dublin to Maynooth, County Kildare. — Paul Donnelly. [50662/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of having technology installed in each of the Dublin Bus fleet to accept credit or debit card payments. — Paul Donnelly. [50663/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to reports that an airline (details supplied) was used to ferry arms during the conflict in Tigray in view of the recent awarding of a licence to the airline; the checks that will be in place to ensure that such activities are not engaged in the State’s airspace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50677/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will publish unedited the report commissioned by him from a person (details supplied) that has been with his Department since July 2021; the reason for the delay in its publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [50740/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the legislation to regulate electric scooters in particular in circumstances in which the scooter is on pedestrian footpaths and the minimum visibility requirements when dark; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [50849/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to restart the Nitelink service in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [50850/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has had a discussion or meeting with the National Transport Authority over the past two years concerning extending the short hop zone to stations in south County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50964/21]
*334. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered allocating further funding to the 880 local bus link in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50965/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider initiating a process to add to the list of states recognised by Ireland for the purpose of providing a driver licence exchange in view of the difficulty in obtaining qualified drivers from outside the State to drive lorries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [50985/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide additional funds to Offaly County Council for road maintenance projects particularly in view of the fact that many of the existing roads have peat foundations which require above average maintenance work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51030/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide additional funds to Laois County Council for road maintenance projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51031/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Transport if specific funding is available for local authorities in counties Laois and Offaly that wish to engage in road widening works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51032/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Transport if a road safety project is included in estimates for Budget 2022 (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [51047/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that persons (details supplied) are not being offered compensation when they are set to lose their existing access right of way on a private road as it is taken for the new N5 Scramogue to Ballaghaderreen bypass; the reason they have not been offered a CPO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51068/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51114/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51131/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding spent to date on vehicle electrification; the amount of funding that will be provided to establish the office of low emission vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51148/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to introduce a grant scheme for cargo or e-cargo bikes for either personal or business use; if his attention has been drawn to the scheme in place in the UK; if he has considered such a model for Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [51182/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will liaise with Transport Infrastructure Ireland in respect of the roadworks taking place on the link road between the N2 to the M1 motorway to ensure that disruptions to motorists as a result of these necessary works are minimised; the
frame for completion of these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — MattCarthy. [51191/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding services included within the youth travel card scheme here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [51192/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Transport the current regulations regarding the clamping of vehicles by private clamping companies; and when the legislation was last updated. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51244/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will conduct a review of the State roads grant to increase funding to local authorities to allow for adequate maintenance and renewal of local roads in each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [51285/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the position of Irish vessels not been granted load lines which will result in non-Irish registered vessels supporting and guarding the future development of floating offshore wind farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [51300/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Transport the working groups his Department has with industry; the members of the groups; and the way the members of each group were selected. — Gary Gannon. [51313/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*351. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the collapse of a company (details supplied); and the actions his Department plans to take to support those affected. — Thomas Gould. [50391/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications for a gambling licence, remote or in person; and the number that were successful and refused respectively, in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [50392/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Finance the considerations given by his Department in granting a company (details supplied) a remote gambling licence. — Thomas Gould. [50393/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the bike to work scheme to allow those outside of employment including those on social welfare payments to access the scheme; if he plans to also expand it to include students and children attending school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [51181/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of primary medical certificate applications that are currently pending appeal by county; the measures or additional resources being assigned to address this backlog; when requests of an appeal hearing will resume following the lifting of public health restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50394/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of assessments completed to the disabled drivers and passengers (tax concessions) scheme 1994, section 92 of the Finance Act 1989, for the primary medical certificate since their resumption at local community level in January 2021; and

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the progress to date on the delivery of a new scheme for disabled drivers and passengers. — Alan Dillon. [50395/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Finance if monies invested in approved retirement funds which are linked to revenue rather than pension funds will be accessible to persons at age 65 if the retirement age rises to the proposed 68 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [50403/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a rebate for hauliers through the diesel rebate scheme given that there is no alternative fuel source available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50411/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the denial of mortgage protection insurance to those who have recovered from breast cancer who wish to buy a home effectively ruling out home ownership with long-term renting being the only option given that currently one in nine women are diagnosed with breast cancer; his plans to address same for persons who have recovered from breast cancer being excluded from buying a home as a result of the denial of access to mortgage protection insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50414/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Finance the total revenue collected by the pension levy on pensions funds; the way in which the money was used; if private pension funds have recovered in value since the levy was collected; and if there are plans to restore any of the moneys collected. — Richard Bruton. [50430/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to reform and extend the cycle to work scheme to include those on social welfare benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [50485/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Finance the policies he is pursuing to ensure banking services are maintained in rural towns. — Alan Kelly. [50505/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the new automated import system; the number of users registered across Dublin city and county; the benefits it is bringing to businesses across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50591/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged with insurance companies and or their representative bodies in respect of insurance providers refusing to provide quotes and or premiums to persons wishing to insure roadworthy and NCT compliant cars over a certain age; if his attention has been drawn to this practice; and the steps he is taking to remedy it. — Catherine Murphy. [50598/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Finance if he and or his officials have engaged with the Revenue Commissioners in respect of lower and or a temporary waiving of VRT in view of inflated prices for second-hand motor vehicles. — Catherine Murphy. [50599/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the necessary funding for the purchase of two extra mobile x-ray scanner trucks for the Revenue Commissioners. — Paul Donnelly. [50661/21]
367. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the central bank (individual accountability framework) Bill; when it will be available for pre-legislative scrutiny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [50727/21]

368. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to oppose the proposal to include nuclear power as a power that can be classified as renewable for the purposes of EU investment in renewable sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [50741/21]

369. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of implementing schemes such as the special assignee relief programme and the key employee engagement programme in each year from 2018 to date; the employers and companies that have availed of these schemes during that time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [50860/21]

370. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale for increasing the VAT rate applicable to the hospitality sector from the current rate of 9% at the end of August 2022; if he will address concerns that this increase will undermine the capacity of the sector to rebound from the Covid-19-related loss of trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [50861/21]

371. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on establishing a tax credit scheme for homeowners with solar panels or other renewable energy generation means who are net contributors of energy to the national grid. — Holly Cairns. [50905/21]

372. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of credit unions that are likely to be permitted to pay a dividend to members for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50937/21]

373. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the ongoing increase in regulatory costs for credit unions is justified; the basis upon which it started out on; if he proposes changes to make credit unions more responsive to their communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50938/21]

374. To ask the Minister for Finance the procedure to be followed in the case in which a consumer purchases coal from Northern Ireland as advertised on social media for direct delivery to other homes throughout the country in which low smoke zones exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51013/21]

375. To ask the Minister for Finance if solid fuel carbon tax and VAT is applicable in situations in which a purchaser or distributor imports fossil fuels from Northern Ireland for sale and distribution throughout Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51014/21]

376. To ask the Minister for Finance if the purchase of coal imported from Northern Ireland requires VAT and or solid fuel carbon tax to be paid before the goods are distributed throughout Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51015/21]

377. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51025/21]

378. To ask the Minister for Finance the investigations that have been carried out to uncover fraud in relation to the employer Covid-19 refund scheme, the temporary wage subsidy scheme or
the employment wage subsidy scheme; if fraud has been identified to date; and the actions that will be taken in relation to fraud discovered. — Paul Murphy. [51161/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a casino (details supplied) was refused support under the CRSS as the Revenue Commissioners determined it was not eligible as per SI No. 452, even though guidelines state that same are unable to reopen; if this will be remedied with support given to the business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51184/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details of the type of a family connection that would be considered for 1% stamp duty on agricultural land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [51189/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of the tax relief for heritage donations under each of the eligible tax categories (details supplied) in each year since 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51194/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [51282/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to the extension of the 9% VAT for hospitality industry past September 2022 to enable the industry to be competitive within the international market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [51321/21]

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

*384. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of Departments that have sanction to run internal competitions for promotions; the number of internal competitions that were held by these Departments during the Covid-19 pandemic; the number of promotions that were appointed during the Covid-19 pandemic by Departments with their own sanction; if these competitions were audited or overseen by any independent body; when a processed audit of any Department with their own sanction to run competitions was last conducted; the way in which the transparency of the short-listing process for these competitions is monitored; if the Government has faith that cronyism does not exist in Departments running competitions under their own sanction other than through PAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50358/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if repairs will be carried out to a road (details supplied) in County Kerry that was used as an access road for works on the banks of the river Maine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50444/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if funding has been made available for the development of property and exhibits management stores at Tallaght and Naas Garda stations; if so, when these works will commence for a new PEMS in both stations. — Catherine Murphy. [50557/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if it is permitted under the Public Service Codes of Conduct for a public or civil servant to refuse to give a statement to An Garda Síochána during the course of a criminal investigation, either in their own name or anonymised, in which that public servant has been requested to give a statement in their specific capacity or function
as a public servant and in which the nature of the statement being sought by An Garda Síochána is related specifically and precisely to work performed during the course of their employment as public servants. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [50856/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a person (details supplied) has any pension entitlements from their employment with the OPW; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50880/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the budgeted cost and final cost for the works recently completed on the dome of the Four Courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [50916/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total amount spent per year by each Department on purchasing or renting new office space (details supplied); and the amount spent per year on purchasing or renting new office IT equipment or furniture in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51109/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51126/21]

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

*392. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has received a request from the Future of Media Commission to extend the time for reporting; if she has received an interim report from the Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [50364/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has received the report of Future of Media Commission; if she has been consulted in respect of a delay to report back; and the steps she will take once she is in receipt of the report. — Catherine Murphy. [50365/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that independent tourism providers not registered with Fáilte Ireland have been excluded from the tourism accommodation providers business continuity scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50434/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding will be provided for a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50446/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the allocations given under the sports capital grants will be announced given the challenges faced by many sports clubs such as a club (details supplied) since the Covid-19 pandemic began; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50539/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason an accommodation provider cannot avail of the tourism accommodation providers business continuity scheme grant due to the fact that they are not registered with Fáilte Ireland despite the fact that they
have suffered the same losses as those registered with Fáilte Ireland; if there is another means by which this accommodation provider can avail of supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [50541/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on her recent visit to the United States of America; and the companies or senior officials of companies she met with during this trip. — Catherine Murphy. [50558/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide information on the local creative youth partnerships of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50593/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way she plans to fund the €66.7 million worth of new schemes outlined in Budget 2022, including €25 million each in new funding for the pilot basic income scheme and live entertainment supports and extra supports for audio visual arts, national cultural institutions and night-time culture, given that the current expenditure for the arts and culture programme is only set to increase by €200,000 from 2021 to 2022; and the person or body that will have their funding cut from 2021 to make up the difference. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50745/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the outcomes that are foreseen from the €5 million in extra funding promised to the national cultural institutions in Budget 2022; and the breakdown of the way this will be distributed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50746/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the outcomes that are foreseen from the €6.7 million in extra funding promised to the audio visual industry in Budget 2022; and the breakdown of the way this will be distributed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50747/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the outcomes that are foreseen from the €4 million in extra funding promised to the night-time economy in Budget 2022; and the breakdown of the way this will be distributed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50748/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the outcomes that are foreseen from the €25 million in extra funding promised in live entertainment supports in Budget 2022; the breakdown of the way this will be distributed; and if it will not take a similar delay again to the eight months artists waited in 2021 for live entertainment supports to be distributed following Budget 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50749/21]

*405. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé hiad na tograí a mhaoineofar leis an €0.7 milliún breise molta don Fhoras Teanga, go háirithe cé mhéad den mhaoiniú seo a leithdháilfear ar Fhoras na Gaeilge, ar Bhord na hUltaise agus ar Chlár na Leabhar Gaeilge. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50750/21]

*406. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé hiad na tograí a mhaoineofar leis an €3.3 milliún breise molta do “Irish language and Gaeltacht support schemes”, agus idirdealú a dhéanamh idir an maoíníú breise molta do “Irish language support schemes” faoi Chlár C.4 agus “Gaeltacht support schemes” faoi Chlár C.3. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50751/21]
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*407. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén fáth nach bhfuil aon mhaoiniú bríse nó aon fhoireann breise fógartha sa Bhuiséad do 2022 chun tacú le ról nua leathnaithe an Choimisinéara Teanga mar atá molta i mBille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50752/21]

*408. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén fáth nach bhfuil aon tagairt sa Bhuiséad don Chiste Cobhsaóchta geallta do Choláistí Samhradh Gaeltachta le roinnt míonna anuas, agus cathain a chuirfear maoiniú ar fáil dó. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50753/21]

*409. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé hiad na tograí a maoineofar leis an gcaipiteal breise ar luach €1 mhilliún atá molta don Ghaeltacht i mBuiséad 2022. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50754/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the person or body that will be eligible for the pilot basic income for artists proposed in Budget 2022; when she expects the scheme to deliver funds to artists; and if she will publish the costings and workings upon which an allocation of €25 million for the pilot scheme are based. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50756/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has cut the funding for the live entertainment sector allocated in Budget 2021 by half in Budget 2022; and the reason she is forcing such cuts on the independent and commercial sectors while they are struggling to recover and at the same time, maintaining funding for the traditionally funded arts sectors at €130 million, inclusive of the increase in 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50757/21]

*412. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil machnamh déanta aici ar na moltaí leagtha síos i mBuiséad Malartach Shinn Féin i dtaobh Athbhheochan na Gaeilge agus na Gaeltachta, a foilsíodh an 11 Deireadh Fómhair, agus cén freagra atá aici ar na moltaí a cuireadh chun cinn ann, go háirithe an moladh maidir le Scéim Labhairt i Gaeilge a thabhairt ar ais. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50759/21]

*413. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad é a tuairim faoi leasaíthe 56 agus 57 a bhí molta ag Céim na Tuarascála ar Bhille na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021, go háirithe i ndáil le tuarascáil a ullmhú maidir le conas dátheangachas a chinntiú i gcás lipéid agus pacáistiú tárgú i siopaí, mar atá déanta i gCeanada, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici aon tuarascáil den saghas sin a chur i dtoll a chéile agus a fhoilsiú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50761/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the form of assessment that took place of the value for money of the cost of applications submitted for funding under the live performance support scheme in 2021. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50762/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that types of live entertainment businesses deemed eligible for the Music and Entertainment Business Assistance Scheme has been restricted to businesses involved in music only, with no allowance for entertainers, such as dancers, magicians, comedians, circus performers and those working in the crew responsible for producing these forms of entertainment; her views on whether the description of the scheme is misleading in view of the fact that only music businesses may apply; and the supports that have been provided or will be provided to entertainment workers that have been and largely continue to be unable to work. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50933/21]
*416. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that business costs were required of applicants to the Music and Entertainment Business Assistance Scheme and not for the Event Sector Covid Support Scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50934/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an analysis will be undertaken on the breakdown of live performance funding provided in 2021 to ascertain the percentage of the millions of euro allocated that reached artists, performers, crew, and event management companies respectively. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50935/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on findings of the Office of the Information Commissioner (details supplied); if her statement on the matter was made on the basis of legal advice received by her Department or if it is her opinion; further to Parliamentary Question No. 59 of 22 September 2021, if the new decision-making process differs from the previous process in respect of freedom of information referred to in her response. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50936/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if live performance workers that have had their supports cut by over 50% from 2021 in Budget 2022 will be eligible for the pilot basic income for artists scheme promised in the same Budget. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50966/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason a tendering process is necessary to engage with stakeholders on the pilot basic income for artists; the reason this cannot be managed in-house by her Department given that the plan for the world café event is already outlined in detail in her Department’s tender. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50967/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason €25 million was selected for use in the pilot basic income for artists in Budget 2022 before the proposed stakeholder forum takes place to discuss which artists and creative arts workers will be eligible; and if she will outline the objectives the scheme should have. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50968/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if potential applicants to the tender for facilitating stakeholder engagement on the pilot basic income for artists were informed of the tender by anyone in her Department either before or independently of the notice uploaded to the website of her Department and the sharing of the link on the social media account of her Department (details supplied) on which reference to the basic income pilot was not highlighted in the notification. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50969/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on whether the decision to put the facilitation of stakeholder engagement on the objectives and eligibility criteria for the pilot basic income for artists out to tender be taken to mean that her Department has not developed draft objectives or eligibility criteria over the 11 months since the scheme was proposed in the report of the Arts and Culture Recovery Taskforce or prior to allocating €25 million towards the scheme in Budget 2022. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50970/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that less than two days were given between the announcement of €25 million being allocated to the pilot basic income for artists in Budget 2022 and the deadline for applications for the tender to facilitate stakeholder analysis on the pilot basic income for artists; and her views on whether the announcement greatly alters the nature and urgency of the stakeholder engagement for tender. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50971/21]
*425. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the work undertaken to date by the oversight group responsible for developing the pilot basic income for artists; the number of times the oversight group has met since being formed to discuss the pilot scheme; and if she will publish the minutes of their meetings. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50972/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason there is no mention included in the tender for stakeholder engagement on the development of the pilot basic income for artists to ensuring engagement with economists, experts on arts funding in Ireland and abroad, experts on basic income proposals or organisations concerned with workers’ rights and social justice in the development of the scheme; and if her Department engaged with any of these groups prior to announcing €25 million for the scheme in Budget 2022. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50973/21]

*427. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ionann an, Additional €7m package for Irish Language, fógarthar ar shuíomh na Ranna do Cháinaisnéis 2022 agus an €6.3 milliúin fógarthar sa Cháinaisnéis féin, nó an bhfuil €0.7 milliúin nár luaitear sa Cháinaisnéis; agus an difear idir an dá fhígiúir a mhíniú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51051/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next round of the 2021 Sports Capital Programme will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [51073/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated amount spent by her Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51113/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of her Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51130/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department through Sport Ireland or another aegis can provide funding or support for a feasibility study in relation to a capital project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51199/21]

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

*432. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made to date in relation to the Programme for Government commitment to establish a citizens’ assembly to consider the type of directly elected mayor and local government structures best suited for Dublin. — Neasa Hourigan. [50978/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the social welfare payments that are calculated for the purpose of the assessment for social housing; if he will provide details of the payments that are exempt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51041/21]
*434. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total approved loans by the Housing Finance Agency to universities for student accommodation since 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51193/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 20% discretionary HAP uplift can be applied to an ongoing tenancy in which a tenant has received a rent increase and cannot afford to pay any further top up to the landlord; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50372/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status and reason for the delay on a PRAI application by a person (details supplied) which is ongoing for over two years. — Dara Calleary. [50377/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of funding that was allocated to each local authority in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021; the level of funding that was allocated specifically to each local authority housing section in 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50427/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the projected timeline for the provision of the new fire station in Rathdowney, County Laois. — Brian Stanley. [50431/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons that currently live-in cost-rental accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [50445/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 304 of 22 June 2021 and the subsequent publication of the Housing for All strategy, his plans to include income from the rural social scheme when assessing the means threshold for purchasing a rural local authority house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [50454/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty for applicants for Rebuilding Ireland home loans in meeting some of the criteria for proof of continuity of income in sectors which are reopening, particularly in circumstances in which contracts or freelancing is the norm; and if he will consider amending the credit policy used by local authorities to take account of the realities of the present situation. — Richard Bruton. [50500/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has secured Government approval to introduce a new rent pressure zone cap on rents in the private rental sector; if so, when the legislation will be introduced; and the expected value of the new cap. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50504/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount allocated to each local authority to bring back voids or derelict council homes to council stock over the past five years; the numbers brought back to stock by each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50531/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of voids and derelict houses put back into housing stock by each local authority; the number that have
been reallocated over each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50532/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of voids or derelict houses reported by each local authority over the past five years per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50533/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 318, 319 and 320 of 5 October 2021, the reason and the way in which representatives from other action groups were involved in the discussion around the inclusion of County Clare homeowners. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50545/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 318, 319 and 320 of 5 October 2021, the nature of this discussion given that there is no substantive reference to it in the working group’s report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50546/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 318, 319 and 320 of 5 October 2021, when he will present to the Cabinet his conclusions based on the working group’s report and homeowners position paper. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50547/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of correspondence including the date of the most recent correspondence and the nature of communication between his Department and Clare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50548/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the dates and the format of engagement his Department has had with Clare County Council in relation to defective blocks, the inclusion of homeowners in the county in the national redress scheme and the presence of pyrite in homes in County Clare since February 2021. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50597/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding which has been provided to each local authority in 2019, 2020 and 2021 to enable them to take possession of derelict sites and proceed to have them registered in the local authority name; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50604/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Coastal Change Management Strategy Steering Group chaired by his Department is examining the potential impacts to coastal areas of a predicted rise in sea levels as outlined in a recent report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50628/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures his Department will be taking to offset the loss of commercial rates from Moneypoint power station for Clare County Council (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [50630/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions his Department will take to ensure equalisation of local property tax for western seaboard and mid-west local authorities (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [50631/21]
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*455. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of developments to address water and wastewater infrastructural deficits facing rural towns and villages such as Broadford, County Clare (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [50632/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has made a decision regarding whether social housing allocated under Part V housing provisions can be purchased by tenants under the tenant incremental purchase scheme; when a decision on this policy is likely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [50650/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost in 2022 if the current budget for the Residential Tenancies Board increased by 25%. — Paul Donnelly. [50660/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 276 of 5 October 2021, the reason the health and safety regulations for installing telecom towers were removed from the Telecom Structures Planning Regulations. — Paul Murphy. [50679/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the health service is losing vital healthcare workers due to the housing crisis and difficulties finding accommodation; his plans to address the crisis by providing accommodation for healthcare professionals to encourage them to stay in the system rather than emigrate; his other plans to address the housing crisis for healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50734/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the intended breakdown of the €22 million in additional funding provided under Budget 2022 to support the Heritage Council including increases for Built Heritage and Waterways Ireland; and the amount in additional funding proposed for the Heritage Council for 2022. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50760/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way the €246 million housing capital carryover is broken down; the programmes that had an underspend; the amount of each underspend; the number of housing units that were not built as a result of this underspend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [50923/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of the vacant site levy that was collected in 2020 compared to demands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [50931/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of the vacant site levy that was collected in 2020, by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [50932/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the costs of remedial work repairs, maintenance, upkeep of the walkways and any other associated costs incurred at Grand Canal, Kilbeggan Greenway, County Westmeath in 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [50954/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the criteria that higher education institutions most meet in order to access financing from the Housing Finance
Agency to build on-campus accommodation specifically in terms of the commercial criteria and the ability of higher education institutions to offer on-campus accommodation at affordable, non-market rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50955/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to publish the National Biodiversity Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51004/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is Government policy to protect 30% of land and separate, 30% of marine areas for biodiversity purposes; if it is Government policy that within each of those 10% of land and 10% of marine areas is strictly protected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51005/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the National Parks and Wildlife Service; when it will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51006/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the specific measures for biodiversity that have been funded under Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51007/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of and position regarding the projects funded under Budget 2021 including those that have been completed and those that have yet to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51008/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he was consulted by the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the reduction in the space for nature element of CAP and the impact this would have on biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51009/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 164 of 12 October 2021, if he will provide a date for the income limits for social housing; and if his attention has been drawn to the basic income limits that have not changed since 2011 despite significant changes in the housing market since then. — Martin Browne. [51029/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will put in place an alternative income stream for Offaly County Council to compensate for the €1.65 million loss of commercial rates following the closure of Shannonbridge power station, particularly as this loss represents a 9% in the local authority’s funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51033/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Covid-19 related financial supports made available to Offaly County Council in 2020 will continue into 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51034/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way that income is assessed for the purposes of social housing support, including details of income limits, allowances per child, payments that are included in calculation and if the working family payment is included for the purposes of the calculation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51039/21]
*476. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the income limit for a family of two parents and six children registered on the housing lists in Dublin to be eligible for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51040/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51107/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51124/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the list of external factors under consideration by his Department which need to be considered before the scope and terms of the Citizens’ Assembly on Biodiversity can be framed; the timeline between these factors being considered and a date being set for the Citizens’ Assembly on Biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51147/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the €246 million capital carryover from 2021 to 2022 as detailed in footnote 15 on page 116 of the Budget Expenditure Book, by area of expenditure including the amount unspent in that budget line in 2021 and the consequent impact on delivery compared to targets (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [51202/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total allocation in Budget 2022 for the National Parks and Wildlife Service; and the value of the increase in the allocation from the 2021 funding. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51203/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the participation of the pillar banks in the first home shared equity loan scheme including the amount of money the banks will invest in the scheme; the role their staff will have in administering the scheme; when the scheme will be open to applicants; and when he expects the Central Bank to give its view on the participation of the banks in the scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51204/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if statistical and other information (details supplied) will be provided. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51210/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of the €468 million of expenditure on social housing delivery detailed in page 123 of the Budget 2022 expenditure report that is carryover from the underspend in 2021; and the amount that is new expenditure from €644 million additional capital allocation as detailed in page 44 of the revised National Development Plan. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51211/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an explanation will be provided of the relationship between the 6,248 SHCEP figure detailed on page 118 of the Budget 2022 expenditure report and the 5,750 SHCEP figure detailed on page 123 of the same report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51212/21]
*486. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm the membership of his Departmental working group on the review of the CAS AHB Green Book; the way and location a person or group may make a submission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51217/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding allocated by the State to Irish Water under both capital and current expenditures in each year since its establishment up to and including the budgeted allocation for 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [51218/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to reintroduce the grant aid scheme for the provision and maintenance of private water wells for individual houses following on from the decision by the previous Government to remove water charges and thus ensure a levelling of costs for all householders with regard to the provision of potable water to dwellings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [51221/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is considering exempting peat extraction from the planning system for new developments and the substitute consent process for unauthorised developments; if so, the reason for considering such a move; the timeframe for a decision on this matter; and if such a move would be compliant with EU environmental law. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51326/21]

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

*490. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); if the application will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [50407/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the foreign birth registration service will begin processing applications again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50420/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50421/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [50435/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application for a person (details supplied) can be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [50442/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth registration application by a person (details supplied); when this application will be processed and finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [50509/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether it is appropriate that there is an effective pause on the processing of all foreign birth registration applications for persons who wish to apply for such registration and associated passports; the steps he is taking to immediately
begin clearing the growing backlog exacerbated by Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [50510/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications awaiting processing under the foreign birth registration process; the current average processing time per application; the number of applications processed in each month to date in 2021; his views on whether the current processing arrangements are fit for purpose, equitable or fair for applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [50511/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50515/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged with the new Japanese Prime Minister to date in 2021; and if he will provide a briefing note in respect of those engagements. — Catherine Murphy. [50559/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on recent reports that the Ethiopian state used its national airline to ferry arms into Ireland during the conflict in Tigray in November 2020; and if the Ethiopian authorities will cooperate in any checks deemed necessary at Dublin Airport to ensure that no violation of international aviation laws on the carrying of arms on civil aircraft takes place in view of a recent UN report that found multiple and severe reports of alleged gross violations of human rights in that conflict. — Bríd Smith. [50678/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50682/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged with the Irish Ambassador to Malaysia to date in 2021; and if he will provide a briefing note in respect of those engagements. — Catherine Murphy. [50560/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if clarification will be provided in relation to a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50706/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland plans to recognise the Myanmar National Unity Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50730/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in time for their travel plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [50742/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50853/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the foreign births register will reopen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50957/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if consideration will be given to renaming passport express to reflect the fact that is the only postal method of passport application and as such is much
slower than online applications and renewal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50976/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the OSCE international election observation mission to Uzbekistan is headed by an Irish citizen; if he or his officials have provided supports to this person concerning this mission; if so, the nature of the support; if a request for the deployment of Irish election observers has been made for this mission; the number of Irish election observers that he plans to deploy on this mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50981/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [50982/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of an application for a person (details supplied); if the application will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [51046/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a decision will be made on a passport application submitted by a person (details supplied) on 18 April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51048/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when passports will issue in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51069/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51104/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51121/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the passport office will make direct contact with persons (details supplied) in relation to a first-time passport application for a child considering that the application was submitted on 18 May 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [51233/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth registration application by a person (details supplied); when this application will be processed and finalized; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51279/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether it is appropriate that there is an effective pause on the processing of all foreign birth registration applications for individuals who wish to apply for such registration and associated passports; the steps he is taking to immediately begin clearing the growing backlog mitigated by Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51280/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications awaiting processing under the foreign birth registration process; the current average processing time per application; the
number of applications processed each month in 2021; his views on whether the current processing arrangements are fit for purpose, equitable or fair for applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51281/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the increase to official development assistance announced in Budget 2022 in real terms; the percentage spend on same for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [51305/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland’s commitment to reaching a spend of 0.7% of GNI on official development assistance by 2030 is still official policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [51306/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will now publish a roadmap to reaching 0.7% of GNI on official development assistance by 2030 in view of Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [51307/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will assist in securing passport renewals for persons (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [51308/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport for child (details supplied) will be issued and the passport of their parents returned. — Gary Gannon. [51327/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*525. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of qualified military aircraft maintenance technicians and qualified military avionics technicians currently in the Air Corps. — Catherine Murphy. [50575/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to replace the two EC135 P2 aircraft within the Air Corps. — Catherine Murphy. [50576/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Defence if a civilian electrician, plumber and carpenter recruitment campaign will be launched for his Department before year end 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [50577/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Defence the plans, reforms and investment he has in relation to the Reserve Defence Forces and replacement programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50589/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Defence the overall cost of providing, maintaining and fuelling the one Air Corps aircraft provided for helicopter emergency medical services related work to his Department per year. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50634/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Defence the average yearly cost to the Air Corps or his Department for the provision of a helicopter emergency medical services aircraft to the taxpayer for both the aircraft and associated costs. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50635/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of efforts to resolve the issue of post-1994 contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50638/21]
*532. To ask the Minister for Defence his views on a matter regarding the use of a building (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50735/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount of money invested in the Curragh Camp in each of the past three years; the areas in which such investment was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50963/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51100/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51117/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*536. To ask the Minister for Education if, in view of allegations regarding alleged child abuse at colleges (details supplied) she has plans to institute a commission of investigation into the ownership and management of Jesuit schools in Ireland; the steps her Department is taking or plans to take in addressing these allegations and supporting and safeguarding all children from past, present or future abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50375/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education when a school transport payment will be made to a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [50363/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that white bright paper does not assist pupils with dyslexia with reading and learning; if she will examine the possibility of producing dyslexia friendly workbooks for primary school children given that school workbooks are printed on white paper; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [50384/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education the plans envisaged for the provision of ASD classes at a school (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [50387/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) can expect to have their Teaching Council number issued. — Robert Troy. [50396/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education the progress being made towards permanent accommodation for a school (details supplied); the temporary arrangements being made for access to practical classrooms to ensure quality participation in practical elements of their coursework as part of the junior certificate cycle; when these facilities will be made available; if this will be addressed as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50408/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50409/21]
To ask the Minister for Education the steps that have been taken to ensure that the payroll division of her Department is operating fully in order that it can deal with the many queries from teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [50426/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if officials from her Department will make contact with a parent of a child (details supplied) with complex learning needs who is currently spending over €500 a week on taxis to attend a special needs class and discuss the alternative transport provision that can be made. — Aadhán Ó Riordáin. [50432/21]

To ask the Minister for Education when a child (details supplied) with an intellectual disability will receive a place in a special school in their locality as a result of their needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50455/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of providing a one-day Irish language training course for all school staff in the State. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [50466/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of providing a one-day Irish language training course for all primary teachers in the State and for all post-primary teachers in the State. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [50467/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost providing a one-day Irish language refresher course for all teachers in Irish medium education. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [50468/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of providing a three-day Irish language training course for all school staff in the State. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [50469/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of providing a three-day Irish language training course for all primary teachers in the State and for all post-primary teachers in the State. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [50470/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost providing a three-day Irish language refresher course for all teachers in Irish medium education. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [50471/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the status of the upgrading of a facility (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [50537/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide information on the music generations programme; the number of programmes in operation across Dublin city and county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50592/21]

To ask the Minister for Education the reason the Teaching Council of Ireland is refusing to give full registration to previously registered music teachers unless they do a postgraduate diploma in further education at significant cost to the persons concerned; her views in whether these already highly qualified persons should not lose their posts with music schools, such as the Limerick School of Music, as a result of the Teaching Council of Ireland not providing full registration to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [50636/21]

To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) has onsite therapists and behavioural therapists; and if so, the number. — Joan Collins. [50642/21]
*556. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that is being made on the installation of a lift at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [50644/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be provided for a person (details supplied) who is attending a class for children with learning disabilities. — Alan Kelly. [50646/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education if a new ASD school (details supplied) in Dublin 12 has on-site therapists and a behaviour therapist. — Patrick Costello. [50649/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education if she has spoken virtually with her counterpart in the United States of America to date in 2021. — Paul Donnelly. [50668/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education the status of school transport for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50669/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to pay the minor works grant to primary schools for the 2021-2022 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [50670/21]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school extension plan (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [50671/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education the schemes in place to allow for primary and secondary school students to avail of laptops after it being deemed necessary for their education following an assessment if they do not have the means to purchase one; and the procedures they need to follow to obtain one. — Mark Ward. [50687/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) has onsite therapists and behaviour therapists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50696/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of circular 0050/2021 and principal release days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50721/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education the status of her plans for the former Technological University of Dublin Conservatory of Music campus in Rathmines, Dublin 6; if space at the buildings will be made available to the adjacent Rathmines College of Further Education following the current temporary allocation of the buildings to a school (details supplied); the steps she will take to ensure that the current overcrowding at Rathmines College of Further Education is remedied by the long-term allocation of space at the former Technological University of Dublin buildings to it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [50726/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding the case of a school (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [50732/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will have onsite therapists and behavioural therapists. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50858/21]
*569. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the process of when buildings are gifted to her Department to provide schools; the reason such gifts are not always accepted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [50859/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Education if she will begin an immediate consultation process to formulate the policy for Irish in the education system from preschool to third-level and immediately stop the introduction of new specifications for the leaving certificate and all other consultations relating to the Irish language until this policy is formulated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50864/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that a school (details supplied) has been told by its school completion programme co-ordinator that it can no longer use school completion programme funding to subsidise its after school club; the other Departmental funding available for this key element of the school completion programme in this and other schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [50865/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Education the number of approved ASD classes for secondary level schools in the Ballincollig catchment area; the timelines for each of these classes to be delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50881/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Education the number of approved ASD classes for primary level schools in the Ballincollig catchment area; the timelines for each of these classes to be delivered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50915/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Education the date of expiry of the temporary buildings in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50919/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question number 258 of 30 September 2021, when a payment will issue to a person (details supplied) by the Department for teaching services within a school from September 2020 to May 2021 in view that the date of registration for the post primary qualification level was updated by the Teaching Council in July 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51042/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Education if additional school transport will be provided for nine students in a rural school (details supplied) in County Leitrim that were unable to obtain seats in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Frankie Feighan. [51043/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Education the way that section 6 of Circular 50/2021 relating to sequencing of access to substitution for primary teachers will operate in practical terms. — Cathal Crowe. [51045/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Education the number of the 145 special education teacher posts promised under Budget 2021 that have been hired. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51052/21]

*579. To ask the Minister for Education the number of the 990 SNA posts promised under Budget 2021 that have been hired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51053/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Education if the funding for any SNAs not delivered under Budget 2021 was carried over into Budget 2022. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51054/21]
*581. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that will benefit from DEIS status under the €18 million funding announced in Budget 2022. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51055/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Education the way the €30 million investment in school transport in Budget 2022 will be designated; the number of additional places on the scheme this will provide in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51056/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown of the €18 million allocated to DEIS in Budget 2022 in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51057/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Education if the €18 million allocated to DEIS under Budget 2022 includes funding to reduce the staffing schedule for DEIS urban band 1 schools by one point. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51058/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Education if all primary schools, including all DEIS primary schools, will benefit from the one-point reduction in the pupil teacher ratio in Budget 2022. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51059/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional home school community liaison coordinator posts; and the amount of additional funding for the school completion programme that has been secured within the €18 million allocated to DEIS in Budget 2022. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51060/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Education the number of voluntary secondary schools that will benefit from capitation funding increases in Budget 2022; the current capitation level per student in these schools; and the capitation level per student in these schools once the measures in Budget 2022 are implemented. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51061/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Education the measures in Budget 2022 with regards release days for school leaders. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51062/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Education the additional guidance teacher supports contained in Budget 2022. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51063/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide additional detail on the ex-gratia scheme in Budget 2022; when survivors can apply for this scheme; when it is expected that eligible survivors will receive this payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51064/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Education if secretaries, caretakers, bus escorts and cleaners are included in the 1% pay increase measures contained in Budget 2022. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51065/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the scheme announced in Budget 2022 allowing schools to purchase books, audio books and other media; and if this can be used to offset the costs of academic schoolbooks for families. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51066/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in Cork city that have DEIS status broken down by DEIS band 1, 2 and so on and rural and by primary and post-primary level in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51071/21]
*594. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in County Cork that have DEIS status broken down by DEIS band 1, 2 and so on, rural and by primary and post-primary level in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51072/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated amount spent by her Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51101/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Education the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of her Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51118/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 598 of 28 April 2021, the actions that have been taken post Caranua to ensure continued support of survivors of institutional abuse; if she will provide details of the ongoing supports that remain in place given the acknowledgement that survivors must be supported lifelong; if an inter Departmental group is underway; if so, the conclusions that have been reached to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51143/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the submission of a planning application for a permanent build of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51154/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which new schools will be identified for inclusion in the DEIS programme following the announcement in Budget 2022 that €18 million is being provided for this programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51157/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a school (details supplied) with seven children with additional needs across five classrooms in a school of 165 children has only one part-time special needs assistant; the reason the school has not been visited to observe the children and their psychological reports to ensure their needs are met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51200/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Education if she has conducted a recent evaluation of the need for a new second-level school in a catchment area (details supplied); the projected demand for places; the projected level of available places; the availability of schools of diverse patronage; the pattern of pupils entering or leaving the catchment for second-level education; and if she will consider placing a new second-level school for this catchment area on the school building programme. — Richard Bruton. [51201/21]

*602. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) who is now currently employed by her Department as an SNA is only entitled to scale 1 on her Department’s pay scale; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [51219/21]

*603. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a student (details supplied) had their estimated grade downgraded so substantially from the accredited mark; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51242/21]
*604. To ask the Minister for Education when she will establish the estimated costs of fully implementing the remaining sections and sub-sections of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004; if she plans to review the Act in view of changing needs and priorities, as stated by her colleague Minister of State for Special Education and Inclusion in February 2021 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [51303/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Education her views on her Department’s strict adherence to the school-teacher ratio which has led to the suppressing of the developing school post of a school (details supplied) and in turn has led to the loss of a teacher and the forced amalgamation of senior and junior infants from two classrooms under two teachers, to one classroom with 31 students in the same room in view of the continuing risk of transmission of Covid-19 amongst young children and the Government’s continued support for the policy of social distancing. — Gary Gannon. [51304/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether there is a substitute crisis in primary and secondary schools; the number of days in the academic year 2021-2022 that have gone uncovered by a qualified substitute teacher in both primary and secondary; and the number of days that have been left without cover or covered by a special education teacher in both primary and secondary since the release of circular 50/21 in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [51309/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Education the breakdown of all of the leave taken in the primary sector for each of the school years 2018-2019, 2019-2020 and 2020-2021; and the days that were covered by a qualified substitute. — Gary Gannon. [51310/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will develop a new gender and equality proof labour market activation plan to support women into decent work, particularly women who are most distant from the labour market. — Ivana Bacik. [50370/21]

*609. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to ensure that consideration is given to the incredibly valuable work of community employment supervisors as part of ongoing negotiations regarding pensions; if she will request that a forum for engagement be established between her Department and the supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50417/21]

*610. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of medical assessors employed by her Department; if they are assigned to individual payment sections; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [50428/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider making the Christmas bonus and fuel allowance available for those who receive the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50443/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the case of a centre (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [50458/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when PPS numbers will issue to persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [50502/21]
*614. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) who applied for the working family payment received an email confirming that they were entitled to €114 per week and the following day received an email stating that they did not qualify for the payment; the legislation which defines the term dependent child for the purposes of the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [50578/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [50648/21]

*616. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address concerns (details supplied) and consider extending the pandemic unemployment payment for self-employed persons in severely impacted cottage industries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [50653/21]

*617. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has plans to allow for the option of domiciliary care allowance to be extended to children under 18 years of age in line with the rules for child benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [50659/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the record of a person (details supplied) in order for their contributions to corrected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50697/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the recommendation in view of the recent report by the Pensions Commission that the exemption to pay PRSI on occupational, personal and public sector pensions will be removed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [50731/21]

*620. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports in place for those with special needs who have the domiciliary care allowance cut when they turn 16 and are refused disability allowance; the supports available to assist with the costs associated with additional needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [50736/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person in receipt of a social welfare claim based on PRSI contributions is entitled to the fuel allowance payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [50917/21]

*622. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment has now issued to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50920/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance can be given towards travel to receive medical treatment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50921/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the budget increase to the fuel allowance will be paid to those who receive the allowance by lump sum payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50989/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) who is in receipt of a full carer’s allowance is entitled to a fuel allowance payment or any other additional social protection supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51035/21]
*626. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Christmas bonus payment announced in Budget 2022 will be provided to persons that are in receipt of the PUP at that time; if she will outline which social protection scheme recipients will be eligible to receive the Christmas bonus this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51036/21]

*627. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of carer’s allowance and half rate carer’s allowance that are in receipt of the fuel allowance; the estimated cost of extending this entitlement to all recipients of the carer’s allowance and the half rate carer’s allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [51049/21]

*628. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated amount spent by her Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51111/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of her Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51128/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 342 of 12 October 2021, the reason the claim for carer’s benefit was refused. — Michael Creed. [51134/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when arrears of jobseeker’s allowance will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); if the fuel allowance is payable in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51135/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a list of the current average waiting times for the registration of the birth of a child in each county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51146/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 30 September 2021, if she will ensure that local employment services are not privatised; if community organisations will continue to deliver such services due to the important work carried out over recent years by such services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51155/21]

*634. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the poverty impact of reduced rates of jobseeker’s allowance for young persons will be published given that the report is now over 18 months overdue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51178/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the report of the child maintenance review group will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51179/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of the fuel allowance by social protection scheme from September 2019 to date by payment type and month in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51180/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if rental income in circumstances in which it is used solely to repay a mortgage will be included as an allowable expense when calculating a
person’s eligibility for disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51235/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [51329/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an invalidity pension claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork has been disallowed. — Sean Sherlock. [51330/21]

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

*640. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a reply will issue to a person (details supplied) in regard to consideration for the inclusion of their daughter in the Irish Refugee Protection Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51220/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider increasing investment in Budget 2022 for the youth sector in line with the proposals by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [50376/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the forthcoming allocation scheme for housing international protection applicants. — Pa Daly. [50390/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the process, schedule and level of financial resources committed to provide for the commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 by June 2022 and the establishment of the decision support service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [50459/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of progress on establishing an independent inspectorate for direct provision centres; if the Health Act 2007 will be amended to extend the remit of HIQA to undertake independent inspections of direct provision centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50501/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans for the installation of open WiFi access across a centre (details supplied) taking in the homes of those currently going through the asylum process in order that residents, particularly young persons, can more fully utilise the internet in accessing vital supports, services and educational materials; and if not, the reason for not installing this service. — Catherine Murphy. [50544/21]

*646. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an update will be provided on the way Ireland is spending the EU child guarantee scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50588/21]

*647. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the fire safety grant is still open and available to providers; the breakdown of funding allocated and funding drawn down in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [50852/21]
*648. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way the extension of the national childcare scheme universal subsidy to children under 15 will be applied; the way the hours will be awarded; if, in the case of a child attending afterschool care for 30 hours a week, that child will be entitled to a subsidy of 50 cent an hour to the value of €15 per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [50926/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way funding of the €69 million for early learning and care and school age services provided in Budget 2022 will be awarded; the projected start date for those programmes; if he will provide a breakdown and detailed explanation of the costings that underpin the additional allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [50927/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which the additional €9 million for the national childcare scheme will be spent; if he will provide a detailed explanation of the costings that underpin the extra funding allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [50928/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the breakdown of the €78 million ELC funding announced in Budget 2022; if a breakdown of the €41 million increase in ELC core allocation and a breakdown of the €37 million one-off measure will also be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [50986/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the €41 million increase in the ELC core allocation will be spent between September and December 2022; and the carryover effect of the measure in terms of the pre-committed increase to core expenditure arising from it for the year 2023. — Kathleen Funchion. [50987/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the one-off measure of €37 million is contained within the additional Covid-19 allocation of €67 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51074/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a breakdown of the €716 million for ELC next year by programme subhead and the proportion of this expenditure that becomes income for providers. — Kathleen Funchion. [51075/21]

*655. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51099/21]

*656. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51116/21]

*657. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total funding allocated to the UBU Youth Programme by his Department; and the amount of this total provided respectively for funded organisations and the total provided for ETBs. — Kathleen Funchion. [51164/21]
To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of audits carried out on youth services by education and training boards and other bodies funded through his Department; the total cost of these audits; and the total time required to comply with same. — Kathleen Funchion. [51165/21]

To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total cost incurred by education and training boards in administering the UBU Youth Programme on behalf of his Department including staffing, expenses, indirect costs, audit fees and any other similar or related expenditures. — Kathleen Funchion. [51166/21]

To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of education and training board youth officers, youth development officers, similar staff and administrative staff funded by his Department by education and training boards and ETBI; and the total costs of same. — Kathleen Funchion. [51167/21]

To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the pod system will be removed from childcare providers given that this is causing many providers to curtail their opening hours due to being unable to mix the pods; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [51196/21]

To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when pay restoration will be granted to section 56 and 59 workers employed by Tusla in line with recent restoration of section 39 workers pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51314/21]

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

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he plans to review the eligibility criteria for SUSI grants to allow those on a stamp 4 to qualify for grants and free fees; if a review of the current eligibility criteria is underway; when this criteria was last reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [50382/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of first year enrolments and the number of graduates, respectively in mental health nursing in each of the years since 2014 to date in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [50555/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of first year enrolments and the number of graduates, respectively in radiography in each of the years since 2014 to date in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [50556/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of on campus student beds in each higher education institution in each year since 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50956/21]

To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51105/21]
*668. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51122/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total value that will be allocated to subhead B4 General Current Grants in budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51172/21]

*670. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total value that will be allocated to subhead NTF Enterprise Focused Higher Education in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51173/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if all recipients on a SUSI maintenance grant will receive an additional €200; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51174/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the anticipated percentage reduction in the spending in each academic year 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 of the €35 million SUSI package announced as part of Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51175/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total allocation for the student assistance fund in the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51176/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total allocation for the student mental health supports in the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51177/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the director of the national apprenticeship office will be appointed; if he will provide details on the appointment procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51190/21]

*676. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a gardener working in a university is entitled to be paid the travel time allowance for craft workers from his Department. — Richard Bruton. [51209/21]

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

*677. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is funding available for community groups to apply for CCTV cameras; if so, the funding stream that this would fall under; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [51018/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50383/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Justice the entitlement a person (details supplied) has to remain in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [50389/21]
*680. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time gardaí in Rathcoole Garda station each year from 2010 to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50418/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received reports on the level of crime and antisocial behaviour in Dublin city centre; if her Department monitors the level of safety that persons feel circulating in the city centre, particularly at night; and if any initiatives are planned to address this concern. — Richard Bruton. [50440/21]

*682. To ask the Minister for Justice if pension restoration to all ranks of An Garda Síochána has been completed; and if not, if there are plans to restore remaining reductions. — Richard Bruton. [50441/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Justice the figures on the allocation of resources to community policing in the Dublin north inner-city area for 2021. — Ivana Bacik. [50451/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to recent incidences of violent antisocial behaviour in the north inner-city of Dublin; the steps her Department is taking to address escalating crime in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [50452/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been provided for the purchase of additional vehicles for the Garda armed support unit. — Catherine Murphy. [50562/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of cash seized by An Garda Síochána in counties Kildare and Dublin in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and the amount returned on request or appeal. — Catherine Murphy. [50563/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fixed penalty notices that gardaí issued for parking at a bus stop in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if An Garda Síochána is notified if the notice is paid. — Catherine Murphy. [50564/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to each divisional protective services unit as of 11 October 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [50565/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the discretionary application to remain by a person (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [50639/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Justice when the riot shields and helmets of An Garda Síochána were last updated; and when they will be next updated. — Paul Donnelly. [50667/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for the establishment of the gambling regulator; the amount allocated for its establishment in Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [50701/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of projected recruits, actual recruits, newly attested trainees and retirements in An Garda Síochána in each of the years 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Pa Daly. [50702/21]
*693. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of the new community safety fund as outlined in Budget 2022 measures; and the existing initiatives that are to be incorporated into the fund or discontinued due to its establishment. — Pa Daly. [50703/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Justice the details on the gambling regulator mentioned in Budget 2022 speeches. — Thomas Gould. [50704/21]

*695. To ask the Minister for Justice the assistance that can be provided in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50729/21]

*696. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason her Department has not succeeded in closing down an online operation (details supplied) that automatically books interview slots with immigration services and then sells on these slots at a €40 charge to migrants with a genuine need for a face-to-face appointment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [50738/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Garda National Immigration Bureau can agree to a face-to-face appointment with an Egyptian national (details supplied) who was recently granted a change of status but is required by the Egyptian authorities to have an up-to-date visa sticker on their recently renewed Egyptian passport if they are to be permitted to visit their family in Egypt and to return to Ireland for a pending Labour Court hearing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [50739/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Justice if there will be a recruitment campaign for an Garda Síochána before the end of 2021. — Martin Browne. [50743/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been provided for the provision of purchasing additional high-powered unmarked vehicles for the roads policing unit. — Catherine Murphy. [50877/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Irish citizen child unit can waive its usual requirement to submit a child’s passport with the application in which entitlement to Irish citizenship can be established through other means, for example, birth in Ireland to an Irish citizen parent given the current long delays in processing first-time applications in the passport office. — Holly Cairns. [50907/21]

*701. To ask the Minister for Justice the legislative measures required to ensure that all offences under the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography can be prosecuted on an organised and transnational basis in line with Article 3.1 of the Protocol. — Mary Lou McDonald. [50918/21]

*702. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí allocated to the Kildare Garda division in each of the past three years; the number allocated by station in the county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50961/21]

*703. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí allocated to each county in each of the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50962/21]

*704. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 453 of 10 October 2021, the reason a proposed review of an error in a case involving the non-processing of an appeal
from a District Court conviction in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan, a submission for which was approved by her on 15 May 2019, did not ultimately proceed. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51067/21]

*705. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated amount spent by her Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51108/21]

*706. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of her Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51125/21]

*707. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed to regularise residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51145/21]

*708. To ask the Minister for Justice if a student visa will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [51213/21]

*709. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the healthcare sector is losing out on a number of healthcare professionals who are foreign nationals due to their visas expiring while they are waiting for their employee permits to come through; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that many of these healthcare professionals are having applications for extensions to their visas denied; if she has plans to examine the prospect of a bridging visa for such applications from healthcare professionals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51224/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the reason only one week was given for organisations to apply for the €1 million provided for sensory gardens announced on 5 October 2021 with a deadline of 12 October 2021; if he plans to extend the timeframe for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51023/21]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health if schools can apply for funding under the recently announced €1 million provided for sensory gardens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51024/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the additional €6 million announced in Budget 2022 for the Drugs Strategy that will go to the DATF drug projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51144/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health if private homecare providers are receiving State funding towards mileage for care assistants to travel to patients’ homes. — Dara Calleary. [51183/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an ophthalmology operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50360/21]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment of the remaining four epilepsy nurse specialist posts of six agreed in 2018 for the implementation of the Pregnancy Prevention Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [50367/21]
*716. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the HSE recommended medication cariban should be added to the approved drugs list under the drugs payment scheme; his views on whether the drug should be made available on the medical card; and the treatments available under each scheme to treat hyperemesis gravidarum. — Ivana Bacik. [50369/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels at Ballina District Hospital, Swinford Community Hospital and Belmullet Community Hospital on 1 October 2020 and 1 October 2021 (details supplied); the way these staffing levels compare to other community and district hospitals across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [50373/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the number of debt collectors and or debt collecting agencies engaged by the HSE in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 in respect of the collection of fees and charges on patients; the yield raised by these agents in respect of their tasks; the number that have involved litigation proceedings; the policy in respect of hiring debt collection agents; and if there is a policy in place for providing a system in which a schedule of payments can be set out. — Catherine Murphy. [50378/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide general practitioner settings with cancer diagnostic tools. — Catherine Murphy. [50379/21]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in respect of the supply of wheelchairs and other medical devices for 28 children in the children’s community health network areas 4 and 5; when the appropriate funding will be made available in order to deal with the waiting time which is in excess of 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50381/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the application to the HSE for the provision of a new ward at Ballina District Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [50388/21]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place a consultation framework to prepare for a public enquiry into the tragic loss of life in nursing homes during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Fergus O’Dowd. [50402/21]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment at Sligo University Hospital pain management clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [50404/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for the pain management clinic at Sligo University Hospital in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Pearse Doherty. [50405/21]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health when the legislation on surrogate parenthood will be amended to give improved rights to parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50406/21]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure to be followed to secure a local general practitioner for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50419/21]
*727. To ask the Minister for Health the process for assessing and putting supports in place for injuries associated with the Covid-19 vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [50422/21]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if the termination of certain screening programmes when persons reach a certain age can be reviewed in view of the fact it creates the perception that a lower value is placed on a person’s health as they advance in age. — Richard Bruton. [50429/21]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health if the Spraoi Centre, Portlaoise, County Laois is fully operational; the number of children awaiting speech and language services there; and the longest waiting time. — Brian Stanley. [50433/21]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting for all services at the Spraoi centre, Portlaoise, County Laois; and the longest waiting time. — Brian Stanley. [50436/21]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in dealing with the request made by the chiropractic profession to restore the right of a chiropractor to refer a patient for an x ray, having previously lost this right in 2018; if new regulations will be put place to restore this right; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50437/21]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation (details supplied) is still in receipt of funding from either the HSE or his Department; if it has had its funding suspended as was reported in July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [50448/21]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the publication of recommendations from the full health technology assessment of the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system. — Ivana Bacik. [50450/21]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are no transitional care services for adolescents using insulin pump therapy at University Hospital Waterford; his plans to provide this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50456/21]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors and nurses working in the community ophthalmology service in County Donegal in each of the years 2001 to 2021, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50486/21]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors and nurses working in the ophthalmology service at Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2001 to 2021, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50487/21]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the number of administrative and secretarial staff working in the ophthalmology service at Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2001 to 2021, in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50488/21]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health the numbers of patients in County Donegal on the waiting list for the community ophthalmology service. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50489/21]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients in County Donegal on the waiting list for the ophthalmology service at Letterkenny University Hospital. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50490/21]
*740. To ask the Minister for Health the interim arrangements that have been put in place at the Letterkenny University Hospital community ophthalmic service in view of all three physicians having left the facility. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50491/21]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health when a full service will be restored at the Letterkenny University Hospital community ophthalmic service. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50492/21]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the protocols that were in place at the Letterkenny University Hospital community ophthalmic service on 24 August 2021 when a person (details supplied) requiring urgent care was referred to Sligo University Hospital; the protocols that were in place at Sligo University Hospital ophthalmic service on 24 August 2021 that failed to deal with the patient until 8.30 pm; the reason the patient who had to endure a 200km journey back to north County Donegal on 24 August 2021 due to the fact the phlebotomy department at Sligo University Hospital was closed at 8.30pm; if on the morning of 24 August 2021 there were three physicians on duty at the Letterkenny University Hospital campus, when the patient was advised to travel onwards to Sligo University Hospital due to the fact no physician was available; and the protocols that were in place at Letterkenny University Hospital ophthalmic services that allowed the above patient to be denied access to a physician given that the patient had eye inflammation and was in pain. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50493/21]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the level of ophthalmic service is in accordance with best health practice for the community of north County Donegal, where many of the patients are over 200 kilometres from Sligo Hospital. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50494/21]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the number of management consultancy firms his Department and statutory agencies associated with his Department have under contract in tabular form; the projects they are working on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [50503/21]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the number of management consultancy firms his Department and statutory agencies associated with his Department have under contract in tabular form; the projects they are working on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [50506/21]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health if a detailed breakdown can be provided to a person (details supplied) in respect of the means assessment made on their nursing home subvention scheme application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50507/21]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting for scoliosis procedures by county in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [50508/21]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health when respite services in County Galway will recommence in full, given that such services have resumed in other counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [50513/21]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which those who are housebound and over the age of 80 years or housebound and under the age of 80 years but who are immunocompromised, will be administered the Covid-19 booster vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [50514/21]
*750. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Tipperary University Hospital does not have access to PCRS in order to prescribe entresto for the patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [50523/21]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there has been no correspondence or update from medical management, despite several communications, as to the reason Tipperary University Hospital does not have access to PCRS in order to prescribe entresto; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [50524/21]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that patients in Tipperary University Hospital cannot be offered entresto to improve heart failure outcomes currently; the action being taken to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [50525/21]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the treatments and costs covered by a general practitioner visit card; his views on a situation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50527/21]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a new day care centre for Monasterevin, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50536/21]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the options available to a person (details supplied) to have blood tests carried out every six weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50538/21]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list to see a consultant paediatric nephrologist at CHI Temple Street. — Catherine Murphy. [50567/21]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health the locations of feeding clinics across the State supporting persons with disabilities who have difficulties swallowing and are prone to choking due to their disabilities. — Catherine Murphy. [50568/21]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the number of hours the migraine clinic is available at Beaumont Hospital from the current three hours per week to seven hours per week. — Catherine Murphy. [50569/21]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for patients awaiting an appointment at the falls clinic in Tallaght University Hospital; and the number of patients on the waiting list. — Catherine Murphy. [50570/21]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for eye examinations in County Kildare. — Catherine Murphy. [50571/21]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full year cost of recruiting 15 additional full-time eye clinic liaison officers. — Catherine Murphy. [50572/21]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting 12 additional adult eating disorder teams. — Catherine Murphy. [50573/21]
*763. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals which have a TRASNA telemedicine stroke machine installed; if each machine is operational; and the uses in each case for the machine. — Catherine Murphy. [50574/21]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the expenditure of the remaining €3.94 million in 2021 for specialist eating disorder services; the progress that has been made on the recruitment of the necessary specialist posts and the creation of additional multidisciplinary teams in order to progress the eating disorder model of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50579/21]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the expenditure of €3 million as part of the National Service Plan 2021 and implementation of the proposal to reduce and provide a pathway to eliminate the practice of accommodating young persons with serious disabilities in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50580/21]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the criteria and the uptake over the past three years of the mobility allowance and motorised transport grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50585/21]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will urgently fill the four unoccupied positions for epilepsy nurse specialist posts agreed in 2018 for the implementation of the pregnancy prevention programme. — Paul Murphy. [50603/21]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health when chiropody services will be made available in Athenry, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [50637/21]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health when the necessary statutory instrument will be put in place under the Regulated Professions (Health and Social Care) (Amendment) Act 2020 which will enable the Medical Council to address the outstanding issues relating to the inclusion of medical consultants many of whom are consultants for more than ten years to be included on the specialist register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50640/21]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health if he will list each waiting list which exists for services provided by the HSE which is not reported by the National Treatment Purchase Fund. — David Cullinane. [50641/21]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ban smoking in outdoor dining areas in restaurants and pubs serving food; if so, the conditions under which he is considering such a ban; and the date he expects to do same. — Alan Kelly. [50643/21]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [50651/21]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health the appropriate next step he considers with regard to an incident (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [50656/21]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health the number of secure mental health places that exist in the State; the locations of same; the number taken up as of 12 October 2021; and the number that are vacant by location in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [50657/21]
*775. To ask the Minister for Health the primary care centres or health centres that are currently accepting emergency walk in dentistry services in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [50664/21]

*776. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant paediatric ophthalmologists currently working in the public health services in each of the past four years in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [50665/21]

*777. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that can treat patients who suffer with agoraphobia in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [50666/21]

*778. To ask the Minister for Health the current status and projected timeframe for a new build hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [50672/21]

*779. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of the type 2 diabetes cycle of care programme since its inception; the number of persons that currently avail of the programme; the number of general practitioners that provide the programme; if the programme has been evaluated; if an audit of the programme has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [50674/21]

*780. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend the type 2 diabetes cycle of care programme to all persons with type 2 diabetes; his views on whether it is equitable that persons with type 2 diabetes without a GMS or GP visit card but who otherwise meet the HSE criteria for uncomplicated type 2 diabetes to be managed in primary care, are excluded from the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [50675/21]

*781. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are only three neurology nurse specialists based at the mid-west regional centre for neurology in UHL instead of the recommended 11; his plans to deal with this shortfall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [50686/21]

*782. To ask the Minister for Health the supports provided to assist adult day services for persons with disabilities to return to full capacity by 22 October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [48708/21]

*783. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding will be made available in Budget 2022 for respite provision for children and adults with a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48514/21]

*784. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €6 million allocation to the National Drugs Strategy and Housing First. — Thomas Gould. [50705/21]

*785. To ask the Minister for Health if it is envisaged that the assisted human reproduction Bill will legislate for the mother’s name to be included on the birth certificate in the case of a child born through altruistic domestic surrogacy; and if this will be applied retrospectively to the birth certificates of children already born in this way. — Pearse Doherty. [50719/21]

*786. To ask the Minister for Health when the eight extra neurology nurse specialists will be appointed for University Hospital Limerick in view of a campaign by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [50737/21]
*787. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the primary care centre in Swords, County Dublin as of October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [43955/21]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the waiting times of 18 months for a public patient to access a breast check examination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45966/21]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health if he will increase the availability of drug testing of legally prohibited drugs as part of an overall strategy of harm reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [50854/21]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for a CT scan in Galway University Hospital taking into account the exceptional circumstances in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50879/21]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health when an urgent dental appointment will be issued to a person (details supplied) in Shantalla Health Centre, Galway in view of the person’s exceptional medical circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50882/21]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who attended the emergency department at University Hospital Limerick in each of the years 2006 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [50883/21]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of the development of the 96-bed modular unit at the University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [50884/21]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the development of an eating disorder service for adults in the region of counties Cork and Kerry; the numbers of whole-time equivalent staff being employed; the specialties they represent; and the planned location of the hub. — Holly Cairns. [50906/21]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to legislate in the area of assisted human reproduction; and if he will be doing so in line with the recently published report of the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection which recommends that the Government introduce a legislative framework including recognition of international surrogacy and parenting arrangements. — Jim O’Callaghan. [43173/21]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent assistance will be provided to a family (details supplied) to obtain a residential care bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [48442/21]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to ongoing issues regarding progressing disability services in a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45215/21]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the operation of pop-up vaccination centres; and the uptake at these centres since the start of the 2021-2022 academic year. — Emer Higgins. [49627/21]
*799. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1051 of 24 February 2021, if the formal pricing and reimbursement assessment of xonvea has been completed and will be added as a first-line treatment for hyperemesis gravidarum to the drugs payment scheme and medical card; if there are plans to licence the drug cariban; if not, the process by which drugs obtain a licence; if the State plays an active role in identifying drugs that have been licensed and approved for use in other jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [45486/21]

*800. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that all maternity hospitals and units are following the HSE guidelines permitting partners to attend. — Holly Cairns. [43813/21]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the additional resources applied per centre to reduce waiting lists for preliminary team assessment as per the statement made by him on 28 September 2021 in Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [48666/21]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in CHO8 that received a preliminary team assessment and were referred onward to an intervention pathway and are awaiting appointment for same. — Sorca Clarke. [48667/21]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) that found significant difficulties in evaluating public expenditure on the State’s approach to drug and alcohol harm and which found that unlabelled expenditure and productivity costs contribute significantly to the overall economic burden of problem drug and alcohol use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [45595/21]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the significant delays in accessing treatment due to the reconfiguration of children’s disabilities teams in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [48659/21]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that investment in public dental care has decreased dramatically over the past number of years; if he will consider increasing investment in the sector given many medical card holders cannot access dentists in their own counties; if the HSE has discretion on the way to allocate its budget; if he will consider making a dental care specific allocation to prevent further decline of services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [44833/21]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health if the assessment of need backlog for children has been reduced from 6,500 to 600 (details supplied); if these children have been referred to the appropriate intervention and or supports based on their assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [48623/21]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the EU Digital COVID Certificate in relation to Irish citizens vaccinated in Northern Ireland and other EU countries; if he is satisfied with the phased approach; and the length of time it has taken to produce these documents. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [43786/21]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to research from a group (details supplied); and the way he plans to implement its recommendations. — Ivana Bacik. [50929/21]
*809. To ask the Minister for Health the portion of the €30 million for national strategies in Budget 2022 that will be allocated for the National Carers Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [50930/21]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health the total agency spend at Wexford General Hospital 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 Mythen. [50939/21]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department attendances at Wexford General Hospital 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 Mythen. [50940/21]

*812. To ask the Minister for Health the outpatient waiting times at Wexford General Hospital in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by year and specialty in wait time bands of up to three, six, 12, 15 and 18 months, up to two years and over two years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [50941/21]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health the number of in-patient hospital cancellations at Wexford General Hospital 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 Mythen. [50942/21]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient hospital cancellations at Wexford General Hospital 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 Mythen. [50943/21]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operational beds at Wexford General Hospital 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 Mythen. [50944/21]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the full capacity protocol was initiated at Wexford General Hospital 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 Mythen. [50945/21]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health if he received a request from persons (details supplied) to include all Members of Dáil Éireann from County Meath in a scheduled meeting concerning Navan hospital with persons following a Topical Issue debate on 28 September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [50947/21]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health if he received correspondence from this Deputy and other Members of Dáil Éireann from County Meath requesting inclusion to a scheduled meeting concerning Navan hospital with persons (details supplied); if he responded to the correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [50948/21]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health if the scheduled meeting took place between persons (details supplied) and him concerning Navan hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [50949/21]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to save Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan from downgrading to a model two hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [50950/21]
*821. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with the HSE and discuss the possibility of keeping Our Lady’s Hospital, Navan as a 24-hour accident and emergency service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [50951/21]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the budget measure of free contraception for women aged 17 to 25 years of age; if it includes long-acting reversible contraceptives, diaphragms, copper coil, the vagina ring, condoms and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [50958/21]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health the stage of negotiations on the consultant contract; the number of vacant public consultant positions in the health service; and if a breakdown of vacant public consultant positions will be provided. — Joan Collins. [50959/21]

*824. To ask the Minister for Health the plans he has considered to increase capacity at Cavan General Hospital to deal with likely emergency department overflows in winter 2021 to ensure that both scheduled and unscheduled care can take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50960/21]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health the status of child specific waiting list backlogs for urgent scoliosis operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50979/21]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health his views on and the position regarding the committed funding to increase ICU beds and that figure in comparison to other European countries in terms of ICU beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50980/21]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical requirements for booster shots for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [50984/21]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding to appoint a clinical psychologist to each acute hospital diabetes multidisciplinary team; his views on the fact that psychosocial support in diabetes care is not formally embedded as part of diabetes management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [50990/21]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a diabetes psychology resource to each community diabetes specialist team hub under the Integrated Model of Care for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease Implementation Guide; his views on whether access to psychosocial support in these teams should be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [50991/21]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding to appoint a 0.5 whole-time equivalent clinical psychologist to each acute hospital diabetes paediatric diabetes team; his views on whether psychosocial support in paediatric diabetes care should be available in each team; the reason there is no access to this support outside of paediatric diabetes services in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [50992/21]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide funding to appoint a clinical psychologist to the diabetes multidisciplinary team in Tallaght Hospital. — Patrick Costello. [50993/21]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccines that have been procured for Ireland including both vaccines administered and vaccines available for administration; the number procured by vaccine type, that is, manufacturing company; the number of vaccines which
were not administered or used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50996/21]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recruitment of four unfilled epilepsy nurse specialist posts agreed in 2018 for the implementation of the Pregnancy Prevention Programme (details supplied); the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50998/21]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to be called for a procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [50999/21]

*835. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to deal with the long delays for scoliosis surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [51011/21]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an emergency appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [51012/21]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an assessment of need for a child (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [51017/21]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many of those that are over 70 years of age have to pay €50 or more in general practitioner fees for a medical examination in order to renew their driver licence even though they have become eligible for a free licence; if he will consider allowing the medical examination required for a driver licence to be included for free with the general practitioner visit card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51020/21]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the cost of zostavax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51021/21]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the additional €6 million announced in Budget 2022 for the Drugs Strategy will go to the DATF drug projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51027/21]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the status of equipment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51028/21]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the additional €6 million announced in Budget 2022 for the Drugs Strategy that will go to the DATF drug projects. — Paul Murphy. [51038/21]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 330 of 23 September 2021, the number of nursing homes and the number of residents by county to correspond with the average monthly payment made to private nursing homes under the National Treatment Purchase Fund which has been provided in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [51044/21]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health if the go ahead for voluntary groups such as first aid responders to get back up and running will be given as soon as possible following the pandemic. — Brian Stanley. [51050/21]
*845. To ask the Minister for Health when the assisted human reproduction Bill will be published; the steps being taken to create legislative framework to govern surrogacy in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51070/21]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that have been made to screen the women who otherwise missed a BreastCheck screening over the course of the past 19 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [51076/21]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the announced expansion of the medical assessment unit in Ennis General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [51077/21]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51106/21]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51123/21]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the removal of all restrictions for partners attending appointments with patients in maternity units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [51132/21]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the additional €6 million announced in the budget announced in the Budget 2022 for the drugs strategy will go to the DATF drug projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [51136/21]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Keltoi Rehabilitation Centre in St Marys Hospital, Phoenix Park was closed and remains closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51137/21]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are available for children and adults diagnosed with foetal alcohol spectrum disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51138/21]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health the clinical pathway to diagnosis for those suffering with foetal alcohol spectrum disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51139/21]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are provided for persons with foetal alcohol spectrum disorders in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51140/21]

*856. To ask the Minister for Health the section of his Department responsible for the treatment of persons with foetal alcohol spectrum disorder, that is, mental health, neurology or other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51141/21]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health when respite will be reinstated in the case of a person (details supplied); the reason the respite has not been reinstated; if all options have been considered in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51142/21]
*858. To ask the Minister for Health if it is planned to include chronic kidney disease in the HSE Integrated Care Programme for Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51149/21]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be taken to improve access to the home dialysis pathway for those with chronic kidney disease in Ireland; if the provision of digital health solutions for home dialysis patients is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51150/21]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are currently in place to elevate the importance of chronic kidney disease in the context of long-term conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51151/21]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health the level of additional funding that will be provided in 2022 for regional drug task forces as a result of Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51152/21]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that additional funding is provided in 2022 for the North East Regional Drug Task Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51153/21]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects free general practitioner care for children under seven announced as part of Budget 2022 will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51156/21]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to employ more neurology nurse specialists in Tallaght Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51168/21]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to publish the report into the payment of student nurses as sent to him on 12 August 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [51169/21]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for an appointment. — Robert Troy. [51185/21]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage breakdown of Covid-19 vaccination uptake in each county; the number of persons in each county that have availed of the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51187/21]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health when the ITBS established Advisory Committee for Social Behaviours Review will be concluded; when he expects changes to be approved by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51188/21]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the additional €6 million announced in Budget 2022 for the drugs strategy that will go to the drug and alcohol task force drug projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [51195/21]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health the current position regarding funding for the Cleary Centre capital project in Donegal Town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51197/21]
To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 262 of 29 September 2021, the steps that are in place to ensure that private patients do not receive differing medical advice from different consultants due to consultants following different testing criteria or accreditation standards in relation to diagnoses of Lyme disease; if measures will be taken to ensure that all consultants dealing with private patients work within or follow the same testing criteria and accreditation standards in relation to diagnoses of Lyme disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51215/21]

To ask the Minister for Health the recruitment process undertaken by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland for senior positions (details supplied) in tabular form; the platforms on which these positions were advertised; the dates advertisements were placed on these platforms; if the positions were communicated via email alert to internal NMBI staff; the number of applications received for each position; the number of applicants shortlisted and interviewed for each position; the number of panel members on each interview panel; the title and or position of each panel member; and the relationship, that is, staff member, board or committee member, contractor and external member of each panel member to the NMBI in tabular form. — Catherine Connolly. [51225/21]

To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to appoint a clinical psychologist to each acute hospital diabetes multidisciplinary team (details supplied); his views on the fact that psychosocial support in diabetes care is not formally embedded as part of diabetes management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [51226/21]

To ask the Minister for Health if a diabetes psychology resource will be provided to each community diabetes specialist team hub under the Integrated Model of Care for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease Implementation Guide; his views on whether access to psychosocial support in these teams should be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [51227/21]

To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to appoint a 0.5 whole-time equivalent clinical psychologist to each acute hospital diabetes paediatric diabetes team; his views on whether psychosocial support in paediatric diabetes care should be available in each team; the reason there is no access to this support outside of Dublin paediatric diabetes services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [51228/21]

To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be provided to appoint a clinical psychologist to the diabetes multidisciplinary team in University Hospital Limerick as soon as possible.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [51229/21]

To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the usefulness of the Covid tracker app is undermined at this stage given the very limited numbers routinely checking in their status or leaving their tracker on continuously to aid identification of close contacts; and if a case has been
made to end the service or to encourage the public through a publicity drive to re-engage with the app given the dangers of the Indian strain of Covid-19. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51232/21]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health if the new elective hospital will cater for both day care procedures and procedures that require inpatient care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51234/21]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to regulate the area of homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51236/21]

*882. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to reform the current centralised ambulance system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51238/21]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the above two hour wait in the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51239/21]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for an ambulance in each county since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51240/21]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances in the public system since 2006; the number of ambulances deployed in each county since 2006; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51241/21]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign (details supplied); his plans to recruit the additional nurses needed nationally and in Tallaght University Hospital which based on catchment area, national and international guidelines should have 20 neurology nurses but currently only has 3.5. — Paul Murphy. [51245/21]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which he remains satisfied that measures to combat Covid-19 remain sufficiently robust to achieve their initial objective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51255/21]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health if interim calming measures are being contemplated to address any new Covid-19 issues arising; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51256/21]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which research has shown whether unvaccinated groups are directly contributing to a re-emergence of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51257/21]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which plans to put in place a new winter programme are afoot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51258/21]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health the intended progress with the Sláintecare programme; if changes are anticipated in respect of its original function; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51259/21]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health the source of the indication to impede the regionalisation features of Sláintecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51260/21]
*893. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which a special programme incorporating Sláintecare can be utilised to deal with hospital waiting lists as well as ensuring that no further waiting lists are created; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51261/21]

*894. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which an evaluation has been done in respect of the full staff requirements to tackle and eliminate hospital waiting lists in respect of all procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51262/21]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently awaiting cardiovascular treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51263/21]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently on orthopaedic waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51264/21]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which cancer patients awaiting treatment are able to receive treatment as and when required; the extent of any waiting lists in this category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51265/21]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which endoscopy facilities are sufficiently and readily available to ensure the minimisation of waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51266/21]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which his Department has identified the most sensitive and pressing hospital waiting lists; if his Department has identified a specific period within which to deal with all such patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51267/21]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the proposed extension of facilities and buildings at Naas General Hospital; the extent to which the plans are in place or envisaged in order to alleviate the pressure in the short to medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51268/21]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres fully operational in County Kildare; the extent to which further centres are anticipated or planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51269/21]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the network of primary care centres throughout Ireland is being used to ease the pressure on hospital accident and emergency services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51270/21]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date in respect of the national children’s hospital including the facilities at Connolly and Tallaght; the extent to which the status of the projects are in line with expectation in terms of capacity and progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51271/21]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which women’s health specifically remains central to the provision and delivery of a reliable level and quality of health services in all areas throughout Ireland without exception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51272/21]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which children’s health issues have continued to receive appropriate attention throughout the Covid-19 pandemic; if particular or specific action is
required to address any issues arising or any backlog which has occurred as a result of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51273/21]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health the ongoing efforts underway to enhance the quality and scale of community and institutional mental health services with particular reference to the need to achieve quality of service in line with the requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51274/21]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health when dental services under anaesthesia at Wexford General Hospital will revert to pre Covid-19 levels of two service days a week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [51283/21]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health the current wait list for persons under 18 years of age awaiting orthodontic treatment in County Wexford; the breakdown of the numbers of persons waiting 24, 36 and 48 months and longer, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [51284/21]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of leg supports for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51286/21]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health the way information is gathered on the number of persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder; if the numbers of persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder are collated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51315/21]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to establish a specific autism register in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51316/21]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish public assessment teams dedicated to adult diagnoses of autistic spectrum disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51317/21]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the Progressing Disability Services for Children & Young People and local Implementation groups that are overseeing the provision of services regionally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51318/21]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children’s disability network teams that have been established nationwide; when it is envisaged there will be full national cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51319/21]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health the most reliable autism diagnosis data health services use; the number of adults and children that have received a diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51320/21]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the additional €6 million announced in Budget 2022 for the drugs strategy that will go to drug and alcohol taskforces drug projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51322/21]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private dentists presently providing treatment under the dental treatment services scheme in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [51323/21]
*918. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists employed by the local health office presently providing free dental treatment to adult medical card holders in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [51324/21]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult medical card holders presently eligible for dental services under the dental treatment scheme in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [51325/21]

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

*920. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will expedite an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [50361/21]

*921. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payments under the ANC scheme will be released to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [50371/21]

*922. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers on natura designated land, SACs and SPAs; the total hectarage of such land on which basic payments were paid in 2020 by county; the average holding size by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [50412/21]

*923. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 769 of 15 September 2021, if his attention has been drawn to an outbreak of ips typographus, spruce bark beetle, in the UK; the preventative measures in place regarding this risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [50413/21]

*924. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the costs currently associated with the Coillte leasing system for hunters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [50424/21]

*925. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when Coillte tendered for an IT solution to facilitate permit management for hunters and related services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [50425/21]

*926. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the delays in assigning a veterinary inspection for a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50447/21]

*927. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte is a commercial semi-State body and therefore must abide by the Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies; if the board of Coillte is accountable to him as Minister in this regard and as agreed by the shareholder letter of expectation (details supplied); and if the State assets are being disposed of by Coillte, by sale or lease to third parties should they be by auction or competitive tender in an open and transparent manner according to the Code of Practice. — Niall Collins. [50655/21]

*928. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2021 area of natural constraints payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50673/21]

*929. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made to date in respect of the establishment of an independent agriculture appeals review panel in line with a commitment
under the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50722/21]

*930. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made to date in respect of the establishment of the new office of the national food ombudsman, regulator or equivalent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50723/21]

*931. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made to date in respect of proposals for the inclusion of the Irish poultry sector under the remit of an organisation (details supplied) which includes beef and sheep only; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50724/21]

*932. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress made to date in respect of the proposal for the establishment of a fund co-financed by industry and Government for the Irish poultry industry, similar to the Dutch animal health fund (details supplied) in order to improve disease control and mitigate financial impacts on Irish poultry farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50725/21]

*933. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the situation in Rusheen, Lough Sheelin, County Westmeath in which a local resident and fisherman and others have been refused a mooring peg and the accompanying key to the barrier erected in recent years as Coillte officials report all pegs have been allocated despite many remaining vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [50953/21]

*934. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated amount spent by his Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51098/21]

*935. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of his Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51115/21]

*936. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will receive an ANC payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51133/21]

*937. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of the funding required to resource the proposals in the report of the Seafood Task Force that will be allocated from the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund as opposed to the European Maritime Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51205/21]

*938. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which the proposals in the report of the Seafood Task Force will be resourced after the sunset clause for the Brexit Adjustment Reserve Fund of 31 December 2023 is implemented. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51206/21]

*939. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the additional arrangements that will be introduced at piers and harbours around the coast to allow fish landings to be facilitated if a new control plan for fish landings is not approved by the European Commission soon. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51207/21]
*940. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if in the absence of a new control plan for fish landings not being approved by the European Commission, if a peri plan or interim arrangements will be introduced in order that fish landings can be facilitated under control and to allow for in-factory weighing. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [51208/21]

*941. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 679 of 21 September 2021, the dates on which the applications which were returned were received by his Department in tabular form; the reason such files were not returned to the applicants at the time of receipt of the applications if sub-standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51237/21]

*942. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans going forward to look at the system of issuing licences for thinning and clearfell in forestry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51243/21]

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

*943. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will suggest funding possibilities for a school (details supplied) that falls outside the CLÁR area outlined on the map. — Robert Troy. [50652/21]

*944. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the detail of the €5 million allocated in Budget 2022 to provide for the establishment of a new small capital grant scheme for community centres; and if this is available to all community centres or just non-local authority centres. — Paul Donnelly. [50718/21]

*945. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding including additional allocation for rural development in each budget from 2005 to 2022; and the breakdown of the allocation and additional allocation by year in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [50988/21]

*946. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the estimated amount spent by her Department on the procurement, purchase and rent of new office space; and the amount spent on the procurement, purchase and rent of office equipment in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [51110/21]

*947. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of offices currently being rented or in ownership of her Department which are currently not in use by the Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [51127/21]

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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office based in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47864/21]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing, infrastructure and digital unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47865/21]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50787/21]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [50790/21]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he has identified any further potential risks in the context of the national risk assessment. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51253/21]