Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a report on the citizens’ assemblies pledged in the Programme for Government. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [52334/21]

2. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline for the citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Cian O’Callaghan. [52452/21]

3. To ask the Taoiseach the plans for the establishment of the citizens’ assemblies promised in the Programme for Government. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [52351/21]

4. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline for the citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53054/21]

5. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline and order of citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Mick Barry. [53183/21]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress towards implementing the citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Alan Kelly. [53389/21]

7. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline for the citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54392/21]

8. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline for the citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [54395/21]

9. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline and order of citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Mick Barry. [54650/21]

10. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline for the citizens’ assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Gary Gannon. [54774/21]

11. 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]

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

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to the United Nations in New York. — Paul Murphy. [48309/21]
14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. — Alan Kelly. [48291/21]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53056/21]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the most recent meeting of the United Nations Security Council. — Mick Barry. [53430/21]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. — Gary Gannon. [54775/21]

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

19. Chun a fhiafraí den Taoiseach cuntas a thabhairt ar an slí ina bhfuil an Acht na dTeanga 2003 ag feidhmnú ina rannóg. — Aindrias Moynihan. [54413/21]

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

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent discussions with the British Prime Minister. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52216/21]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the recent engagement he has had with the UK Prime Minister. — Brendan Smith. [52554/21]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he had recent discussions with the UK Prime Minister. — Seán Haughey. [54307/21]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent discussions with the British Prime Minister. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54393/21]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent discussions with the British Prime Minister. — Paul Murphy. [54396/21]

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

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [52454/21]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [53405/21]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deal with transport will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53057/21]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54394/21]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [54397/21]
32. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport issues; and when it is next due to meet. — Cormac Devlin. [54497/21]

33. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee deals with transport issues; when it last met; and when it is next due to meet. — James Lawless. [54498/21]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with transport will next meet. — Mick Barry. [54651/21]

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

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [54409/21]

37. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture; and when it is next due to meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54209/21]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Jackie Cahill. [54506/21]

39. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture; and when it is next due to meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54562/21]

40. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture; and when it is next due to meet. — Paul Murphy. [54565/21]

41. To ask the Taoiseach the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture; and when it is next due to meet. — Mick Barry. [54652/21]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagement with the First and Deputy First Ministers of Northern Ireland. — Neale Richmond. [53399/21]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office based in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47864/21]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [47865/21]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50787/21]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [50790/21]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the working of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [54496/21]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54563/21]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [54566/21]
50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [54767/21]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [54769/21]

52. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which any further potential risks have been identified in the context of the national risk assessment. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51253/21]

53. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which progress was made at the most recent European Council meeting with particular reference to the most pressing issues. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52868/21]

54. To ask the Taoiseach when the shared island dialogue will hold its next meeting. — Neale Richmond. [53398/21]

55. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the social impact assessments carried out by his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit since 1 January 2016. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52214/21]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international and European Union division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52215/21]

57. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a full account of each and every private client of the Attorney General during their time in office since June 2020; and the extent to which the Attorney General acted on behalf of or advised the directors or shareholders of a company (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [53526/21]

58. To ask the Taoiseach the full extent of the special and exceptional arrangements made by the Government to facilitate the appointment of the Attorney General in June 2020, which allowed for the continuation of private litigation while at the same time they were serving as Attorney General. — Paul Murphy. [54567/21]

59. To ask the Taoiseach the number of commissions of investigation currently ongoing; the duration of each commission of investigation; the deadline for each commission of investigation; and the actual and projected cost of each commission of investigation. — Peadar Tóibín. [54098/21]

60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent dialogues with the Government and President of the United States of America providing an update on the Irish protocol. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [54347/21]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Neale Richmond. [54388/21]

62. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent COP 26 UN Climate Change Conference. — Peadar Tóibín. [54391/21]

63. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Alan Kelly. [54411/21]

64. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54210/21]
65. To ask the Taoiseach the measures he will take to achieve the aspirations arising from discussions at the COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54701/21]

66. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [54390/21]

67. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the most recent European Council meeting. — Alan Kelly. [54410/21]

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**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

68. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider providing relief to low and middle-income households struggling with the cost of energy through an exemption of VAT from domestic energy supplies or a rebate of VAT on domestic energy supplies in the winter months; and if he has or will discuss these matters with the European Commission. — Pearse Doherty. [54656/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has given consideration to introducing wealth taxes given the very significant rise in corporate profitability and net household wealth concentrated in the hands of the super wealthy even during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54745/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he will take to ensure that all claim cost reductions derived from the new personal injuries guidelines are passed onto consumers in the form of reduced insurance premium; and when legislative action will be taken to reform the duty of care. — Pearse Doherty. [54657/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps taken to date to divest from fossil fuel investments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54601/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Finance if landowners with trees that need immediate solutions will be entitled to tax deductions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [54776/21]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**

**OTHER QUESTIONS**

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

73. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the implementation of Pillar Two of the OECD Base Erosion and Profit Shifting Project; his assessment of the impact of this on the Irish economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [54380/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Finance the way he is supporting the credit union sector in continuing to provide essential financial services to local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54363/21]
75. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans he has to enhance the National Claims Information Database in relation to insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [54357/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on recent engagement he or his Department have had with a trade union (details supplied) in relation to the future of banking in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [54338/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering extending enhanced employment wage subsidy scheme supports for childcare providers indefinitely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [48657/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to ensure that the new 15% minimum global corporate tax rate will be an effective rate given the many reliefs, deductions and allowances which the largest and most profitable corporations avail of to substantially reduce their taxable profit and which results in many of these companies currently paying far less than the 12.5% headline rate on their gross pre-tax trading profits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54402/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the relief available under the incapacitated child tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54323/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Finance the last time the threshold was increased of the gift a parent can give to a child for them not to be liable to have it assessed as part of their life gifts or inheritance from a parent; if he plans to increase the tax free ceiling of the annual gift a parent can give a child from €3,000 in the forthcoming Finance Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54332/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to amend the National Asset Management Agency Act 2009 to complement the recently published Housing for All plan to deliver more affordable and social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [54416/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Finance the way he plans to increase competition in the insurance sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54355/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to improve regulation in relation to tax fraud schemes and to ensure that scandals such as in a recent case (details supplied) do not reoccur in view of Ireland’s role in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54359/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that those who avail of the new digital gaming relief are subject to ensuring quality employment and training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [54403/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the implementation of the Programme for Government commitments relating to credit unions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54372/21]
86. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans he has to address the process of price walking in insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [54353/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has carried out a risk assessment regarding the winding down of the employment wage subsidy scheme and the potential impact on employment levels and the risk of corporate insolvencies; if his Department is considering a replacement scheme based on the principles of the successful German Kurzarbeit short-time work scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54316/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Finance the communication he has had or meetings he has held with retail banks and insurance companies with respect to contributions through levies or otherwise to a 100% redress scheme for homes affected by defective concrete blocks as a result of MICA and pyrite; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54424/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a short-term reduction in the rate of VAT charged on energy and certain other household utility bills to assist households with escalating heating and energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54318/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are barriers to reducing the VAT on non-alcoholic beer, stout and cider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [54211/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will direct banks to provide customers with written banking statements on a monthly basis if requested by the customer. — Holly Cairns. [54421/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to enable the credit union movement to grow as a key provider of community banking in the country. — Holly Cairns. [54422/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Cork and Kerry, respectively that have registered under the business resumption support scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [54343/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that recommendations that arise from the proposed review into extending section 664A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 to include agricultural contractors for the purpose of providing them similar status as farmers regarding the carbon tax on green diesel are implemented prior to the relevant increase in carbon tax taking effect in May 2022. — Matt Carthy. [54321/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that film producer companies in receipt of section 481 tax relief (details supplied) are regularly and on a routine basis stating to the Workplace Relations Commission and Labour Court that they have no employment relationship with film workers who have worked on section 481 funded productions in cases in which those workers take a case to those bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54401/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans he has to amend the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54324/21]
97. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to extending the highest 5% rate of the regional film development uplift for claims made after 31 December 2021; if there are similar or alternative proposals to encourage film production in regional areas as part of the film tax credit section 481; if additional supports can be considered to help expand and develop the increased level of film production taking place in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54418/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons in each supported by the employment wage subsidy scheme and its predecessor since the start of the pandemic; the value of the support in each county over that time in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [54374/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Finance the action he is taking to address differential pricing in which insurance customers are charged higher premiums relative to the expected costs the longer they remain with a provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54362/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had recent discussions with banks (details supplied) in relation to the protection of employment due to their respective decisions to exit the Irish market and close branches throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54334/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Finance the breakdown of received and granted applications for both residential and commercial properties under the living city initiative for Limerick city; his future plans to review and expand the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [54420/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the bike to work scheme to those who are self-employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54405/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered ending the Special Assignee Relief Programme in the interests of just taxation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54399/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Kildare and Wicklow that have now registered under the business resumption support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [54339/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he sees the possibility of inflation causing complications in the course of recovery from the financial effects of Covid-19; if this issue can be addressed at national or EU level in order to achieve the most effective and least painful methods of dealing with the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54350/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has or will make a submission to the relaunched review of EU economic governance in particular with regard to fundamental reform of the Stability and Growth Pact; and if so, the reforms he and the Government will argue in favour of. — Pearse Doherty. [54425/21]
107. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Longford and Westmeath that have now registered under the business resumption support scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [54348/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Finance the controls he can put in place in relation to the marketing of crypto assets ahead of any EU directives coming into force, for example, the Markets in Crypto-assets and amending directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54117/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Finance the schemes and supports that are available at present for disabled drivers to acquire and or adapt their own car. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [53063/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of his plans regarding double tax rules for cross-Border workers (details supplied) who are based in Ireland given the temporary Covid-19 waiver on these rules ends in January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54319/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of workers aged under 25 years of age whose wages are subsidised through the employment wage subsidy scheme; if he will provide a breakdown on an economic sector by sector basis in respect of the total number of firms in receipt of the scheme as of 1 November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54317/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to bring about reduced premia in the insurance sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [54340/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has made projections in relation to the expected change in corporation tax receipts. — Peadar Tóibín. [54432/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Finance if discussions are expected with senior officials of a bank (details supplied) regarding the future use of its soon to be vacated units in towns and villages across Ireland; if consideration has been given to the repurposing of these units as community digital hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [54245/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider abolishing the local property tax and replace the tax with a graduated second, third, fourth and so on home tax ensuring that the family home is not subject to a property tax in view of increasing inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54398/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford that have now registered under the business resumption support scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [54337/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures taken in the Finance Bill to adjust tax bands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54310/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in Dublin city and county that have now registered under the business resumption support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [54352/21]
119. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether Ireland’s tax system is consistent with Ireland’s stated commitment to equitable development and working with poorer countries to move beyond a reliance on aid given the recent revelations by an organisation (details supplied) regarding the tax avoidance activities of a company which show definitively that taxable profits are being siphoned from poorer countries such as Nepal and Ethiopia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45481/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of employees with gross pay in excess of €100,000, €200,000 and €300,000 who availed of tax relief on their pension contributions in 2019; his views on whether this is a judicious use of resources; if he will consider a review of the tax relief on pension contributions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [54429/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Finance the changes that have been made to tax bands and tax credits; the expected benefit of same to persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [54342/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons who have availed of the help-to-buy scheme in Cork city and county in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in view of the extension to the scheme in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54375/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagements he has had with insurance underwriters to bring more into the market; if an update will be provided on the work of the Office to Promote Competition in the Insurance Market in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [54345/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on recent engagements he has had with the insurance sector in relation to the high cost of insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [54349/21]

125. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reduce the taxes on fuel and home heating oil similar to other EU countries (details supplied) to ease the pressure on vulnerable persons and hauliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [53709/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to developing an application or website to assist with the administration of tax relief for remote workers announced as part of Budget 2022; if guidance is being developed to assist remote workers in calculating the number of days worked from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54417/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale for the decrease in the flat rate of VAT; and the likely impact on farmers. — Marian Harkin. [51556/21]

128. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on inflation and the rising costs of living currently challenging persons; the measures being considered to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [54358/21]

129. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding his engagement with the insurance sector specifically related to persons and businesses that operate recreational facilities and outdoor
activities; if his attention has been drawn to businesses being forced to close due to prohibitive insurance costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [54244/21]

130. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions he has had with his EU colleagues in the context of addressing the issue of inflation throughout the European Union; if corrective measures are required or are likely to be required in the short to medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54351/21]

131. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Mayo, Roscommon, Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal that have now registered under the business resumption support scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [54335/21]

132. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the incapacitated child allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [53577/21]

133. To ask the Minister for Finance the assistance available to assist first-time buyers in the property market in the context of Budget 2022; the number of persons these measures will benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [54341/21]

134. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the challenges faced by organisations and businesses in the leisure, sporting and charity sectors in accessing affordable public liability insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [54212/21]

135. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider immediate measures to support renters in the private rental market including the introduction of a refundable tax credit equivalent to one month’s rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [54426/21]

136. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses counties Offaly and Laois, respectively that have registered under the business resumption support scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [54373/21]

137. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress made in his Department’s areas of responsibility under the Action Plan for Insurance Reform. — Michael Moynihan. [54344/21]

138. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Clare and Galway that have now registered under the business resumption support scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [54356/21]

139. To ask the Minister for Finance when a review of the primary medical certificate scheme will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [53576/21]

140. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the work plan and actions of the Action Plan for Insurance Reform; his future plans to tackle the crisis in terms of public liability insurance; if he is satisfied with these measures to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [54346/21]

141. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to increase the threshold on the small benefit exemption scheme on a once-off basis in 2021 in the Finance Bill to allow employers show
appreciation to their staff for their commitment during Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54331/21]

142. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the local property tax exemptions for unfinished estates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [54248/21]

143. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the promised review of the help-to-buy scheme; the person or body that will carry out the review; the terms of reference of the review; the timeline for the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54377/21]

144. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to phase out the Special Assignee Relief Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54378/21]

145. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons with eating disorders are currently unable to get a mortgage due to the fact that they are being turned down for life insurance, a requirement of all mortgage applications; the steps he is taking to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54313/21]

146. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had recent discussions with the Central Bank in relation to the need to ensure an adequate retailed banking system throughout all regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54333/21]

147. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons who have availed of tax relief and support for those working from home in Cork city and county in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in view of the expansion of support for remote workers in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54376/21]

148. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on his recent engagements with the credit union sector. — Aindrias Moynihan. [54381/21]

149. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will bring forward recommendations to address the high costs of insurance cover in the childcare sector. — Matt Carthy. [54320/21]

150. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans he has to address the difficulties currently arising in securing insurance for outdoor sports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [54336/21]

151. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue that would have been generated had the full rate of capital gains tax applied to the disposal of assets by IREFs and REITs in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if he will apply the full rate of capital gains tax to such disposals in the future. — Pearse Doherty. [54428/21]

152. To ask the Minister for Finance his projections for the inflation rate in the coming year and its likely impact on the economy, consumers and the public finances. — Willie O’Dea. [54379/21]
153. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions he and his officials have had with a bank (details supplied) regarding the decision by the bank to close branches across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54414/21]

154. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Cavan, Monaghan, Meath and Louth, respectively that have registered under the business resumption support scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54354/21]

155. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps taken to date to divest from fossil fuel investments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54322/21]

156. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses in counties Tipperary and Limerick, respectively that have registered under the business resumption support scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54371/21]

157. To ask the Minister for Finance if her attention has been drawn to the impact of high insurance costs in the arts sector. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [47793/21]

158. To ask the Minister for Finance if the diesel fuel rebate for hauliers will be increased as an acknowledgement of the current price of fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [54249/21]

159. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans his Department has to address the apparent tax avoidance identified in research by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54116/21]

160. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the sale of a portion of the State’s shareholding in a bank (details supplied); the brokerage costs of the sale to date; if he plans to reconsider plans to divest the State of its remaining shareholding in the bank in view of the recent profits posted by the institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54315/21]

161. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of commissions of investigation currently ongoing; the duration of each commission of investigation; the deadline for each commission of investigation; and the actual and projected cost of each commission of investigation. — Peadar Tóibín. [54098/21]

162. To ask the Minister for Finance the work that is being undertaken to assist higher risk sports such as climbing and water sports to access affordable insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [54714/21]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*163. To ask the Taoiseach the number of civil servants that are employed by the Chief State Solicitors Office for each of the past three years; the grade of each; and the budget allocated to the Office for each of the past three years. — Fergus O’Dowd. [54624/21]
*164. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [54412/21]

*165. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagement with the First and Deputy First Ministers of Northern Ireland. — Alan Kelly. [54770/21]

*166. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 13 of 12 October 2021, when specific allocations for 2021, 2022 and 2023 will be made for Project Ireland 2040 cross-Border funding to support key infrastructure projects committed to in the National Development Plan, including projects (details supplied). — Mary Lou McDonald. [53734/21]

*167. To ask the Taoiseach the breakdown of the funding commitments for 2021, 2022 and 2023 for all projects, initiatives, services, goods and works committed to from the Shared Island Fund; and the amount and recipients of the funding in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53735/21]

*168. To ask the Taoiseach the breakdown of all external consultancy fees paid by his Department in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53737/21]

*169. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the cross-Border Project Ireland 2040 infrastructure projects and the funding allocated for 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53853/21]

*170. To ask the Taoiseach the details of his Department’s current cross-Border initiatives, goods and or services committed to and the funding allocated to each for 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [53871/21]

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

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will reverse a decision to exclude homecare workers from the critical skills exemption to the non-EEA employment permit system to ensure that community-based care is adequately resourced in line with commitments made in the Programme for Government. — Ivana Bacik. [53990/21]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason a decision was taken to exclude homecare workers from the critical skills exemption to the non-EEA employment permit system. — Ivana Bacik. [53991/21]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the proposed industrial park for Ballina, County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54033/21]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a valid work permit application has been received in respect of a critical skills visa for a person (details supplied); the timeline for the processing of this application; and when the applicant company will be informed of the outcome. — Michael Creed. [54559/21]
Chun an Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide: To the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications.

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a person (details supplied) qualifies for an SEAI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [54026/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications for the SEAI warmer homes grant; the current average length of time persons are waiting for SEAI warmer homes grant works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54079/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of heat pumps that have been installed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54080/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the resources and staff that will be available for the National Retrofit Delivery Body; the cost of establishing the Body to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54081/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the cost to Eirgrid for funding wind farm operators for times when there is a curtailment or dispatch is down, for example, in cases in which more electricity is produced than can be consumed at that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [54085/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current estimates of his Department and of the agencies under his remit of the amount of CO2 created in the transport sector when vehicles are travelling at speeds, by category of vehicle and by fuel type (details supplied) in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [54090/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the contribution that floating offshore wind can make in contributing to producing renewable energy and further enabling climate action in line with Programme for Government commitments. — Sean Sherlock. [54095/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of the 183 actions in the Climate Action Plan 2019 that have been implemented to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [54113/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline for the recruitment of a director of the Irish National Cyber Security Centre; when the job specification was supplied to the Public Appointments Service for the first time; the length of time before this was published the first time and then on the second round; the date on which the latest version of the job specification was supplied to the Public Appointments Service; the length of time before it advertised this role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54135/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the background, take-up and roll-out of the digital skills for citizens scheme over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54136/21]
*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the Dublin local authorities that applied for and were successful under the environmental fund for local authorities since 2010; the amount each of these applications were for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54137/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way to obtain payment for electricity supplied to the National Grid as a result of installation of solar panels at a property (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [54149/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the investment programme by Eirgrid on improving the national grid; the way this investment is prioritised in connectivity for renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [54166/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason the average monthly electricity wholesale price in Ireland is greater than the European average; the steps being taken to address rising energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [54178/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which microgeneration of electricity might be used by the agri-food producing sector to mitigate against carbon emissions; the availability of models whereby this might be successfully done; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54179/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which his Department has examined the various potential options for micro electricity generation, farm management, tree planting and or any other measures likely to offset against or reduce carbon emissions with particular reference to the need to ensure family farm viability into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54181/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that have applied for SEAI solar grants; the number of homes that have been granted for each year since its inception and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54237/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the installation of fibre broadband in Cadamstown, County Offaly (details supplied) will proceed under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [54294/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a new policy on microgeneration will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [54309/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount paid by the State in respect of it missing its climate change targets to date; and the estimated amount forecasted or accounted for that the State will pay in each of the next ten years. — Catherine Murphy. [54436/21]
*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there will be a payment under National Just Transition Fund for owners of bogs that are not permitted for cutting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54543/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will request confirmation from all public bodies under his aegis and all bodies publicly funded by his Department that they are in compliance with the Web Accessibility Directive (EU 2016/2102) with regard to web sites from 23 September 2020 and mobile apps from 23 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54661/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action that will be taken by his Department for any public body or any publicly funded body under his aegis which is non-compliant with accessibility requirements under the 2005 disability and equality legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54662/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applications approved and number of charge points delivered by county under the public point charge scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54591/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress being made under the eCar scheme; the number of high-powered charging points, fast charging points and replacement charging points installed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54592/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider a series of matters in relation to diesel vehicles (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53956/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if a course (details supplied) will be abolished; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53962/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if express lanes for HGVs will be put in place in line with other EU countries (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53963/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if a matter in relation to the ability of hauliers to charge for delays experienced at unloading and loading points (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53966/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for a driving test in County Tipperary since 1 January 2021 until 30 October 2021 in each test centre in tabular form; the additional resources being provided to the Road Safety Authority to enable it to reduce driving test waiting times and lists; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that since the resumption of driving tests applicants are waiting up to six months or more for a driving test which is impacting severely on applicants’ employment prospects or students’ ability to get to and from college; if his attention has been drawn to the need for driving test waiting lists to be substantially reduced in order that all applicants are provided with a driving test without delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53992/21]
*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter regarding the LocalLink service in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54004/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered the report on the future of the western rail corridor; and the action he will take in respect of a Sligo to Limerick route. — Catherine Murphy. [54015/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the N/M20 Cork to Limerick project; the steps to be taken going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54069/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the work that has been undertaken and completed in respect of the N/M20 Cork to Limerick project in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54070/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that used Dublin Bus Route 84x in each direction in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54076/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that used Bus Éireann Route 133 Wicklow to Dublin Airport, in each direction in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54077/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the Port of Cork to vacate the Tivoli site in order to allow the site to be redeveloped for housing and transport needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54103/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons in each of the past five years who have temporarily or permanently surrendered their driving licence due to a medical condition (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [54258/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if will consider expanding the eligibility criteria for the young adult travel card scheme to include private bus and coach operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54468/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for a decision to exclude private bus operators from the new young adult travel card scheme which was recently announced as part of Budget 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54470/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will intervene in the ongoing issues between the Irish Coast Guard management and volunteers which has resulted in the Doolin branch being taken off the board and left that area with no operational search and rescue service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54525/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 75 of 23 June 2021, if further consideration has been given to the fact that although there have been no complaints lodged by full-time professionals of the Irish Coast Guard, there is no effective mechanism to record complaints or grievances by volunteers. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54526/21]
*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the evidence he has on measures taken by his Department to resolve the ongoing issues reported by volunteers of the Irish Coast Guard against the management and governance structures. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54527/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric State vehicles as a percentage of the overall number of State-owned vehicles as at 31 August 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54593/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider expanding the scope of eligibility for the young adult travel card scheme to include private bus and coach operators in order to avoid the exclusion of young persons living outside large urban areas in which public transport is not readily available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [54597/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the savings made since the downgrading of the cliff rescue element of the Irish Coast Guard station based in Bunbeg, Letterkenny, County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54600/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the efforts that are being made to ensure that the measures announced by France in retaliation against the UK in relation to the fisheries dispute will not impact the use of the land bridge for hauliers coming to and from Ireland to the mainland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54647/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport if public bodies under his aegis and bodies publicly funded by his Department have a procurement policy which includes consideration of obligations under section 27 of the Disability Act 2005; if such procurement is audited for compliance with section 27; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54658/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of all bodies in receipt of direct grant assistance from his Department that are not public bodies for the purposes of the Disability Act 2005; the amount each body is in receipt of each year from 2016 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54659/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if all public bodies under his aegis and all bodies publicly funded by his Department are in compliance with the Web Accessibility Directive (EU 2016/2102) with regard to web sites from 23 September 2020 and mobile apps from 23 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54660/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the action that will be taken by his Department for any public body or any publicly funded body under his aegis which is non-compliant with accessibility requirements under the 2005 disability and equality legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54663/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the practice within the Road Safety Authority of not renewing contracts for staff who have almost reached three years’ service and replacing them with new staff thereby incurring additional training costs and loss of staff experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54664/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport if driver testers employed by the Road Safety Authority are being classified as self-employed contractors; the percentage of the Authority’s driver tester workforce who are classified as such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54665/21]
*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if contracts for new driver testers for the Road Safety Authority will have to go through a public procurement procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54666/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that will be introduced as a matter of urgency to assist the haulage industry due to the particular problems facing that sector at present as a result of increased costs and labour shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54670/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will instruct Transport Infrastructure Ireland to introduce significant traffic calming measures on the N71 in Leap village at the section of road by the local primary school, local playground, local church and shop in the interest of safety for pedestrians and motorists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [54690/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the persons who have undertaken the initial basic training for learner motorcyclists but who have been unable to attain a test date within the required two years of completing the course; if he will allow a time extension for these persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [54751/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the plug-in hybrid electric vehicle SEAI grant relief for hybrid plug-in vehicles has been reduced from €5,000 to €2,500; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [54753/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport the way the Government expects to reach its targets for 2021 and 2022 in terms of sales of electric hybrid plug-in cars while it is reducing the financial incentives for persons to purchase such vehicles. — Peadar Tóibín. [54754/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if urgent consideration will be given to the issues outlined in detailed correspondence from a representative organisation (details supplied) in relation to the serious difficulties facing this sector at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54760/21]

_Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance._

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance if discussions are expected to give VAT and taxation incentives to encourage landowners back into forestry in order to contribute to the Climate Action Plan. — Richard O’Donoghue. [54777/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans there are or proposed to amend the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54602/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance if a series of issues (details supplied) in relation to fuel costs and carbon tax for transport operators will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53960/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he has taken in respect of the provision of premiums by insurance companies to persons in homes that are not designated as a flood risk; and if his attention has been drawn to instances in which insurance companies are refusing to provide
cover in instances in which OPW flood maps clearly identify areas as not being in a flood area. — Catherine Murphy. [53969/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the way travel and subsistence payments for the construction sector, known as country money, are set; if there are discussions to increase the payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [53972/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the refusal by Irish banks to finance mortgages for so-called cargo container houses due to the fact they are not fixed foundation housing; his views on this policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [53988/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to include e-scooters as eligible methods of transport under the cycle to work scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [54014/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of the tax relief on the first €200 of income arising from the domestic generation of electricity supplied to the grid will be in one year; the estimated number of applicants in the first year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [54058/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to increase the ceilings of repayment of VRT and VAT on the purchase of vehicles for disabled persons with a primary medical certificate (details supplied) in view of the increase in VRT on vehicles recently and the increase in the price of vehicles and subsequently on the VAT element of the purchase of vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54092/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason for the refusal of insurance companies to insure hunt and harrier packs resulting in closure for these businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [54126/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance when a review of the primary medical certificate scheme will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54219/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will intervene in the timing of the branch closures by a bank (details supplied) by replicating the actions of the UK financial sector regulator which will mean the pausing of any closures during the current pandemic; his views on the fact that persons will be greatly impacted by the withdrawal of banking services in their locality at a most inopportune time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54267/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider removing the 50% limitation in the Finance Bill 2021 on the amount of land that can be used for solar farms in relation to capital acquisition tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54302/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has engaged with a company (details supplied) in particular with regard to homes under its insurance cover which now have confirmed cases of pyrite and MICA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [54366/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the audit of vacant properties being undertaken by his Department; and if this audit will include the reason for vacancy. — Thomas Gould. [54368/21]
*250. To ask the Minister for Finance the discussions he and his officials have had with a bank (details supplied) regarding the decision by the bank to close branches across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54386/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance if a house is exempt from the local property tax in circumstances in which the person is visually impaired and their house has been modified for their needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [54435/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has identified barriers to entry in the non-investment sector of the Irish banking market and anti-competitive commercial practices by Irish banks; and, if so, the detail of the barriers. — Peadar Tóibín. [52011/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans that are in place for the expansion of the employment and investment incentive scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53168/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance his proposals to address the high insurance costs incurred by many facilities providing tourism services. — Matt Carthy. [47949/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider applying a change to the corporation tax return which would oblige multinational companies to disclose the state research and development activity which is carried out in order to make an assessment of the effectiveness of the research and development tax relief at incentivising companies to deepen research and development activity within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54314/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he will take to eliminate the opportunities for companies to use Ireland in tax fraud measures as exposed in files (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54448/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding an application for incapacitated child credit in respect of a person (details supplied); if he will request the Revenue Commissioners to review incapacitated child credit application in respect of a person with a view to awarding same, at pre-diagnosis stage, in line with the current medical advice and significant medical evidence which has been provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [54461/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether in the context of a bank exiting the Irish market and selling its loan book that in the case of any family home mortgage being sold on to a third-party at a discount on the mortgage, for example, a tracker mortgage, that the discount be offered in the first instance to the mortgage holder who may be in a position to buy out their mortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [54634/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance if the provisions of section 97A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 (details supplied) are subject to a limit on the number of individual residential units that a landlord can claim for; the number of residential units for which these reliefs have been claimed that have been brought into use in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the total cost to the State in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54676/21]
*260. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected budgeted revenue cost for the full year in 2022 arising from section 28 of the Finance Bill 2021 that inserts a new section 25A into the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 with provisions relating to attribution of profits to a branch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54677/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected budgeted revenue cost for the full year in 2022 arising from the provisions of section 481 of Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 relief for investment in films; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54678/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected budgeted revenue cost for the full year in 2022 arising from the provisions of section 32 of the Finance Bill 2021 that amends the definition of eligible expenditure in section 481 to confirm that payments made directly by a qualifying company to an individual involved in the provision of labour-only services for the purposes of the production of a qualifying film, qualify as eligible expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54679/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is planning to put in place to ensure that section 32 of the Finance Bill does not contribute to bogus self-employment in the film industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54680/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of the revenue foregone over the past five years from section 481 of Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 relief for investment in films by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54681/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of businesses that are receiving payments under the employment wage subsidy scheme; the amount has been paid in total under the scheme to date in 2021; and the amount that is budgeted for payment in 2022; and the changes to rules for eligibility for this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54682/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance the projected budgeted revenue cost for the full year in 2022 arising from the provisions of section 72 of the Finance Bill 2021 that removes the prohibition on reduction of penalties in offshore cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54683/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he continues to monitor any inflationary tendencies in Ireland with a view to corrective action if required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54717/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he expects the Eurozone countries to address the issues such as inflation now emerging throughout the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54718/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures available in this jurisdiction to combat such issues as inflation, in Ireland or throughout the Eurozone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54719/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he has had discussions with the EU Finance Minister in his role as President of the Eurogroup, the various issues which now constitute
a threat to economic stability in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54720/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he continues to influence thinking in the Eurogroup with the view to ensuring a united effort to challenge potential threats to European economies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54721/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he continues to review any difficulties faced by borrowers who may have had to postpone meeting scheduled mortgage payments during the lockdown; if any specific provision is being made or can be made to address the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54722/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which house price inflation here is likely to affect economic performance in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54723/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which home borrowers here can expect to be able to borrow at interest rates that prevail throughout Europe and in accordance with the single market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54724/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will indicate the ongoing effect of Brexit on the economic performance in Ireland as well as other EU Member States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54726/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which corporation tax changes are likely to impact on this country’s future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54727/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will indicate the future fiscal measures, if any, required throughout the Eurozone in the context of Covid-19 recovery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54728/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor the activities of investment funds here with particular reference to the need to ensure that their activities are strictly in accordance with their operational licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54729/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he and his EU colleagues continue to monitor issues likely to impact on this and other European economies with particular reference to price hikes which appear to have emerged with increasing frequency; the extent to which he and his colleagues monitor their origins; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54730/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he continues to observe inflationary tendencies in this economy with particular reference to the need to identify their origin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54731/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he expects the economy to recover over the next year after the relaxation of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54732/21]
*282. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has in mind any further Brexit-related economic interventions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54733/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor developments in the insurance industry with particular reference to the need to provide insurance cover for all types of insurance at viable rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54734/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address the concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) in respect of green and glasshouse growers as per correspondence in the context of the carbon tax and Budget 2022; if he is satisfied that the future of this industry has been adequately safeguarded in conjunction with recent budgetary carbon taxation measures, considering the points raised in correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [54783/21]

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

*285. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if special consideration will be given to civil servants with disabilities in terms of returning to the office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54604/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views and vision for the upgrading of basic infrastructure here in order to better cater for the increased population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54725/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the mileage rate for public servants using a hybrid car; the way in which it was calculated when it was introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [53955/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a new scheme will be developed to facilitate e-scooters that operates like the bike to work scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [54014/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he is satisfied that the pregnancy-related aspect of the sick leave scheme is being consistently applied for public servants (details supplied); and the steps a public servant can take to enforce compliance in cases in which they are being denied their entitlement. — Catherine Murphy. [54023/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department distributed return to the workplace packs; if so, the individual items contained in each pack; the country of origin of each individual item and the cost of each of item; the number of packs distributed as of 1 November 2021; and the overall cost as of 1 November 2021. — Alan Kelly. [54089/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the official policy of his Department regarding the acceptance of requests by civil service workers who wish to remain working from home to prevent exposed health risks entailed by the return to the office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [54265/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the demographic costs for disability for 2022 were calculated in Budget 2022; the details of the

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allocations to specific areas of disability, that is, residential, therapies, respite and so on that are meant to meet demographic costs; and the way these relate to the demographic evidence outlined in the Disability Capacity Review to 2032 A Review of Social Care Demand and Capacity Requirements to 2032. — Róisín Shortall. [54285/21]

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

*293. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if indoor games such as darts, pool, snooker and so on are now permitted in an indoor hospitality setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [53958/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if darts is permitted to return as an indoor sport during current Government guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54387/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if clarification will be provided in relation to the recent Sport Ireland guidelines that exclude persons under 18 years of age who are unvaccinated against Covid-19 from participating in basketball training and or games; her views on these guidelines given that the Covid-19 vaccine is not available to those under 12 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [53957/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total allocation of funding for the National Concert Hall in Budget 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [53984/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total allocation of funding for the National Symphony Orchestra including the funding for the transfer of the orchestra from RTÉ to the remit of the National Concert Hall in Budget 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [53985/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the €8 million allocated in Budget 2021 for the transfer of the National Symphony Orchestra to the National Concert Hall from RTÉ was fully spent; and if she will provide a timeline for the completion of the transfer. — Ivana Bacik. [53986/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason persons under 18 years of age are unable to play basketball if they are unvaccinated. — Richard O’Donoghue. [53993/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to sports clubs or organisations which are excluding children from certain activities or restricting their participation on the basis of their vaccination status or that of their parents; and if this is in line with her Department’s policy for children’s participation in sport. — Peadar Tóibín. [54016/21]

*301. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén uair a bhfuil sí ag súil le fios a bheith aici faoin leathanach a bheidh ar nacolaítear Gaeilge an bhliain seo chugainn; cén próiseas a leanfar le cinneadh a dhéanamh faoi sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54091/21]
*302. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason only persons with a valid Covid-19 vaccination certificate are allowed to take part in any basketball competitions and games; the reason she has allowed children to miss out on their preferred sport due to a discriminatory policy in relation to the vaccine status of a child; if she will issue a clarification on the issue and ensure that all children are treated the same regardless of their vaccine status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [54111/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the various elements of the creative youth programme; the way it has been rolled out in the administrative area of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54138/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of the 24 DEIS schools which received funding under the Fighting Words-Creative Ireland Programme; the allocations to each in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54139/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 313 of 28 September 2021, the reason for the delay by her officials to meet with a club (details supplied) regarding a sports grant in view of the commitment given by her in a Parliamentary reply that the meeting would happen. — Catherine Murphy. [54177/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position relating to the requirement for Covid-19 vaccination passports for participation in underage team sports; if he will direct all national sporting organisations to ensure that no child is discriminated against and prevented from participating in their chosen sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [54189/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the allocation made to each local authority in 2020 and 2021 for commemorating the Decade of Commeminations; the amount drawn down by each local authority in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54486/21]

*308. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán ar cuireadh a Roîn ar an eolais sular glacadh an cinneadh ar an 13 Iúil 2021 fáil réidh leis an dualgas ar ábhar Sáirsint an grád 50% a fháil sa Scrúdú Inniúlachta Béil sa Ghaeilge; an dtagann an cinneadh sin salach ar thiomantas an rialtais an Ghaeilge a chur chun cinn sa stáitseirbhís mar atá raitte ag an Aire agus an Aire Stát, agus an impeoidh sí ar an Aire Dlí agus Curt dul siar ar an gcinneadh sin a dhéanfadh dochair don Ghaeilge sa Gharda Síochána. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [54511/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has engaged with Sport Ireland and or Basketball Ireland in respect of anomalies regarding the way in which the sport of basketball is organised (details supplied) in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will direct through Sport Ireland that Basketball Ireland implement a more consistent approach that is reflected in other court and field sports. — Catherine Murphy. [54609/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason Tourism Ireland is not promoting Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54762/21]

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

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase the time for the spreading of manure in County Donegal in view of the weather conditions over the period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53981/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures Ireland has taken to comply with the European Court of Justice judgment arising from litigation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [53999/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total fines incurred over an ongoing failure to observe proper environmental standards at a windfarm (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54000/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which water quality continues to be monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54188/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of individual vacant sites and beneficial owners to which the vacant sites levy has been applied; the amount of revenue that has been raised by the levy in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to-date in 2021; the amount of tax due that remains to be collected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54684/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a review will be carried out on the current guidelines for electric car parking space installations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53977/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if eight hares were killed on the first day of a coursing meeting by a club (details supplied) on 15 October 2021; the results of any post-mortems carried out on these hares; if this coursing meeting was called off on day one; and if the club was accommodated by another club to run its various stakes on the following weekend of 23 and 24 October 2021. — Paul Murphy. [53982/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the health of all the hares in captivity at a club (details supplied); and if these hares were released into the wild after the meeting on 15 October 2021 was called off. — Paul Murphy. [53983/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a local authority (details supplied) made an application for affordable housing in any location in the county; the correspondence between the council and his Department in this regard; the position of same if an application has been submitted by the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54006/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total expenditure to date on homeless HAP. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54018/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeless HAP tenancies in Dublin at the end of each quarter from Q1 2016 to Q1 2021, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54019/21]
*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of septic tanks at private dwellings that were inspected (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54060/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will undertake a fundamental review of An Bord Pleanála to ensure that its decisions are made with good quality placemaking and democratic decision making in planning in view of the latest High Court decision against An Bord Pleanála with respect to the Dublin City Council material amendments to the Docklands SDZ. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54101/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the establishment of a deposit retention scheme given the legislation passed on this matter by the Houses of the Oireachtas in 2015 and in view of the loss of deposits by tenants of a company (details supplied) when the company went into liquidation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54114/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the final date for strategic housing development pre-planning applications to An Bord Pleanála; and the expected final deadline for full strategic housing development applications to An Bord Pleanála in view of the delay in the introduction and passing of the planning and development (amendment) (LSRD) Bill. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54144/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update following-on from the publication of the Report from the Working Group on the Defective Concrete Blocks Grant Scheme; if there has been progress in relation to putting in place a suitable scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54150/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the slow process in relation to the insulation of local authority properties in an area (details supplied); the reason such little funding has been allocated to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54220/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Water Services Acts allow for the taking in charge of developer-provided wastewater treatment infrastructure but the memorandum of understanding between Irish Water and local authorities does not allow the taking in charge of such infrastructure; if the memorandum of understanding will be revised in line with the Planning and Development Act 2000 and the Water Services Acts; if legislation will be amended to allow Irish Water to take over estates with standalone water services infrastructure such as wells, water treatment plants and wastewater treatment plants and associated pumping station systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54235/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps or avenues that are open to a person or community when they wish to appeal a decision or An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [54250/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria for a local authority and or housing association in advance of purchasing a house on the private market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [54251/21]
*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of council housing applications with Carlow County Council as of November 2021. — Kathleen Funchion. [54253/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the schedule plan and forecasts his Department has outlined regarding the regulatory and legislative developments still required to develop the offshore wind energy sector; if his Department’s projections indicate that all outstanding regulation issues will be addressed in time for Ireland’s 70% renewable energy target by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54266/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has a policy position on the construction of cargo container houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54268/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the publication of the report of the working group on the use of Peat Moss in Horticulture; if the findings of the report will be debated in Dáil Éireann and acted on without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54279/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grants available from his Department for group sewerage schemes; if he plans to increase the grants; the arrangements in place to enable new group sewerage schemes tie into the Irish Water sewerage network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54304/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Residential Tenancies Board can provide a breakdown per county of the number of reports from landlords, tenants or neighbours of disputes in relation to nuisance including obstruction of sunlight caused by vegetation which is situated at or on or close to the boundary line between adjoining and separately owned dwelling including any outbuilding, office, yard, garden or other land adjacent to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54480/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the terms of reference for the review of the model of local authority retained fire services delivery, with particular emphasis on the recruitment and retention of staff that has been approved by the management board of the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management. — John Brady. [54499/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the person or body that will carry out the review of the model of local authority retained fire services delivery; when the review commenced; when the report is due to be completed; and if it will be made publicly available. — John Brady. [54500/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if serving firefighters and those who have left the service will be consulted as part of the review of the model of local authority retained fire services delivery that has been approved by the management board of the National Directorate for Fire and Emergency Management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54501/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will implement the recommendations in the July 2013 report titled Report on the Title of the Architect; and if
he will support the call from an organisation (details supplied) to include a standard grandfather clause in Part 3 of the Building Control Act 2007. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54512/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social homes that have been retrofitted to date by county through the 2021 energy efficiency retrofitting programme; the funding allocated to each local authority for this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54547/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of council homes that have been retrofitted under the midlands retrofit programme 2020, by county; the associated funding costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54548/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the report into alleged planning irregularities in County Donegal will be published; and the action he plans to take arising from the contents of the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54549/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of loan applications to the Housing Finance Agency from higher education institutions that have not been approved in each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54581/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when dredging will commence at Magheroarty Pier, Magheraroarty, Gortahork, County Donegal; the reason this application has taken so long to be processed; if his attention has been drawn to the impact of the delay in dredging is having on the local fishing fleet (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54598/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to works carried out in the basement of Emo Court in January 2019 prior to the granting of a derogation licence; and his views on and if he will address same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54610/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a recommendation of prosecution from the NPWS regarding works carried out at Emo Court that involved the disturbance of a bat roost. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54611/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the long-promised community centre for St. Mary’s Park Estate, King’s Island, Limerick (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [54685/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to review the maximum grant amounts for housing adaptation grants for elderly persons and persons with disabilities due to the increased cost of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [54686/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the decarbonised zones project; when decarbonised zones will be approved, guidelines issued and when the steering committee structures will be outlined considering that deadlines for submission was 21 April 2021. — Francis Noel Duffy. [54691/21]
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*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the sources of funding for the planned decarbonised zone activity and the support for project managers to enable local authorities to support this significant new activity. — Francis Noel Duffy. [54692/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is planned to allocate additional funding resources to Galway County Council housing department to implement the government’s ambitious programme Housing for All in view of the current staff deficit in the council and the lack of resources to fund additional staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54752/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration will be given for the sale of two-bed local authority houses to existing housing tenants in certain circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [54755/21]

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

*354. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to disturbing reports coming from Afghanistan regarding the treatment of members of the LGBT+ community by the Taliban; if this matter has been discussed at European Council meetings; if contact has been made with the Taliban authorities on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [54003/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [54009/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a person (details supplied) will be provided with the cover page required to complete their passport renewal. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [54013/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if passport applications by a family (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54022/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a member of the Houses of the Oireachtas can collect a passport for a person in cases in which the person gives permission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54037/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason there is a cut-off of five passport queries per week to the dedicated passport phone line for Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas; the determination that brought this about; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54038/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason there is an estimated timings on delivery for issuing passports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54039/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passports that have not been issued in the past 24 hours on their estimated issue dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54040/21]
*362. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the military coup that took place in Sudan on 25 October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54043/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons that work in the Passport Office in Cork and Dublin since January 2020 to date; the number still working from home; the number that have full access to their systems; the number that been fully paid since March 2020 to date; the number that are receiving their full payments in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54044/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passports that have been issued on an emergency basis since 2020; the number of passport applications that have been received in passport offices since 2020; the number of passport applications that were online renewals since 2020; the number of passport applications that were via post renewals since 2020; the number of passports that were first-time child applications online since 2020; and the number of passports that were first-time child applications via post since 2020, in tabular form. — Michael Collins. [54047/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of passport applications; the backlog for same; his plans to ensure this backlog is cleared; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54048/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the mental health of a person is considered an emergency situation to fast-track a passport in order that the person can visit family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54049/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a passport has still been not issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54051/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address the long waiting times on the phone for applicants who apply for passports; the number of persons that are employed to answer these calls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54052/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the recent military and security forces coup in Sudan; if his attention has been drawn to subsequent reports of many human rights infringements in Sudan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [54054/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will examine a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [54071/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications in which no queries have been raised yet that are on hand for more than two and three months, respectively; the reason for the delay in processing these passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54145/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications on hand with the Passport Office at present; the steps being taken to clear this backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54146/21]
*373. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied); the reason this passport application has not been processed within the date indicated on the Department website; the reason for the inordinate delay in processing this passport application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54147/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a list of all honorary consuls that have been appointed in Ireland since the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations was enacted in 1963; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [54156/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if in view of the declaration by Israel that six Palestinian civil society organisations in the Occupied Palestinian territory are terrorist organisations, his views on whether the root cause of this problem is an illegal occupation which has little regard for the human rights of Palestinians and that it is now time to take more concrete action to have this attack on human rights defenders stopped immediately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54218/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current average waiting time for the processing of foreign birth registrations; his plans to address delays and backlogs due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54238/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54239/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the initiatives being taken at United Nations Security Council level or elsewhere within the European Union to protect human rights and opportunities in Myanmar. — Richard Bruton. [54270/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for the delay in the processing of a passport application by a person (details supplied) despite the fact that there is an emergency travel case involved and despite the fact that the indicated date of issue was 10 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54271/21]

*380. 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. — Marian Harkin. [54283/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) considering that the application had an estimated issue date of 19 October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54382/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport application lodged on 22 August 2021 will be processed and dispatched to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54383/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [54514/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts that are being made to ensure that measures announced by France in retaliation against the UK over the fisheries dispute will not impact the use of the landbridge for hauliers coming to and from Ireland to the mainland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54520/21]
*385. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of plans to reopen the foreign birth registration application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54531/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way a person (details supplied) can secure the return of sensitive information submitted as part of the foreign birth registration application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54532/21]

*387. 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. [54570/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports will be dispatched to persons (details supplied) in time for their travel plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54588/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts that are being made to ensure that the measures announced by France in retaliation against the UK in relation to the fisheries dispute will not impact the use of the landbridge for hauliers coming to and from Ireland to the mainland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54646/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Defence the established figure and the current strength levels of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54168/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Defence the established figure and the current strength levels of the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54169/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Defence the established figure and the current total strength of Air Corps personnel; and the number of qualified military pilots, cadet pilots in training, qualified military aircraft maintenance technicians, qualified military avionics technicians and military apprentices in training of both disciplines. — John Brady. [54170/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Naval Service operations and patrols which have been cancelled to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54171/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women in the Defence Forces by rank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54173/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women in the Defence Forces who are currently serving overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54174/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women members of the Defence Forces who have left in 2021, by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54175/21]
*397. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a person (details supplied) has not received a response form the Teaching Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54528/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to schools that have excluded children from certain educational activities, after-school activities, or school trips due to their vaccination status or that of their parents; and if this is in line with the policy of her Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [54017/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education if she has engaged with NAMA or a receiver in respect of a site in Donagcumper, Celbridge, County Kildare that is suitable for a school building project; and if she has an alternative plan in place if the site cannot be secured. — Catherine Murphy. [54029/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reassess the application to expand the first-year intake of a secondary school (detail supplied); the schools adjoining it which have spare capacity; and if she has collected details of the waiting lists of this school and of the schools adjoining and the practicality of local children in this rapid growth area having to leave their area for school. — Richard Bruton. [54053/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education if a sruth Gaelach will be approved for a school (details supplied) which is a feeder school for a Gaelscoil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54055/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be considered for funding for additional accommodation given the fact that it has recently become a co-educational school and additional space is required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54056/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be considered for additional special educational needs accommodation in view of the fact that there is large demand for such places in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54057/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are in place to ensure that a school (details supplied) can cater for the growing school going population in the area; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that school is currently oversubscribed and has no additional classrooms to cater for non-mainstream students; if her Department has made any provision for school expansion or special classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [54086/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a NEPS psychologist (details supplied) will not be replaced while they are out on maternity leave; if it is planned to review this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54094/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has an application system in place to enable schools to apply for HEPA air filtration systems; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [54148/21]
*407. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has undertaken a review of all temporary accommodation agreements for schools that have been in operation for more than five years to identify and prioritise areas to commence construction of school premises to ensure value-for-money is achieved in the long-term as per recommendations set out in the Oireachtas Select Committee of Public Accounts examination of the 2018 and 2019 Appropriation Accounts for Vote 26 – Education and Skills published February 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54153/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has undertaken a review of all temporary accommodation agreements for schools that have been in operation for more than five years to identify and prioritise areas to commence construction of school premises; if the review process will be completed by year end 2021; if a copy of the findings will be made available to the Oireachtas Committee of Public Accounts as per recommendations set out in the Oireachtas Select Committee of Public Accounts examination of the 2018 and 2019 Appropriation Accounts for Vote 26 – Education and Skills published February 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54154/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider conducting a re-evaluation of all current school extension proposals to ensure that consideration is given to projected intake at schools over the next decade as per recommendations set out in the Oireachtas Select Committee of Public Accounts examination of the 2018 and 2019 Appropriation Accounts for Vote 26 – Education and Skills published February 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54155/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education when the Education Indicators Report 2021 intended for publication in Q1 2021 will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54160/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the scheme of reasonable accommodations at the certificate examinations does not provide comprehension assistance to students who have been assessed as requiring assistance by her Department’s educational psychologists; and the supports that are in place to support students with this form of dyslexia in junior certificate examinations. — Ivana Bacik. [54224/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to review the State Examinations Commission reasonable accommodation at the certificate examinations scheme; if she will amend the scheme to allow readers to explain the meanings of words or phrases to students who struggle with reading comprehension due to dyslexia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54225/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education further to correspondence (details supplied), if there are plans to use a statutory instrument to amend the scheme of reasonable accommodations at the certificate examinations to be more inclusive of students with word processing difficulties. — Ivana Bacik. [54226/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of providing a HEPA air filtration device for every primary school, secondary school and special school classroom. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [54228/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of purchasing one HEPA air filtration device for use in a school setting. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [54229/21]
*416. To ask the Minister for Education the cost of providing one HEPA air filtration device between every two classrooms. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [54230/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for a new school building at a school (details supplied); if sanction will be given to the school to provide another first year class for the 2022-2023 academic school year given the demand for post-primary school places in this locality and the lack of post-primary school places in this school planning area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [54256/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the matters raised in correspondence by person (details supplied) regarding the July provision programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [54263/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which a school can put its name forward for consideration as a possible candidate for the SEAI schools energy retrofit pathfinder programme. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [54272/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding school building and expansion projects in east County Cork due to a shortage of school places to meet the high demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [54275/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to recommence testing and contact tracing in primary schools; if there are plans to provide schools with air filtrations systems; if antigen tests will be introduced in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54280/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education if parents will be notified when there is a positive Covid-19 case in their child’s classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54281/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education the guidance for teachers when CO2 monitors in classrooms are red particularly when it is raining and in circumstances in which there is no assembly hall in the primary school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54282/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans to provide a single campus national school for Gort, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54295/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education the number of substitute teachers that are on each substitute teacher supply panel across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54301/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education when home tuition will be provided to a leaving certificate student (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54370/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education the stage a project (details supplied) is at; the amount provided for in respect of this project; and the date on which it is anticipated the school will be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [54437/21]
*428. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure that the national training programme for SNAs is a fully accredited programme on the Irish National Framework of Qualifications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [54447/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education if the one release day per week for teaching principals will only extend to the end of the current school year as it appears to suggest in Circular 50/2021; if so, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [54451/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education if the recent 25 cent an hour pay increase for secretaries, caretakers and cleaners was rescinded in a note by the Financial Services Support Unit; if so, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [54452/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are in place to appoint a sufficient number of special needs assistants in a school (details supplied) to ensure the safe and efficient running of the school; when an appeal will be granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54471/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education when the deficit in the number of special needs assistants in a school (details supplied) will be rectified to ensure that the high-risk children can remain safe within the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54472/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the huge shortage of special needs assistants in a school (details supplied); when these appointments are likely to take place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54473/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are in place to appoint additional SNAs and additional SET hours for a school (details supplied); when this shortage will be resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54474/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are in place to appoint a sufficient number of SNAs to a school (details supplied); when this situation will be resolved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54475/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education when an application for assistive technology by a school (details supplied) will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54476/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the school transport scheme is not available to children in a school (details supplied); and the action that will be taken to ensure the children in attendance at the school can avail of the scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54477/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 481 of 2 November 2021, the reason the application by the school for an ASD unit was refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54495/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education if approval will be given to an application for the summer works programme by a school (details supplied) to repair the current treacherous state of the pathways and play areas on the grounds of the school which was identified in a recent health and safety audit and risk assessment as a hazard for playtime and for children and visitors entering
and exiting the school grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [54502/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the major internet issues occurring on a daily basis in a school (details supplied) and that the National Centre for Technology in Education has to date been unable to resolve same; if she will request that this school is included in the National Broadband Plan roll-out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [54503/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education when Covid-19 restrictions in schools will next be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [54515/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be permitted to take on another first year class in the academic year 2022-2023 given the demand for ETSS places in the catchment area far exceeds the number of available spaces; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [54519/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has in the past or will provide funding for preschool accommodation on the grounds of national schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54555/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the increase in funding for the DEIS programme following Budget 2022; when it is likely the additional allocation of €18 million will enable an expansion of the programme to further schools; the eligibility criteria or application processes that are being put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54557/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to proposals (details supplied) regarding an option and or alternate leaving certificate 2022 examination in the event the examinations cannot take place in their usual format; and if she has provisions in place for persons with specific conditions that may not be in a position to sit in person exams. — Catherine Murphy. [54558/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education if a predicted grades system will be used in place of sitting the exams in the case of a medical emergency, family bereavement or an event in which a student is not in a position to sit the exams on the day meaning that the student does not have to repeat the whole year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [54580/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education the number of defibrillators which are currently physically on site in primary and post-primary schools nationwide; if figures are not available, if she will commission a report urgently to identify schools which do not have defibrillators on site in order to address any shortfall; if there is a requirement on all registered teachers to have undertaken basic first aid and defibrillator training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [54625/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to facilitate an additional class of first year students at a school (details supplied) for the academic year beginning in September 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [54667/21]
*449. To ask the Minister for Education the policy of her Department in relation to classroom size in primary schools; the minimum size of class that is allowed under the rules; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54672/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education the policy of her Department in relation to having en-suite toilets in classrooms in primary schools; if there is a policy to ensure all primary school classrooms will have such a facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54673/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education the minimum standard of accommodation laid down for special education teacher and multi-purpose rooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54674/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education the safeguarding measures that are currently implemented in schools in relation to Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54710/21]

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

*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that will be excluded by the clause which prevents former community employment supervisors from getting the proposed once-off gratuity payment if they had already received a statutory redundancy pay out; the number that will receive the proposed once-off gratuity payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [54687/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider withdrawing the clause which prevents former community employment supervisors from getting the proposed once-off gratuity payment if they had already received a statutory redundancy payout; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [54689/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance will be offered to a person (details supplied) to issue a new PPS number in order that compliance with the LPT can be met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53964/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to address the difficulty persons in County Wicklow are experiencing in accessing walk-in appointments for birth registrations and birth certificates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [53968/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way her Department proposes to recover the alleged amount of overpayment of State pension (non-contributory) from a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and the options available to them in repaying the overpayment. — Michael Creed. [54005/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the State pension (contributory) who were born before 1 September 1946; the estimated annual cost of extending the total contributions system which was applied to pensioners after this date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54007/21]
*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the community schemes or job initiatives available to persons with a disability or mental health issue such as schizophrenia; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54024/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a retired Garda can apply for carer’s benefit; if such a person would qualify for the half-rate carer’s allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [54041/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the wage subsidy scheme for persons with disabilities will be extended to national schools to allow a participant to work as a special needs assistant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54068/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to increase the savings exemption limit of €5,000 for persons with a disability in receipt of rent allowance in line with the cost of living increase since it was last raised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54093/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason the working family payment is not considered a qualifying social welfare payment for the back to education allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54142/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide clarity on payments to community employment supervisors whose schemes have now closed and if they will be included in the negotiations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [54152/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) has sufficient insurance contributions for a State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [54167/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for fuel allowance by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed given the person in question was found to be only marginally over the income limit. — Seán Canney. [54207/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter in relation to a difference in payment rates to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54236/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current time it is taking to process domiciliary care allowance reviews; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54242/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the partial capacity benefit payment will be restored in the case of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [54262/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a number of older persons are excluded from the fuel allowance on the grounds of income despite being entirely dependent on social welfare; and her plans to address this issue. — Martin Browne. [54274/21]
*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the meaning of the phrasing, the date on which the decision takes effect is prescribed as the date on which payment of Covid-19 pandemic unemployment payment shall cease to be made refers to with regard to Statutory Instrument 546 of 2021 on Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 16) (Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment) Regulations; if the meaning of the decision date will be specified; if the decision date refers to the date a decision is made, the date a person is informed regarding their application to transition to jobseeker’s or if it is an arbitrary date chosen by a deciding officer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [54299/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason all persons being transitioned from the pandemic unemployment payment to jobseeker’s payments are not being moved as an entire cohort on one confirmed and publicly communicated date in order to reduce financial uncertainty and unreliability for families and households with regard to Statutory Instrument 546 of 2021 on Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payments and Control) (Amendment) (No. 16) (Covid-19 Pandemic Unemployment Payment) Regulations and the transition of recipients from the pandemic unemployment payment to jobseeker’s payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [54300/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the date the pandemic unemployment payment is transitioning into the jobseeker’s payment at the rate of €203 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [54454/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the rule with regard to child benefit and the qualifying conditions for receipt of the benefit in cases in which a child resides 50% of their time with each parent the payment is made to their mother; if the rule has been reviewed; if changes to the rule have been considered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [54456/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the disability allowance will continue to be paid in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54571/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons diagnosed with long Covid will be eligible to receive the disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton.[54586/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way the Report of the Commission on Pensions will be assessed by the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if there is a timeline for its journey through the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Louise O’Reilly. [54671/21]

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

*478. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding Ireland’s adoption of the definition of antisemitism of an organisation (details supplied). — Cormac Devlin. [54131/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of funding for childcare in each of the years from 2011 to 2020 as percentage of GDP and as a percentage of the annual budget in euro. — Peadar Tóibín. [54106/21]
*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the exact reforms to the national childcare scheme mentioned in Budget 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [54107/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures his Department has undertaken to reduce the cost of childcare in June 2020; and the policies his Department plans to implement to reduce the cost of childcare by June 2024. — Peadar Tóibín. [54108/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current position of plans to end direct provision and implement an alternative system that will effectively and humanely process both new applications of asylum and address the backlog of existing cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [54112/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of domestic violence refuge spaces in each county in tabular form; the plans to increase funding for these spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54163/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacancies in Tusla in the Dublin area by district; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54222/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the pay restoration issue faced by social care workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54233/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department will commit to allocate funding to Tusla to enable similar pay restoration for section 56 part-funded agencies such as an agency (details supplied) given that a precedent has already been set with HSE section 39 pay restoration. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54234/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the publication of National Review of Emergency Domestic Violence accommodation carried out by Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54277/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date he is working to for the publication of the disability (miscellaneous provisions) Bill; and when he expects to give legal effect to the commitment in the Programme for Government to double the target for employment of persons with disabilities in the public service to 6%. — Róisín Shortall. [54288/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when details of the restorative recognition scheme for survivors of mother and baby and county home institutions will be published; when the scheme will be open for applications; the total value of the scheme; the number of applications expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54305/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the membership and qualifications of the interdepartmental group established to develop the restorative recognition scheme for survivors of mother and baby and county home institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54306/21]
*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline on the establishment of the proposed service for the parents of children in care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [54492/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures his Department taking to ensure that, once health restrictions allow, children living in Dublin 12 will have access to after-school services in their community which are currently unavailable similar to those available to children in Dublin 8. — Patrick Costello. [54504/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide information on any large-scale capital investment in childcare proposed for 2023. — Robert Troy. [54507/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding is available to purchase a prefab to start an after-school service at a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54553/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the audit of domestic violence accommodation by Tusla which was due to be published earlier in 2021 will be published. — Peadar Tóibín. [54632/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 651 of 10 March 2021, if correspondence will be made available to this Deputy which was forwarded to his Department in 1996 by the Adoption Board after the Department inquired from adoption authorities if their attention had been drawn to or were they involved in cases of illegal birth registration. — Peadar Tóibín. [54633/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are supports in place for families who may be called into a meeting with Tusla, but who may not be familiar with process and who require some non-judgemental advice and advocacy before attending such a meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54641/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his knowledge of the concerns surrounding health and safety of a direct provision centre (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to complaints regarding the standards of care shown in the centre including from residents and advocacy groups such as an organisation (details supplied); and his views on recent internet footage that show residents having to use plastic bags if they did not wish to eat the food in the canteen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [54773/21]

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

*499. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he or his officials have requested a copy of the McHugh Report into the pay of student nurses and midwives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54031/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the decreasing share of students from DEIS school going on to higher education; the steps that are being taken to address the growing inequality of access
to higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54158/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he anticipates that further education and training options will be fully integrated within the CAO application system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54159/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of students in pre-law in the further education system each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54161/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of students accepted from further education and training pre-law courses into undergraduate law programmes in public higher education institutions each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54162/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons who have appealed a SUSI decision not to award them a SUSI grant in each of the past five years and to date in 2021; and the number of persons that have been successful in their appeal. — Peadar Tóibín. [54164/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons who have applied for a SUSI grant stating that they are estranged from their parents; the number that have been successful in their application; and the number that have been refused a grant in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [54165/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that are being taken to prepare the third-level education system to meet the demands that will be placed on it by the enactment of the Official Language (Amendment) Bill 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54204/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider implementing to announced reformed of SUSI for this academic year to address the rising cost of living impacting students and families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54205/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts being made by his Department to increase the number of apprenticeships for the new retrofitting plan; the bodies that will be facilitating those apprenticeships for retrofitting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54293/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of retrofitting centres of excellence that have been established to date; the location of each; the number of trainees currently enrolled in each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54546/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 814 of 9 September 2021, the average cost for each undergraduate medical student on the Exchequer rather than the higher education institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54582/21]
*511. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding allocated per year for the cross-Border Project Ireland 2040 infrastructure projects under his remit in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54583/21]

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

*512. To ask the Minister for Justice if she received interim reports in 2020 and or 2021 in advance of a final report regarding a case (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [53980/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of proposals to regularise undocumented migrants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53995/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of undocumented migrants living in each county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53996/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Justice the way statistics regarding the number of undocumented migrants are ascertained; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53997/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Justice the supports in place to assist undocumented migrants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53998/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of penalties including fines and terms of imprisonment that have been issued for the possession with intent to sell or supply illegal fireworks from 2015 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [54010/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Justice if the old Garda barracks in Templederry, County Tipperary is still considered an operational station; if the building is surplus to requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54082/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Justice the current average processing times for applications for citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [54083/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Justice when she will announce the precise terms of the proposed scheme for regularising the status of undocumented workers; the timeframe for the operation of the scheme; if primary legislation will be required to give effect to the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54121/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Justice if the proposed scheme for regularising the status of undocumented workers will be inclusive for those who may have been documented at some point within the four year or three-year timeframe but are currently undocumented; if the scheme includes those who have been working documented for four years or three years to the present but on a visa stamp 1 inferior to the stamp 4 available with the undocumented scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54122/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Justice if an organisation (details supplied) will be consulted as part of the review process in view of the recent announcement that there will be a review of the atypical work permit scheme for non-EEA fishers following a report by Maynooth University; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54123/21]
*523. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fishers currently enrolled in the atypical work permit scheme for non-EEA fishers; the breakdown by nationality; the number of the approximately 180 eligible vessels that have atypical work permit holders on board; the number that have been enrolled in the past six months; the number that have not had their expired contracts renewed in the past six months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54124/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a visa application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [54129/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications to the new pre-clearance visa scheme that was introduced for UK nationals who came to Ireland after 31 December 2020 and wish to bring their non-EEA family members with them; the number of visas granted in tabular form; the ten most common nationalities of persons granted visas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [54140/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications made since 1 January 2021 for a new residence document under the Withdrawal Agreement as family members of UK nationals; the number of Withdrawal Agreement cards issued; the ten most common nationalities of those applying for Withdrawal Agreement cards; and the actions her Department has taken to make family members of UK nationals aware that they must exchange their residence permit before 31 December 2021. — Thomas Gould. [54141/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason persons residing in direct provision who are awaiting the outcome of applications to remain in the State cannot work if they have the appropriate qualifications and in particular in circumstances in which there is a shortage of workers for the area they are qualified in. — Michael Ring. [54192/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that have been approved permission to access the labour market in Ireland from 2017 to date by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54195/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Justice when a new process will be developed in the State to deal with the cases of third-country national persons who have been deemed to come within the scope of the EU Free Movement Directive following a ruling of the European Court of Justice in the Chenchoohiah case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54206/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will request An Garda Síochána to report on the outcome of Operation Tombola over the 2021 Halloween period in relation to the tackling of the increased use of fireworks and bonfires in Dublin; if additional Garda resources were put in place over the Halloween period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54289/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will arrange for the return of the passports of persons (details supplied) who applied for naturalisation some weeks ago. — Duncan Smith. [54439/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason a person (details supplied) was deported under an order signed on 21 September 2010 by the then Minister for Justice; if the reasons they sought asylum were investigated; if their deportation was in any way connected to complaints which led to the closure of a processing centre for asylum seekers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [54453/21]
*533. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the review of Part 4 of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017; the expected completion and publication date, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [54469/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider allowing Afghan citizens temporary refuge in Ireland while awaiting confirmation of their citizenship applications in other countries (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54488/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Justice if a decision to deport will be revoked in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54489/21]

*536. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cén fáth ar dhearbhhaigh sí, ar an 13 Iúil 2021, nach bhfuil dualgas a thuilleadh ar ábhar Sáirsint an grád 50% a fháil sa Scrúdú Inniúlachta Béil sa Ghaeilge mar cheann de na cáilíochtaí chun ardú céime a fháil go céim an tSáirsint, agus an Garda Síochána lochtaí cheana féin ó thaobh na Gaeilge de, de réir an Choimisinéara Teanga. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [54509/21]

*537. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt ar labhair sí leis an Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Éalaithe, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán faoi chás na Gaeilge sa Gharda Síochána sular ghlac sí an cinneadh ar an 13 Iúil 2021 gan dualgas a bheith ar ábhar Sáirsint a thuilleadh an grád 50% a fháil sa Scrúdú Inniúlachta Béil sa Ghaeilge mar cheann de na cáillíochtaí chun ardú céime a fháil go céim an tSáirsint. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [54510/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied) and their family to regularise their status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54545/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54554/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of funding which was set aside in Budget 2021 to purchase new Garda vehicles; the number of new Garda vehicle purchases that were electric vehicles; if not electric, the reason for not purchasing electric vehicles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54594/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Justice if advice can be provided in relation to obtaining a visa to come to Ireland as per a scenario (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54605/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has given consideration to a reduction in the cost of applying for citizenship to take account of the duration of residency in Ireland of the applicant; and if the digitisation of immigration services in 2021 will allow for a reduction of some or all application fees. — Ivana Bacik. [54778/21]

_Chuin an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health._

*543. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will legislate for the recommendations in A Review of Children’s Rights and Best Interests in the Context of Donor...

*544. To ask the Minister for Health if newspaper reports that legislation on international surrogacy will be delayed are accurate; his views on the recommendations in this area by the child rapporteur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [54513/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the current position regarding opening hours for pubs as opposed to nightclubs with late licences; if they are allowed to open late again under the current Covid-19 regulations given some publicans are reporting confusion in relation to the current rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54644/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health when cardiac rehabilitation services in Nenagh General Hospital will be restored (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53959/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) was refused a medical card; if their application will be re-examined for a medical card to issue given the deteriorating nature of their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53965/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health when legislation recognising international surrogacy alongside retrospective declaration of parentage will be targeted to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53971/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a lack of specialist palliative care for paediatric patients in the HSE south east region; his plans to put in place new paediatric palliative consultant post in the region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53994/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure the ambulance services in Cork city and county are properly resourced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [54001/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health if staff in the Covid-19 compliance unit within the HSE who monitor the hospitality sector are themselves fully vaccinated thus allowing entry to hospitality venues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54002/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the provision of neurology specialist nurses at Cork University Hospital is significantly less than national guidelines (details supplied); and the steps he will take to address this. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [54008/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health when a group (details supplied) will be prioritised for the Covid-19 vaccination. — Louise O’Reilly. [54011/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 739 of 27 January 2021 and 1676 of 21 April 2021, the status of the suspension of water birth services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [54012/21]
*555. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to schools, organisations or sports clubs in receipt of taxpayer funding excluding children from certain activities of that entity on the basis of their vaccinations status or that of their parents; and if this practice is in line with the policy of the HSE. — Peadar Tóibín. [54021/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the provision that will be made for persons who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons given the extension of the legislation requiring vaccine passports in restaurants and similar indoor venues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54025/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take steps to ensure that a person (details supplied) who is 88 years of age and who has significant health vulnerabilities receives their booster Covid-19 vaccination and the flu vaccination without any further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [54028/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health his Department’s plan for Covid-19 booster shots for healthcare workers; if the vaccines necessary are currently available; if the same or a different vaccine to the first two doses will be administered as a booster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [54030/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has received funding applications to appoint a consultant endocrinologist, a clinical nurse specialist for diabetes and a dietician for diabetes in pregnancy to Mayo University Hospital; if he will pursue the appointment of these positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54032/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place in terms of additional staff or resources to deal with the fact that 336 patients waiting for an initial diabetes outpatient clinic appointment have been waiting between two to six years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54034/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a plan to address the fact that University Hospital Limerick is the only hospital group in the country being excluded from expansion of DAFNE dose adjustment for normal eating structured type 1 diabetes education for adults; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons in County Clare feel this is discriminatory, disadvantaging rural dwellers and counter to the vision set out in Sláintecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54035/21]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff qualified to use insulin pumps and support patients to do same in each CHO broken down in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54036/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of orthopaedic beds designated for pelvic fractures in each of the seven hospital groups in each of the years 2016 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54045/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of staff by grade on duty or on call on night shifts in each model 3 or model 4 hospital for each month since January 2020 to October 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54046/21]
*565. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54050/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the reason NPHET meeting minutes were and are only released six to eight weeks after the meeting in question especially when meetings were occurring on a weekly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54061/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health if meetings of NPHET are or were occurring without members having access to the minutes of the previous meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54063/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the frequency of NPHET meetings has been reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54064/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the date of the last meeting of NPHET; the reason as of 1 November 2021 the last minutes available on its webpage are 16 September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54065/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health if a mechanism will be put in place in order that there is early approval and publication of NPHET minutes within a week of the meeting in the interests of accountability and transparency given that the Covid-19 pandemic is evolving again; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54066/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding appointing a clinical psychologist to the County Wexford acute hospital diabetes multidisciplinary team given the need for psychosocial support in diabetes care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [54072/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of a diabetes psychology resource to the County Wexford community diabetes specialist team hub under the Integrated Model of Care for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease Implementation Guide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [54073/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of a 0.5 whole-time equivalent clinical psychologist to the County Wexford acute hospital diabetes paediatric diabetes team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [54074/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the provision of a clinical psychologist to the diabetes multidisciplinary team in Wexford Hospital and St. Vincent’s Hospital, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [54075/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in counties Laois and Offaly, respectively who are providing services under the dental treatment services scheme. — Brian Stanley. [54099/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health if the attention of his Department has been drawn to the fact that there are persons who received second doses of a Covid-19 vaccine in other EU member states and third-countries who are unable to obtain Covid certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [54100/21]
*577. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the additional nurses (details supplied) needed at Cork University Hospital; the plans that will be put in place to facilitate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54102/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for speech and language therapy as recommended in an assessment of need in early 2020. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54115/21]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a series of matters in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54120/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health when there will be full return of adult disability day services in the Cork North Lee area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54127/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of healthcare services including adult disability day services and respite services that have resumed at full service levels in the South South West HSE area to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54128/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health if children waiting for psychology services can be supported to attend private services with support from the National Treatment Purchase Fund; if not, if he will put a system in place to allow those waiting in excess of three months to attend private services that are covered by the HSE in order to avoid delays for those who cannot pay from being left behind, many of whom have been waiting in excess of one year for services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [54130/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health the number of neurology nurse specialists operating in the Ireland East Hospital Group in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; the increase in funding allocated in Budget 2021 to increase numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54132/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health if a group (details supplied) will be included as part of the advisory group to the national eating programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54133/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health the status of incidents entered into the national incident management system by month in each of the years 2018 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54134/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be issued with the aid which they have applied for; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54143/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health his legislative proposals relating to surrogacy with particular reference to ensuring that the interests of the children and parties are sufficiently safeguarded and protected with particular reference to the obviation of the need for subsequent legal action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54151/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health if plans are being put in place to ensure that those who are issued immunosuppressants in their homes are referred for their Covid-19 booster shot given that
referrals are underway for those who are administered immunosuppressants in hospital settings. — Cathal Crowe. [54157/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54191/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the outcome on the investigation into the illegal removal of organs from a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54221/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54223/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to ensure that the response times for ambulance services are as fast as possible with particular reference to the north County Kildare area; if the service has enough personnel on hand to adequately respond to all calls in a timely manner from the nearest National Ambulance Service station at all times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54227/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health his proposals to allow those who are not fully vaccinated on medical grounds to be allowed to participate fully in society; if he will introduce an exemption to the current Covid-19 restrictions on health grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [54241/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the options that are available to persons to receive a booster vaccine in circumstances in which a person received a vaccine (details supplied) and is medically unable to receive another vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [54243/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 574 of 21 September 2021, if the vacancy for the psychiatrist has been filled in the day hospital in Kilrush; if so, when they are expected to commence working; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54246/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health if it is projected that there will be a sufficient number of homecare workers to further progress the Time to Move On from Congregated Settings strategy in 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [54269/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the figure earmarked in tables 1a and 1b of the Disability Capacity Review to 2032 A Review of Social Care Demand and Capacity Requirements to 2032, by each type of disability that is each row in the table service has been achieved in Budget 2022 (details supplied); and the amount of this €220 million shortfall that will be met in 2022. — Róisín Shortall. [54284/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the discussions he has had with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform on the way to address the shortfalls in disability funding identified by the Disability Capacity Review to 2032 A Review of Social Care Demand and Capacity Requirements to 2032; and the way in which the review was factored into the determination of his Department’s budget allocation for disability services for Budget 2022. — Róisín Shortall. [54286/21]
*599. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the progress on transferring the disability budget from his Department to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth. — Róisín Shortall. [54287/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a minimum amount of THC content that a cannabis product seeking to be added to the Medical Cannabis Access Programme must contain in order to be approved for inclusion under the programme; if he will provide further details on this minimum threshold; if products with minimal trace amounts of THC can be added to the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54290/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health if he is giving consideration to the campaign by an organisation (details supplied) for an additional 100 neurology nurse specialists across Ireland which includes eight additional nurses for the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54291/21]

*602. 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. [54292/21]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health the dental services in County Galway that are currently taking on new medical card patients; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many pensioners in County Galway are reporting difficulty in accessing dental services through the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54296/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health if the details of the costings for the renovations of the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, County Cork will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [54297/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it will be possible to assign an independent assessor to the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, County Cork to examine if the problems regarding the centre can be resolved in the short to medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [54298/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide explicit assurances that no plans are in place to downgrade any of the services currently in operation at Midland Regional Hospital, Portlaoise, including a downgrading of the emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [54312/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of the fair deal scheme by the primary care centre and primary health network catchment area in County Cork currently in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [54367/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a child (details supplied) who has been waiting two years for services has been informed that they will get three speech and language sessions between now and February 2022 while their mother engages with a course on speech and language therapy. — Thomas Gould. [54369/21]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider publication of updated guidance for addiction recovery peer support meetings given that restrictions did not lift on 22 October 2021 but nightclubs are open and these groups can only have extremely limited numbers in a room. — Thomas Gould. [54434/21]
*610. To ask the Minister for Health the number of palliative care teams and staff by CHO area. — Catherine Murphy. [54438/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the detail of the current backlog of unreviewed safeguarding concerns in respect of the abuse of adults by CHO region. — Catherine Murphy. [54440/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarification on a matter in relation to payments to general practitioners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54441/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to amend and update the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 as a result of the Special Rapporteur’s report, Review of Children’s Rights and Best Interests in the Context of Assisted Human Reproduction (AHR) and Surrogacy in Irish Law. — Holly Cairns. [54442/21]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider putting in place mental health teams dedicated to supporting expectant and bereaved mothers and families. — Holly Cairns. [54444/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on recommendation 4 of HIQA Overview report of the HIQA monitoring programme against the National Standards for Safer Better Maternity Services (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [54445/21]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made on recommendation 4 of HIQA Overview report of the HIQA monitoring programme against the National Standards for Safer Better Maternity Services (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [54446/21]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health if a commitment will be given that 18 hours of homecare for a person (details supplied) will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [54445/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the plans are in place for the appointment of a HSE podiatrist to replace a person (details supplied) who retired in February 2021 in the Bantry area and who has not yet been replaced leaving hundreds of elderly vulnerable persons without podiatry services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54478/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to update the dental treatment services scheme (details supplied); when the scheme will be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54479/21]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health if the seven hours homecare for a person (details supplied) will be provided despite the company that provides this person homecare indicating it will not be able to fulfil some of the hours they have been approved for due to the new legislation the Government has brought in regarding work permits for those working as homecare assistants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [54481/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the cross-Border service level agreements which exist between hospitals and hospital groups, trusts north and south in tabular form; the discipline services which are provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54482/21]
*622. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 643 of 21 September 2021, if the HSE has sourced funding for the remaining four advanced nurse practitioners as part of the 2022 new service development process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [54483/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects an inquiry will be established to investigate the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate to pregnant women without them being made aware of the impacts it could have on their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [54484/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place for those who meet the criteria for a vaccine booster shot but are unable to leave their homes; the body that will be responsible for the delivery of these shots; when they will start rolling out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [54487/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time of the recruitment clearance and staff orientation processes for international and domestic recruitment campaigns across staff group or grades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54493/21]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that disability services in County Cork are offering parents speech and language therapy courses instead of direct intervention with children and not as a complementary service. — Thomas Gould. [54508/21]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the investments and costs required for upgrading the two major trauma centres; the expansions of services which will be required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54516/21]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the status of and position regarding the primary care centre proposed for the Collinstown site in north Clondalkin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54517/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health the number of active general medical services scheme contracts and other contracts for general practitioner services with the HSE for each year since 2011. — David Cullinane. [54518/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria under which the selection and consultations for the Sláintecare healthy communities fund were made. — Patrick Costello. [54521/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a national link with Northern Ireland for cross-Border paediatric pathology services; if a service level agreement or another such agreement will be established or is being discussed or developed to ensure paediatric pathology services are available on the island in both jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54523/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times he or his officials have met or discussed the matter of cross-Border paediatric pathology services with their counterparts in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54524/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives who leave the HSE within one, five and five years of taking up employment. — David Cullinane. [54529/21]
*634. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doctors by level, that is, from trainee to consultant who leave the HSE within one, five and five years of taking up employment. — David Cullinane. [54530/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the disability respite services that are currently available in Inishowen, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54533/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a service (details supplied) was still operating until recently on a reduced two-day service despite Covid-19 restrictions being lifted; the reason it is currently closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54534/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the resources that have been put in place to support the families that are unable to avail of the day services at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54535/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that have been put in place to address the staff shortages in a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54536/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overtime hours worked on a weekly basis by medical and nursing grade staff in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [54537/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of annual leave days foregone and unused by nursing, midwifery and medical staff in each of the years 2017 to 2020. — David Cullinane. [54539/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions on which a nursing and midwifery or medical grade staff were called back prematurely from a period of leave; and the number of staff affected, in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [54540/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in each CHO and sub-CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [54541/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the population of each CHO and sub-CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [54542/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the public health obesity Bill which was pledged under the Programme for Government. — Aindrias Moynihan. [54544/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health if it is planned to set up a Covid-19 test centre in Connemara given the upsurge in cases in view of the long distances that persons from Connemara have to travel at present for a Covid-19 test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54550/21]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to recruit more genetic consultants in Ireland in view of the fact that presently there are only three and estimates suggest 15 are needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [54551/21]
*647. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1150 and 1151 of 31 March 2021, when his Department will act on the recommendation of a company (details supplied); the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [54552/21]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include recommendations by the Special Rapporteur for Children to ensure that children born through assisted human reproduction will have their rights and best interests legally protected in Irish law as per the assisted human reproduction Bill; if the Bill will deal with national and international surrogacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54556/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be arranged as soon as possible in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54572/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department plans to publish a successor strategy for rare diseases following the expiration of the National Rare Disease Plan 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [54574/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to roll-out the Covid-19 vaccination programme to those under 12 years of age; if there will be a prioritisation of vulnerable cohorts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54575/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of capital project applications which have been submitted by each hospital, by hospital group for new bed units and wards and treatment capacity expansion, for example, theatres; the number sought; the stage at which each of these applications is at; the estimated cost of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54576/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies by staffing category and grade at each hospital by hospital group; the length of time these vacancies have been open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54577/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it takes to recruit a replacement for a vacancy; the average length of time it takes to recruit into a new post across medical and nursing and midwifery staff grades for each hospital group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54578/21]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision letter will issue to a person (details supplied) in relation to a freedom of information request; and the reason this Deputy’s office has been left waiting in excess of three months for a decision on this request. — Peadar Tóibín. [54579/21]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered including cariban on the drug payment scheme for persons suffering with hyperemesis gravidarum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54584/21]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time each stage in the capital application process takes in the context of new build acute inpatient beds; the length of time of the application process, the funding approval process, the procurement process and the build process, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54587/21]
*658. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the operations of a centre (details supplied); when it will be fully operational to pre-Covid-19 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54589/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will consider allocating a locum doctor to provide consistent cover for a practice (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54590/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive access to services given that they have had no community services since December 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [54596/21]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the portal for Irish passport holders who were vaccinated outside of Ireland and the UK to obtain an EU Digital COVID Certificate is still not accessible although gov.ie states it would be live from 21 October 2021; when the portal will be fully functional; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [54599/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the theatre was closed in Navan Hospital on 3 November 2021 until March 2022 (details supplied); the way the decision to close the accident and emergency and ICU departments in Navan Hospital can be justified; if he will start to adequatly fund the hospital accident and emergency and ICU departments; and if arrangements will be made to reopen the theatre in Navan Hospital immediately. — Peadar Tóibín. [54606/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the volume of available blood in the hospital service for each of the past ten months. — Peadar Tóibín. [54607/21]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health when he will meet with Members of Dáil Éireann from County Meath and with the members of a campaign group (details supplied) to discuss the future of the accident and emergency and ICU departments in Navan; and if he will assist in the facilitation of a meeting of the campaign group with the Ireland East Hospital Group and separately, with the CEO of the HSE. — Peadar Tóibín. [54608/21]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have been diagnosed with cancer in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [54616/21]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an increase or perceived increase in the number of persons diagnosed with cancer since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [54617/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently undergoing chemotherapy treatment in the State; and the number of persons who underwent chemotherapy treatment in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [54618/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who attended BreastCheck clinics in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [54619/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new Covid-19 outbreaks reported in residential care settings in each month since the start of the pandemic by month; and the settings from which these outbreaks were reported, that is, nursing homes, disability care centres, mental health and or psychiatric care settings, convents and so on. — Peadar Tóibín. [54620/21]
*670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the State who contracted Covid-19 in a hospital setting; and the number of persons who died after contracting Covid-19 in a hospital setting since the start of the pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [54621/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in the State who contracted Covid-19 in a residential care setting and or nursing home; and the number of persons who died after contracting Covid-19 in a residential care setting and or nursing home since the start of the pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [54622/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons and or families who have to date made claims against the State via the State Claims Agency regarding the death of their loved ones allegedly after they contracted Covid-19 in a hospital, nursing home or residential care setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [54623/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has begun to outsource the final assessment of need paperwork to a private provider; the reason for this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54626/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting on speech and language therapy; and the length of waiting time for a first appointment by CHO area in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [54627/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting on occupational therapy; and the length of waiting time for a first appointment by CHO area in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [54628/21]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting on child psychology services; and the length of waiting time for a first appointment by CHO area in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [54629/21]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting on speech and language therapy; and the length of waiting time for a first appointment by CHO area in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [54630/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have received the new SOP, assessment of need; the number of these children that have then received additional therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54631/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the additional provision made for mental health in Budget 2022; the additional services this will provide in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54635/21]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the 4,905 children who were referred to CAMHS in 2020 but deemed inappropriate; the reasons they did not receive treatment; the referral pathway for these children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54637/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the 4,905 children who were referred to CAMHS in 2020 but deemed inappropriate by the number in each CHO area. — Mark Ward. [54638/21]
*682. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to ensure compliance with the Covid-19 regulations for pubs and restaurants; the number of compliance checks and enforcement actions taken to date; the number of staff deployed to ensure compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54642/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of authorised officers in each CHO nationwide in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54675/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to permit antigen testing as a means of facilitating access to hospitality for persons who on medical grounds cannot get vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [54750/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be given a date for their pacemaker operation to take place. — Chris Andrews. [54756/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there are currently only three neurology nurse specialists at a hospital (details supplied); and his plans to increase the number of neurology nurse specialists at the hospital. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54757/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which St Vincent’s Healthcare Group sought an operating licence from his Department for the proposed maternity hospital; if this licence is a condition of the lease on offer to Government of the land on which the new facility is to be built; if he will now publish both the lease and the licence; and, if not, the reason therefor. — Róisín Shortall. [54763/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health if the new draft constitution of St. Vincent’s Healthcare Group which has been approved by the Charities Regulator and by the Revenue Commissioners has been submitted to his Department; if so, the date on which it was submitted; if this constitution forms part of the legal framework under discussion with his Department; and if the draft constitution will constrain the clinical guidance of the new hospital. — Róisín Shortall. [54764/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health if St. Vincent’s Healthcare Group is a section 38 or a section 39 organisation; if St. Vincent’s University Hospital and St. Michael’s Hospital, Dún Laoghaire are currently funded under section 38 or section 39; if the funding arrangements that currently apply are to continue into the future; and, if not, the arrangements that are envisaged including with reference to the planned new maternity hospital. — Róisín Shortall. [54765/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the stage at which the preliminary business case in preparation by the national maternity hospital project board for the proposed new maternity hospital is; if the updated business case has been resubmitted to his Department; if, in line with the current public spending code, his Department has taken the view that the national maternity hospital business case needs to be presented three times, firstly for approval in principle, secondly for pre-tender approval and finally for approval to proceed; and the point in the process at which the national maternity hospital business case is to be submitted to the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform for review. — Róisín Shortall. [54766/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of recruitment agencies with whom the HSE has entered contracts; the names of such agencies; the dates on which the HSE entered into each
contract; the cost of each contract to date; and the projected total cost of each contract. — Peadar Tóibín. [54779/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agency staff and workers working for the HSE at present. — Peadar Tóibín. [54780/21]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to publish the Brandon Report without further delay in deference to the families concerned and in the interests of accountability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54781/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health when the final Sláintecare contract will be published; his views on whether the letter of 27 October 2021 from HSE national human resources regarding the implementation of the Sláintecare contract is acceptable and reasonable in view of the fact that this contract does not yet exist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54782/21]

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

*695. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date an afforestation grant and premium scheme application was made by a person (details supplied); the outcome of this application; if the application was approved; if not, the reason for its refusal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53967/21]

*696. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 296 of 20 October 2021, the details of the metrics contained in the performance management development system; the outputs from this project management development system for all the staff of the Forestry Service of his Department in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [53975/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the backlog in forestry licences, that is, the number of licence applications in the system at the end of August 2021 that were classed as private versus ones submitted in the name of Coillte (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [53976/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the challenges being faced by the hunt and equine sector arising from their difficulty in getting insurance cover; the steps he proposes to take to address this challenge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [54067/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address concerns that Bord Bia is due to pay annual rent of €1.5 million for its new offices at 140 Pembroke Road, Dublin 4; if he will seek information from Bord Bia on the alternative office spaces that were explored before settling on 140 Pembroke Road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [54096/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which microgeneration of electricity might be used by the agri-food producing sector to mitigate against carbon emissions; the availability of models whereby this might be successfully done; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54180/21]
*701. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his Department has examined the various potential options for micro electricity generation, farm management, tree planting and or any other measures likely to offset against or reduce carbon emissions with particular reference to the need to ensure family farm viability into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54182/21]  

*702. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that are ongoing in the context of bovine TB eradication with particular reference to the need to identify animal or bird life deemed to be carriers of the disease; the scientific evidence available in this regard to date; the actions proposed on foot thereof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54183/21]  

*703. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 39.5 acres, 16 hectares of forestry land owned by Coillte (details supplied) is for sale; if he will take immediate action to ensure this land is not sold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54193/21]  

*704. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte need his permission to sell any or part of its forestry land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54201/21]  

*705. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte sought his permission or advice with regard to its decision to put the site at a location (details supplied) up for sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54202/21]  

*706. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide clarification on the way he and his Department understand by the term stabilisation with respect to policies or commitments impacting the national herd; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [54240/21]  

*707. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding the possible provision of funding to complete works to the wall at pier entrance in Helvick, County Waterford; the position regarding required dredging works to ensure that vessels can travel freely as opposed to current situation by which they must await certain tide levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [54255/21]  

*708. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to the increase in outbreaks of TB in an area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [54257/21]  

*709. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will publish the recently concluded survey by the Marine Institute on brown crab stock in coastal waters here; and if he will request the Marine Institute to meet with brown crab fishermen representatives to discuss this survey and their proposals for sustaining the stock. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54259/21]  

*710. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will set out the parameters and methodology used by the Marine Institute when it conducted a recent marine survey on brown crab stock in coastal waters here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54260/21]
*711. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the organisation or body that is responsible for overseeing standards and quality in brown crab for sale in Ireland and overseas; the way these standards are enforced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54261/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the payments due to a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [54264/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to include rabbits on the list of animals covered by the fur farming ban in the upcoming Animal Health and Welfare (Amendment and Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54276/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total funding allocated for on-farm investments in Budget 2021 and Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54384/21]

*715. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total funding available for on-farm investments between 2023 and 2027 with regard to the €100 million allocated as part of the CAP Strategic Plan in addition to funds remaining within the RDP less the funding allocated in budgets prior to 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54385/21]

*716. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has or is developing a strategy to support sustainable and eco-friendly inshore fishing; the grant funding that is available; if he has engaged with fishing representative organisations on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54462/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding that is available from his Department to fund pre-dredging works at Helvick Head Pier, County Waterford such as for an environmental assessment impact (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54463/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will release the proposed terms for acceptance into the temporary and permanent tie-up and cessation schemes suggested in the recently published report of the Seafood Sector Task Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54464/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will release to this Deputy the most recent development plans devised by his Department for a harbour extension at Dunmore East, County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54465/21]

*720. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to allow the inshore fishing fleet to diversify its fishing opportunities away from over reliance on non-quota shellfish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54466/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to create additional educational and training opportunities including apprenticeships for young persons to enter the fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54467/21]
*722. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a specific import licence is required in cases in which a person or body wishes to import fertiliser from a third country, that is, Russia for resale in Ireland; the regulations that must be followed; if other criteria must be met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [54522/21]

*723. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 660 of 12 October 2021, the number of cattle slaughtered from controlled finishing units in September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54636/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department can engage with the representative farming organisations to discuss the unsustainable price increase in fertiliser costs facing the sector; if his Department has any proposals to ensure that this unprecedented surge in price is rectified in discussion with the European Commission and that farmers in Ireland will have access to fertilisers at sustainable costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [54693/21]

*725. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of any lands sold by Coillte, any lands currently for sale and any lands being considered for sale over the past five years, including the size of lands, sale price or asking price and location of these lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54694/21]

*726. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will apply the maximum timelines on each application in a functioning licensing system for forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54706/21]

*727. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a refined timeframe will be provided for the implementation of the MacKinnon Report on the review of the approval process for forestation in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54707/21]

*728. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a single licence application system to deal with planting, thinning and harvesting to give certainty to the forestry industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54708/21]

*729. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will set up a forestry development agency to promote and represent the forestry sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54709/21]

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

*730. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current status of the bill aimed at indemnifying farmers against liability for walkers on their property; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54087/21]

*731. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current status of the bill aimed at indemnifying farmers against liability for walkers on their property; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54088/21]

*732. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current number of remote working hubs by county; the level of funding allocated to the building of these remote
working hubs; and the status of plans to increase the number of remote working hubs. — Peadar Tóibín. [54104/21]

*733. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount as a percentage and in euro of the National Development Plan which was allocated to development outside of Dublin; and the amount as a percentage and in euro of Budget 2022 which was allocated to projects, schemes and developments outside of Dublin. — Peadar Tóibín. [54105/21]

*734. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a community sports, recreation and youth facility consisting of playing pitches, walkways and recreation areas in proximity to a growing village can be considered partly or in whole under the qualifying criteria for the town and village renewal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54612/21]

*735. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a community sports, recreation and youth facility consisting of playing pitches, walkways and recreation areas in proximity to a growing village can be considered partly or in whole under the qualifying criteria for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54613/21]

*736. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a community sports, recreation and youth facility consisting of playing pitches, walkways and recreation areas in proximity to a growing village can be considered partly or in whole under the qualifying criteria for the CLÁR scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54614/21]

*737. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a community sports, recreation and youth facility consisting of playing pitches, walkways and recreation areas in proximity to a growing village can be considered partly or in whole under the qualifying criteria for the ORIS scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54615/21]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 10 NOVEMBER, 2021

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the key policy achievements of his Department since June 2020. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54364/21]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the number of special advisers and political staffing appointments in his Department. — Alan Kelly. [54768/21]