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CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL
QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to attend the proposed investor roadshows to attract large institutional investors into the Irish residential market; the number of these roadshows that are planned; the location and when they will take place; and the sort of investors he plans to meet if new incentives are being offered to these funds. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55415/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units to be completed by Tipperary County Council by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55465/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will initiate a review of An Bord Pleanála in view of the recent High Court decisions against An Bord Pleanála with respect to the Docklands Strategic Development Zone to ensure its future decisions are consistent with the principals of good placemaking and democratic planning. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55416/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it will be ensured that the revised wind energy development guidelines will prioritise community consultation and be addressing householder concerns in relation to noise and flicker levels; when he expects the revised guidelines to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55282/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the support his Department is providing to local authorities in the collection of derelict site levies in view of the fact that less than 3% of possible revenue was collected in 2020 nationally. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55417/21]

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

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the role that biodiversity officers play in local authorities; his views on a nationwide roll-out of these positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [53501/21]
7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant properties and houses across the State as of 2021; and the number of vacant properties that are State-owned. — Peadar Tóibín. [54715/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the establishment of the Commission on Housing and the terms of reference; when the membership of the Commission will be appointed; the sectors he will target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [54956/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have discretion in their application of the recent changes to the household means policy issued in March 2021. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [54983/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the extension of the defective concrete block scheme to County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [55205/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the issue of local councils being unable to enforce a ban on short-term lets in rent pressure zones given that they are powerless to gather the landlord contact information or property ID required to bring about a prosecution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [55156/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that public housing land in south Dublin County Council was recently sold to a private developer; the reason there is also a proposal to sell similar land in Dublin County Council in view of the establishment of the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55042/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will work with Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council to ensure that the remaining tenants in a location (details supplied) who are all in receipt of social housing support are not made homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55036/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Judicial Review Bill; when this Bill is likely to be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [54846/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress made on the delivery of a sewage scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55080/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the housing first scheme will be extended given the figures for homeless not having been reduced over the past two year period (details supplied) and the fact the very first housing first property has just been rolled out in County Clare; the additional funding that will be available for homeless services in County Clare, for example, for wetroom facilities and an expansion of emergency accommodation through Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55131/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the amendments to the household means policy of March 2021 allows for recent changes in circumstance to be taken
into account; his views on the fact that these amendments have meant that persons with significant
time on the housing list are being struck off the list entirely; and if he will make a statement on the
matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [54982/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department’s policy
in conjunction with Irish Water in terms of the taking in charge of developer-led sewage treatment
plants; his views in relation to the part such privately developed treatment plant can play in future
county development plans to encourage development within small towns and villages in County
Clare and throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey.
[55206/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the criteria set out in
the Housing for All plan for the development of affordable housing will result in affordable houses
being in County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [54771/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide
a social housing passport in order that persons can move for work, family reasons and so on, to
different local authority areas without losing any time on the housing list. — Mark Ward. [54640/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will support
measures to reduce rents given the crisis caused by rising rent costs; and if he will make a statement
on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54653/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the protocol with regard
to those living in homeless accommodation provided by a local authority in cases in which the
income levels of persons change to an extent that it puts them over the income threshold for social
housing; if they can remain on the housing list with no penalties; and if he will make a statement
on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54639/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether a
service (details supplied) and the housing assistance payment limits are fit for purpose considering
the national policy of preventing homelessness; the new measures he plans to put in place to ensure
that the number of persons in homelessness do not continue to increase; and if he will make a
statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55040/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to
announce the new income limits for social housing; if he will review the new requirement in social
housing assessment regulations that means that the income of the past 12 months of the applicant is
taken into account rather than the current income (details supplied); and if he will make a statement
on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55035/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the delivery
of housing by the Land Development Agency in Dublin. — Cormac Devlin. [55163/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary
Question No. 154 of 28 September 2021, when he expects all vacant homes officer positions in
local authorities to be filled on a full-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. —
David Stanton. [54984/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional support
and finance that will be put in place for Irish Water to remedy the ongoing issues with the waste
28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Citizens’ Assembly on Biodiversity will convene; and the discussions he has had with his Ministerial colleagues in relation to same. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51084/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his work to establish the Electoral Commission. — James Lawless. [55203/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to reform the local authority maintenance programme to reduce void turnaround times. — Thomas Gould. [55076/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans for affordable housing in the Dublin Bay south area. — Jim O’Callaghan. [55143/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expenditure each year for the past ten years, including to date in 2021 on Traveller specific housing; the total number of Travellers on housing lists across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54327/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new build social homes that will be delivered in County Mayo in 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55199/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged in discussions regarding a repeal of the competitive tax advantages of REITs within the housing market. — Peadar Tóibín. [54716/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way the capital assistance scheme has been used to support the provision of emergency accommodation to victims of domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55150/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on discussions he has had with those campaigning for full MICA redress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54654/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the development of a biodiversity officer programme pursuant to the Programme for Government; the analysis his Department carried out in 2021 to ensure that all 31 local authorities have a sufficient number of biodiversity and heritage officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55192/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of families with housing need currently in County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [55049/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role his Department plays in preventing pollution in Dublin Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [53538/21]
40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if will give further consideration to the strong wishes of communities across County Mayo to retain the name Ballycroy in the name of the National Park; if his attention has been drawn to the anger and disappointment at the dropping of the name; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [55072/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the incentives he favours to help bring derelict houses back into use as homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54832/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to support the development and operation of small sewerage schemes in villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54973/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of demands and the value of same for the vacant site levy issued by Galway City Council and Galway County Council in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the amount of the vacant site levy collected by Galway City Council and Galway County Council in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55191/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the impact the reduced interest rate for local authority mortgages under the Rebuilding Ireland home loan has had since its introduction in September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55110/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a new amended tenant purchase housing scheme will be finalised and local authority tenants can apply for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54328/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the work of the Independent Working Group to examine defective housing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55107/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department plans to reimburse local authorities for the significant income they have lost out on due to Covid-19 in particular reduced incomes from parking charges or decreased revenues from commercial rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55195/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the joint report of the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission and the Economic and Social Research Institute on adequate housing; his views on the disadvantages experienced by young people, migrants, persons with disabilities and Travellers as outlined in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [48677/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on his plans to tackle the increase in demand on homeless services to due evictions from private rentals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54568/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider immediate measures to support renters in the private rental market including a ban on rent increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [54426/21]
51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding income thresholds for those trying to avail of social housing; the discussions his Department has had on raising the threshold; his plans to have these limits raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [54747/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason only 28 persons were sanctioned for breaking the rent pressure zone rules in the 12 months to July 2021 given the widespread breaches of the rent pressure zone rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [54969/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the rural housing planning guidelines that are currently being prepared; the expected timeframe for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55222/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his objectives and targets in respect of public authority and affordable housing with particular reference to ensuring that families currently renting can have a mechanism whereby they can purchase a home without having to accumulate a deposit which is an impossibility given the cost of renting; if he will consider setting precise targets under this heading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55073/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his input and the input of the NPWS in the Maritime Area Planning Bill 2021 with regards to the biodiversity of Ireland’s seas and nearshore and the plans for increasing the marine protected areas in the interest of protecting the environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55038/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on extending the voting franchise for general elections to all persons who qualify to vote in local elections. — Holly Cairns. [55159/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policy initiatives being taken by his Department to help ensure the implementation of the EU Biodiversity Strategy in the context of land designation. — Marian Harkin. [51557/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress which has been made in finalising the parameters for eligibility for the various affordable purchase and rent schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [55165/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant local authority owned properties in County Kerry; the funding set aside to upgrade these vacant properties in 2022; the target number of properties to be upgraded in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54569/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will approve funding for a new fire station in Rathdowney and Stradbally, County Laois. — Brian Stanley. [54360/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to introduce new measures to help bring derelict houses back into use as homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54831/21]
62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities that plan to implement the proposals outlined in Housing for All which relate to affordable purchase homes and affordable rental homes; if they have communicated with his Department on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55077/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider proper rent controls that would see rent pegged to average incomes and set by a rent authority considering the constant increase of rents despite RPZ legislation and amendments to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55037/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has requested Cork City Council and Cork County Council to furnish details of all derelict properties currently on their respective registers; the way his Department now plans to tackle the problem of dereliction in Cork city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54980/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of income eligibility for social housing supports in each local authority; the details of the new assessment methodology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairi Ó Murchú. [55221/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his work to establish a Commission on Housing. — James Lawless. [55204/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to provide persons with intellectual disabilities and autism spectrum disorder suitable social or affordable housing. — Holly Cairns. [55160/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new national housing strategy for disabled people will be published; if the strategy will move beyond the single strategy of decongregation and include the provision of supported living with targets and actual numbers in order that it can be monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55041/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress of the affordable housing scheme in County Cork to date; his plans for this scheme going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54981/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is anticipated that the figures under the affordable housing scheme for each county will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55111/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 311 of 22 June 2021, when he expects a tender to be approved for the water-rock development project at Midleton, County Cork; when approval to the construction phase of the project is likely to proceed thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [54985/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to publish the final report of the working group on horticultural peat. — Matt Carthy. [55048/21]
73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for reducing estate regeneration and refurbishment funding in Budget 2022 to €50 million from the €73 million that had been allocated for 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55106/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to promote biodiversity in urban centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [53537/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria and application timeline for urban regeneration and development fund funding in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [55157/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the options that are under consideration for mid-income families who cannot secure sufficient mortgages where financial institutions will not take their rental payments into consideration on their applications; the engagement he has had with the Minister for Finance in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55079/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of a reformed 100% redress scheme for homes affected by defective blocks with mica and pyrite; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [55223/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the delivery of housing by the Land Development Agency in Cork. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [55193/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress in addressing the difficulties in retaining part-time firefighters and improving their terms and conditions. — Brian Stanley. [54361/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress that has been made in ensuring that the homes in an estate (details supplied) are removed from their current red zone demolition category; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [54746/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when persons will be able to submit applications for affordable housing in north County Dublin. — Louise O’Reilly. [54213/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the new proposals in Housing for All which relate to the power of local authorities to address abandoned buildings in urban villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55078/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that persons who have been through a separation or divorce and or have been denied a mortgage on medical grounds have adequate access to the Rebuilding Ireland home loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55200/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a situation in which those in receipt of the housing assistance payment who enter residential rehabilitation or detox treatment must inform the local authority they will not be staying
there for a period of over three weeks and are often at risk of losing their HAP payment and thus becoming homeless. — Thomas Gould. [55075/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the milestones for measuring progress which he has set for the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciaraín Cannon. [55166/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the progress to date on establishing and implementing maternity leave for councillors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [54700/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to implement the motion passed unanimously by Dáil Éireann on 15 June 2021, calling on the Government to deliver 100% redress for the families that have been devastated by MICA and pyrite in the concrete blocks in their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54431/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the action he plans to take to address the alarming increase in homelessness as reported by his Department’s monthly reports. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55105/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the Traveller accommodation expert review 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55130/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his work with Dublin City Council to deliver affordable homes on the Poolbeg Strategic Development Zone site. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55104/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the Departmental working group that was set up to investigate potential amendments to building regulations to require changing places (details supplied) in suitable public buildings; the number of times the group has met; if he proposes to meet with the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [54830/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the immediate and urgent actions that will be taken to reverse the month-on-month increases in homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [54971/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households that currently live-in cost-rental homes; the average cost of rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [54970/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress which has been made in finalising the parameters for eligibility for the various affordable purchase and rent schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [55050/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the renumeration elements of the Moorhead Report have been implemented; if county and city councillors received their increased renumeration; the work that has been carried out on the non-pay elements of the
Moorhead Report in relation to retention of local councillors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55194/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which precise housing targets can be or are being met in each local authority by county; the degree to which progress is being made towards meeting the needs of those on local authority housing waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55074/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way the new Croí Cónaithe fund will support villages and towns across rural Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [55144/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Glass Bottle Site, Ringsend, Dublin 4; and his plans for affordable housing on the site. — Jim O’Callaghan. [55142/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the delivery of housing under the Housing for All plan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [54957/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for an upgraded blueway along the Barrow river; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murienne O’Connor. [53629/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the milestones for measuring progress which he has set for the Land Development Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [55051/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his work to tackle homelessness in Dublin. — Cormac Devlin. [55164/21]

103. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cad iad a tuairimí maidir le tacú le hiarrachtaí chun tithíocht phobalbhunaithe a fhorbairt sa Ghaeltacht; agus an gcuirfear talamh poiblí ar fáil sa Ghaeltacht chun tithíocht inacmhainne a fhurbairt; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54839/21]

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

104. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding and her views on the reopening guidelines for nightlife and entertainment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [54840/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the recent sale of a studio (details supplied) to a large real estate corporation particularly given that the State had only recently disposed of its share of the studios and that the studios have received large amounts of public funding over many years; her further views on whether it is now time to take the studios into public ownership and investigate the circumstances of the sale; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55228/21]
106. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sí ar an eolas faoi ceapa teiripeoirí urlabhra le Gaeilge a fhéadfadh measúnú a dhéanamh ar Ghaeilgeoirí óga sa Ghaeltacht; gur i mBéarla amháin atá seirbhísí rithábhachtacha ar nós Childline agus iad á maoiniú ag an Stát agus ar seirbhísí iad nach féidir freastal ar Ghaeilgeoirí óga sa Ghaeltacht nó lasmuigh di, go háirithe iad síud gan móran Béarla acu; faoin easpa deiseanna do Ghaeilgeoirí leanúint ar aghaidh leis an oideachas lán-Ghaeilge tar éis an bunscoile toisce easpa Gaelcholáistí agus spásanna iomtu a bheith in easnamh; an bhfuil cáis na Gaeltachta agus na Gaeilge pléite aici go fóill leis na hAirí eile atá freagrach as na seirbhísí sin; agus muna bhfuil, an bhfuil sí sásta, mar Aire atá freagrach as an nGaeltacht agus as cur chun cinn na teanga náisiúnta, bualadh leo nó scriobh chugig na nAirí eile chun a chur ina lú fuathú an dTeo chugamh sin ar chearta agus ar dhea-bhail phobail labhartha na Gaeilge agus ar dhaoinne óga sa Ghaeltacht atá faoi bhrú iompú ar an mBéarla chun bunseirbhís a fháil. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55414/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide greater detail on the proposed universal basic income for the arts sector that was announced in Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [55101/21]

108. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimhir 12 ar an 5ú Deireadh Fómhair 2021, an dtabharfaidh sí soiléiriú ar an athbhreithniú atá idir lámha ag Údarás na Gaeltachta ar na córais agus ar an gcur chuige atá i bhfeidhm ag an Údarás faoi láthair chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna cliantchuideachtaí agus ar na bealaí a dhéantar an t-ábhar a bhaineann leo a riaradh; cathain a chríochnófar tuarsacáil an athbhreithnithe; cathain a fhiosfaíonn tuarsacáil an athbhreithnithe; agus ar ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [55213/21]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

109. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the criteria and timeline for the pilot scheme for arts and culture workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55224/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is a date for the announcement of the sports capital grants. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [54848/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the funding provided by the Ulster-Scots Agency to a festival (details supplied) was used to organise centenary celebrations of partition and of the creation of a sectarian statelet in the north of Ireland; her views on the appropriateness of this use of State funds by a Good Friday Agreement body; and her further views on whether it appropriate for a Good Friday Agreement body to be co-financing and endorsing a festival which she acknowledged in response to Parliamentary Question No. 315 of 2 November 2021 involved a living history component celebrating the sectarian B-Specials. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55155/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to promote the use of Irish outside Gaeltacht areas particularly in the capital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [55121/21]
113. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to ensure equality in funding for women’s and men’s Gaelic players grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54697/21]

114. Chun a fhaiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlmainte Uimhir 34 ar an 5ú Deireadh Fómhair 2021, an dtabharfaidh sí soiléiriú ar stádas phlean teanga Oileán Árann agus pleán teanga na Gaeltachta Láir; cathain a cheadófar na 26 phlean teanga; cé mhéad pleán diobh sin atá ag feidhmiú faoi láthair; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [55211/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of and position regarding the stream 1 large-scale sport infrastructure fund grant to Dublin City Council towards the overall design cost for the redevelopment of Dalymount Park; the funds drawn down to date; the expected completion date of that phase of work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54698/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports available for sustainable tourism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [55116/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her Department’s role in supporting the redevelopment of Dalymount Park; and the plans that exist for the retention of Tolka Park as a soccer venue independent of that process. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [54703/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has assessed the number of enterprises supported by her Department that are reporting financial distress; and the capacity of policy initiatives to ensure that viable activities can be sustained. — Richard Bruton. [55053/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the planned allocation of the €50 million provision announced in Budget 2022 for business continuity support for strategic tourism businesses that can help drive the sustainable recovery of the tourism sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [55127/21]

120. Chun a fhaiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le toghcháin phoiblí do bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [54560/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the importance of investment in sport as set out in the national sports policy; if she will continue to increase investment in sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55217/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to encourage members and players to return to sports following full reopening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [55117/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to promote the tourism and hospitality sector in 2022. — Holly Cairns. [55161/21]
124. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department has conducted a study or research to determine the effects lockdowns and travel restrictions had on Gaeltacht regions during the pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [54110/21]

125. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndéanfaidh sí athbhreithniú ar Scéim na mBóithre Áise chun í a thabhaitr ar ais do na Ceantair Ghaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Pearse Doherty. [54561/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she plans to respond positively to the requests of an organisation (details supplied) for a package of supports and measures to assist the recovery of those working in music, events and entertainment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55225/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her assessment of the challenges facing local media in a post-Covid-19 environment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [55108/21]

128. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her long-term ambitions to develop the various portfolios under her aegis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55088/21]

129. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 394 of 19 October 2021, the engagement she has had with Fáilte Ireland with regard to extending the tourism accommodation providers’ business continuity scheme to independent tourism providers who are not registered with Fáilte Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55209/21]

130. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the basic income pilot for artists will be open for applications; the details of the application criteria; the number of places there will be on the scheme; the way participants will be chosen; the person or body that will be administering the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55210/21]

131. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimhir 9 ar an 5ú Deireadh Fómhair 2021, cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ar an trú beart den phacaíste tacaíochta atá beartaithe chun cabhair a thabhaitir do na coláistí samhraidh i mbliana; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [55212/21]

132. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the building up of regulatory capacity, structures and expertise ahead of the planned establishment of the media commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [55125/21]

133. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department is engaging in the development of any application to host or co-host any major sporting events in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55218/21]

134. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a member of the indoor sport sector has been invited to sit on the Expert Group on the Return to Sport. — Thomas Gould. [55091/21]
135. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the Future of Media Commission’s report; the timeline for the publication of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [54845/21]

136. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of Sports Capital Grant Allocations for 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [55201/21]

137. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current and planned measures to support businesses and jobs in the hospitality sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [55126/21]

138. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if assistance will be provided to a sports club (details supplied) that wants to acquire land for use by the club; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [55202/21]

139. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a post-games review into the Olympics and Paralympics has been concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55047/21]

140. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán céard iad na pleannanna atá aici do na Coláistí Gaeilge don bhliain seo chugainn; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54330/21]

141. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she anticipates progress towards achieving her Departmental mission objectives in respect of each heading; the extent to which she can use ongoing monitoring to reflect progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55087/21]

142. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will detail the enhancement of international marketing of Ireland as a tourist destination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55214/21]

143. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagements she has had with various sporting bodies and others in relation to the return of indoor sports and cultural activities for children. — Pa Daly. [54945/21]

144. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if additional funds will be allocated towards the current Sports Capital and Equipment Programme to help increase the number of successful applicants and increase the amounts each will receive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54834/21]

145. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the breakdown of the funding for Irish language groups by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [54711/21]

146. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way the additional €65 million in sports funding through the Covid-19 investment programme will be disbursed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54978/21]
147. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the estimated timeline for the publication of the online safety and media regulation Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [54844/21]

148. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will prioritise efforts to develop the Wild Atlantic Way as per the commitment in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54833/21]

149. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to ensure Ireland will maintain strong representation in international events such as the Olympic Games, the Paralympic Games and World and European Championships; the steps being taken at all levels to support elite athletes and coaches who are currently competing, in addition to plans to build a pipeline of talent that will increase Ireland’s medal contention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [54943/21]

150. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 83 of 28 April 2021, the steps she is taking to facilitate a national policy debate on the issue of the financial health of the Irish media; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [53581/21]

151. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to initiate a national soccer strategy for the betterment of the game in Ireland. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [54705/21]

152. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding her plans to introduce a basic income pilot for artists given the delayed tender to facilitate stakeholder engagement; if that stakeholder engagement has taken place to date; if not, when it will take place; and if she will direct the Arts Council to introduce a hardship fund in the meantime given that the basic income pilot is still being developed to ensure artists struggling to pay bills and repay mortgages as a result of the impact of pandemic restrictions on their work are adequately supported until such time as the industry can fully recover. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55154/21]

153. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén straitéis a chuirfear i bhfeidhm chun cúrsaí Gaeilge a chur chun cinn i gcathair Chorcaí. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55081/21]

154. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the actions she will take to ensure the equal status of the Shelbourne women’s team who currently play their games at Tolka Park on the same terms as the men’s team in the Dalymount arrangement in the event of the proposed sale of Tolka Park going ahead. — Gary Gannon. [55231/21]

155. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current funding supports for LGBTQ+ persons in sporting programmes funded by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [54713/21]

156. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has assessed the number of enterprises supported by her Department which are reporting financial distress; and the capacity of policy initiatives to ensure that viable activities can be sustained. — Ciarán Cannon. [55109/21]
157. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps which she is taking to support a thriving, independent Irish media further to the Government review of the strategic communications unit in 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54974/21]

158. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide the funds necessary to build 500+ performance spaces in Dublin to address the dearth of such venues in Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [55230/21]

159. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the support provided in 2020 and to date in 2021 by her Department via Fáilte Ireland to relevant businesses in County Cork to help with reopening and recovery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54979/21]

160. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide the funds necessary to build 500+ performance spaces in Dublin to address the dearth of such venues in Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [55230/21]

161. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will report on progress in relation to the 2021 Sports Capital Programme; when an announcement will be made regarding the outcome of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [55207/21]

162. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the Sport Ireland guidelines for underage indoor club sports in terms of Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [54843/21]

163. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for inward international tourism in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [54329/21]

164. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to address the recommendation of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Tourism, Culture, Arts, Sport and Media on the pre-legislative scrutiny of the general scheme of the online safety and media regulation Bill for a moratorium on advertising infant formula products online; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55114/21]

165. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an ndéanfaidh sí athbhréithniú ar Scéim na mBóithre Áise a thabhairt ar ais do na Ceantair Ghaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [54838/21]

166. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the strategies in place to deliver on the recommendations proposed by the night-time economy task force; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [55124/21]

167. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the fact that film producer companies that are in receipt of public funding such as section 481 and Screen Ireland grants which are conditional on the provision of quality employment and training are regularly attending Workplace Relations Commission and Labour Court hearings in cases taken by film employees and denying that they have a responsibility to those employees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55226/21]
168. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to sport clubs or organisations that are excluding children from certain activities or restricting their participation on the basis of their vaccination status or that of their parents. — Peadar Tóibín. [54109/21]

169. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will engage with Raidió Teilifís Éireann and TG4 to ensure there are more men’s League of Ireland and Women’s National League football games broadcast on free-to-air television. — Louise O’Reilly. [54232/21]

170. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding the universal basic income pilot for artists; the qualifying criteria that will be applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [54835/21]

171. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltacht, Spóirt agus Meán cad iad na pleannanna atá ann chuimh maoiniú Bhuiséad 2022 a leithdháileadh ar an bpróiseas pleanála Gaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55082/21]

172. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports in place for the live entertainment sector as it emerges from the devastating impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [55129/21]

173. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the absence of cultural spaces in Dublin specifically for performance and artistic exhibitions; and the actions she plans to take to address same. — Gary Gannon. [55229/21]

174. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to address the widespread income and employment insecurity faced by art, culture, film, music and entertainment workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55227/21]

175. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the progress on the report her Department is compiling on the feasibility of establishing a digital legal deposit scheme to serve as a web archive for .ie domain contents as required under section 108 of the Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Act 2019; when the report is expected to be completed and published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [54842/21]

176. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagements she has had with basketball representatives including Basketball Ireland over return to play protocols. — Pa Daly. [54944/21]

177. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is satisfied with the number of defibrillators located in sports clubs throughout Ireland; the status of the work of an organisation (details supplied) in its development of a State defibrillator database; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55219/21]

178. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department is exploring the possibility of a levy or charge on households with subscriptions to streaming services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54655/21]
179. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on whether the improvement of use of the Irish language by State services should include public communications and advertising by Departments and State agencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [55128/21]

180. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to promote and develop Ireland’s Hidden Heartlands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54975/21]

181. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the sports capital grants process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55046/21]

182. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next Sports Capital Programme will be launched; if it will include a large-scale sports infrastructure aspect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [55208/21]

183. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to encourage the sports for all approach across sport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [55120/21]

184. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports available to groups such as brass bands, pipe bands, marching bands and choirs in recognition of their cultural contributions to local communities; her plans to expand supports in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [54986/21]

185. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the regulations that have been put in place to allow basketball and indoor team sports particularly at amateur and youth level to take place at this time. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [54851/21]

186. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for eco-tourism infrastructure in rural areas. — Holly Cairns. [55162/21]

187. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans of her Department to assist the GAA county boards with the upgrade and improvement of county grounds and stadiums; and the amount of finance that has been considered for same. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [54850/21]

188. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le toghcháin phoiblí do bhord Údarás na Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [54837/21]

189. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the additional €65 million funding for the sports sector announced in early October 2021 will be allocated to clubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [55122/21]

190. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her assessment of the challenges facing local media in a post-Covid environment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [55052/21]
191. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports that will be available for small-scale festivals in 2022; the criteria for applications; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [55112/21]

192. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán faoina pleán maidir le tascfhórsa a bhunú chun scrúdú a dhéanamh ar sholáthar seirbhísí teaghlach agus óige sa Ghaeltacht, mar a bhí molta ag Tuaismitheoirí na Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54836/21]

193. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the pilot basic income guarantee scheme for artists including its planned scope; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [55113/21]

194. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to expand the mobility of collections scheme to support loans from the national collections for display in public buildings across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [53580/21]

195. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way her Department plans to support the Irish speaking community in County Clare to secure a future for a facility (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [54696/21]

196. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if clarity will be provided for indoor sports following the latest regulations from Sport Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [54712/21]

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CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*197. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the IDA has provided funding to a company (details supplied) in the past 24 months; and if so, the nature and value of the funding provided. — Louise O’Reilly. [55374/21]

*198. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when it is planned to reopen the Institute for Trade and Investment in Taiwan as 17 other EU countries have trade offices there and the EU has a Mission Office in Taiwan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55379/21]

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

*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the funding his Department has provided to develop onshore wind energy projects from 1 January 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55283/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to introduce legislation to support the guidelines issued to local authorities on 18 August 2021 with
regard to telecommunications infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54972/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a grant is available for the installation of a wind turbine to generate domestic electricity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55237/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if improvements were made to the better energy warmer homes scheme in the recent Budget; if he is considering providing a grant for low-income households in order to avail of a free building energy rating assessment; if he has plans to include solar panels under the better energy warmer homes scheme; if double glazed windows are available under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55338/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average grant provided to a household in County Cork for retrofitting their home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55341/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that have been retrofitted to date in 2021, by county; the number by county estimated to be retrofitted by the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55342/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated number of households in energy or fuel poverty in 2021 by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55343/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered the introduction of a returns and refund scheme on cans and bottles to encourage the public to recycle these items in return for a small financial sum; the estimated cost of such a programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55386/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 141 of 2 November 2021, if he will provide the name of the Italian consultant companies appointed to undertake the review of the North-South Interconnector. — Darren O’Rourke. [55400/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there is no proper funding being allocated for the N86 road to Dingle, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55295/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are sources of public funding available to upgrade electric charging points (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55339/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to advance the Cork Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55344/21]
*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered implementing bus rapid transport in Cork city and county along the same corridors as the proposed light rail. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55345/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he has taken to encourage cycling initiatives in Cork city and county. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55346/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason Action 106 deliver a network of safe, segregated cycling facilities in the new Climate Action Plan have been delayed; the mitigation measures that are being put in place to ensure no further delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [55402/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated amount of electricity that will be required to power one million electric cars (details supplied) in view of the measures targeted in the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55253/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons awaiting a driver test in each test centre area by age in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [55258/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons awaiting a driver test appointment in each centre by age; and the length of time they have been awaiting a test in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [55259/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting lists for theory tests for driver test applicants by test centre and county; and the length of time each centre is waiting to clear the backlog. — Sean Sherlock. [55260/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applicants by age and county for the driver theory test. — Sean Sherlock. [55261/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the specific location of all bus shelters to be installed in County Cork in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [55262/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of contact free ticketing for bus and train use. — Sean Sherlock. [55263/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of providing Leap card prices on the Mallow to Cork rail service. — Sean Sherlock. [55264/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the list of applications being considered by his Department relative to new roads infrastructure in County Kilkenny; the stage each application is at in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [55275/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding fuel consumption in relation to car journeys further to measures outlined in the new Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55276/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who are employed to provide security on DART services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [55278/21]
*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of instances of antisocial behaviour and violent attacks on DART trains and stations; the methods in place to monitor these incidents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [55279/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that are being taken to prevent antisocial behaviour and violent attacks on DART services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [55280/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport when a renewal driver licence will be issued to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [55281/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if a request has been received from the Decade of Centenaries committee of Carlow County Council to name the new footbridge at Carlow town train station after a person (details supplied) to mark the centenary of their execution; when a decision can be expected on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [55291/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to an issue at a driver test centre (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [55312/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if transport management CPC holders who had their licence issued in Northern Ireland were required complete a transport management CPC examination in advance of the end of 2020 with (details supplied) to obtain an equivalent issued here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55313/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons who availed of the opportunity prior to the 2020 deadline of swapping their transport management certificate of professional competence for an equivalent issued here; the number of persons that remain to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55314/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the professional competence requirements that now need to be completed to exchange a transport management certificate of professional competence in road haulage issued in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55315/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if the 36 driver testers that were acquired to help clear the driver test backlog will be kept in their posts for the foreseeable future; if they are on temporary contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55330/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are roadworks planned for the section of roads at Shannon Heights, Kilrush, County Clare. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55336/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there is a cost of €35 for a person when they apply for a disability parking permit; his plans to eliminate this charge; if there is some way a person can be exempt from this charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [55348/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the closure of the Tandy’s Lane exit to the N4 at Lucan, County Dublin which was closed a number of years ago in the context of growing traffic through Lucan village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55383/21]
*237. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has consulted with the Minister for Finance in respect of seeking to have included among VAT exempt services that the driver education sector be included (details supplied); and if not, his plans to engage the Minister for Finance on this issue. — Catherine Murphy. [55405/21]

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

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures that are being undertaken to ensure access to affordable insurance for hunts and other leisure, sporting and charity businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55270/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered reviewing VAT exemptions (details supplied) for the driving education sector in the context of the Value-Added Tax Consolidation Act 2010. — Catherine Murphy. [55404/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount spent to date on the planned international roadshow events to attract institutional investors to the property sector in Ireland; the total allocated budget for these events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [55406/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of international roadshow events to attract institutional investors to the property sector in Ireland that are planned; the persons or bodies that are due to attend these events on behalf of the Government; the policy justification for these events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [55408/21]

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

*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason retired prison officers who are in receipt of a State pension did not receive the 2% rise in payments that other sectors of the public service received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55325/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief scheme for Portumna, County Galway; when the project will be ready for construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55397/21]

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

*244. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media 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]

*245. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the strategies to address labour supply and skills requirements in the tourism and hospitality sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [55123/21]
*246. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for a full return of indoor sports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [55118/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding the processing of applications for the sports capital programme; if an announcement will be made in the coming weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [55119/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the processing of applications to the sports capital and equipment programme; if the processing of applications remains likely to be concluded before the end of 2021; if more details can be provided on the significant additional grants allocated to the sports capital and equipment programme as mentioned in Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55196/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the report from the Future of Media Commission; when it is likely to be published; if details will be provided on the supports being put in place for local media and particularly local print media; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55197/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 5 of 5 October 2021 and her comments in Dáil Éireann in relation to same, if minutes are published or taken in respect of the fortnightly meetings that take place between her Department and Galway 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55235/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to the publication of a report (details supplied), the role of the Ministerial nominee who sat on the board of Galway 2020; the details of the reporting requirements on the Departmental official; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55236/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagement she has had with the Minister for Education relating to the potential including of soccer coaching as a transition year subject in second-level schools. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [54704/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding that has been made available to the various GAA county boards to upgrade and improve county grounds and stadiums over the past three years. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [54849/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she can assist the tourism sector in the short to medium term given the continued existence of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55438/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department continues to monitor and evaluate the damage done to the tourism sector by Covid-19 with a view to identifying the means necessary to offer assistance in the time ahead with particular reference to the need to ensure full recovery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55439/21]
*256. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the ongoing proposals to assist the tourism sector in its recovery from Covid-19 given the ongoing presence of the virus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55440/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she is in continuous contact with all aspects of the tourism sector with a view to maximising her Department’s advice and assistance in the face of the persistent challenge of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55441/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the bulk of the submissions she has received from the tourism sector in the context of the utilisation of every possible means of revival and recovery in the face of the ongoing presence of the Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55442/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the initiatives she has taken or proposes to take to encourage cultural activities throughout the country with particular reference to ongoing challenges such as Covid-19 or other threats in the short and medium term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55443/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which her Department has assisted with cultural activities in the past year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55444/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which her Department has assisted with community-based arts and cultural activities by county in the past 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55445/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department continues to liaise with cultural and arts groups including the performing arts; if she is satisfied with the progress in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55446/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department, directly or through the Arts Council and Kildare County Council, has assisted with productions at a club (details supplied); her proposals for so doing in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55447/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the proposals for her ongoing support of the Irish language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55448/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department proposes to assist the sporting and recreational interests throughout Ireland in 2022; the extent to which she expects grant or other aid to feature directly or indirectly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55449/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the nature of her proposals to ensure the elimination of abuses such as bullying and intimidation through social media; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55450/21]

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*267. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if further action is required to address bullying and intimidation through social media; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55451/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which her Department can address issues of urban and rural deprivation by way of access to services run by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55453/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the Chief State Solicitors Office cleared a sports capital grant for payment for a club (details supplied); if so, when payment is likely to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55457/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if disability access assessments have been conducted at theatres (details supplied); the process by which such assessments are monitored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [55463/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the report by the Night-time Economy Taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [55464/21]

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

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the 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]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times that Glenveagh National Park had to close in 2021 as a result of the car park reaching capacity; and if his Department has liaised with the Minister of State with responsibility for the Office of Public Works to discuss the need for the expansion of the car parking facilities at Glenveagh National Park and to explain the adverse impact the current car parking limitations are having for tourism in the north-west. — Pearse Doherty. [47908/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the rules regarding the housing assistance payment can be reviewed in order that a couple or person in a house sharing arrangement can claim HAP (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [55321/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which his Department will consider further changes in the regulations relating to eligibility for local authority housing given that the income limits beyond which a person on the housing lists can be actually be considered for rehousing is unrealistic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55418/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will initiate changes in the local authority and Rebuilding Ireland housing loan system to ensure that families paying a high rent, very often higher than what a mortgage would cost, can have a realistic opportunity of
housing themselves by way of a loan from the local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55419/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider changes in the local authority housing loan and Rebuilding Ireland loan scheme with a view to improved rapidity to the processing of loans and a recognition of the need to revert to procedures associated with the Housing Act 1966 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55420/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable houses provided by or through the aegis of each local authority by county in each of the past six years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55421/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Rebuilding Ireland and local authority loans approved by and drawn down in each local authority by county in each of the past six years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55422/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average time taken to process Rebuilding Ireland and local authority loans by each local authority by county in each of the past six years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55423/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps being taken to ensure the elimination of delays likely to inhibit the provision of affordable or local authority housing in each of the past six years to date; the action taken or proposed to address this issue at an early date; the expected beneficial effect of changes by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55424/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and location of heritage projects currently in hand or proposed with particular reference to potentially at-risk buildings or sites throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55425/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which protected or listed buildings throughout County Kildare are currently in the course of any remedial or protective works; the extent to which waiting lists have been identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55426/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he remains satisfied that investment funds are not impeding the provision of affordable housing throughout the country; the exceptions in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55427/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current top ten administrative obstacles to the provision of affordable and local authority housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55428/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average time taken from the initial application of planning permission to the completion of construction of all housing and recognising the need to ensure the quickest possible turn around while meeting the necessary
provisions and on-time delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55429/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and location of various housing development proposals, public and private throughout the country that are currently delayed due to the lack of various services; the proposals to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55430/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the ready availability of and access to such services as water and sewerage facilities are made readily available and that no developments, public or private are delayed due to lack of availability of such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55431/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which developments at COP26 in Glasgow are likely to affect house building here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55432/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the attention of his Department has been drawn to the imposition of new regulations and conditions which have the effect of slowing down the provision of public or private housing developments; the extent to which his Department has received information is this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55433/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress to date in the upgrading of various group water schemes by county basis; the number needing and awaiting such treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55435/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration of the applicants’ history and duration of renting will be taken as a means of reducing the deposit requirement in respect of affordable housing in order to alleviate the burden on families seeking Rebuilding Ireland and local authority loans given that renting costs are in many cases higher than mortgage costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55436/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of houses, affordable or for those on local authority housing waiting lists, that have been allocated to appropriately qualified families in each of the past six weeks to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55437/21]

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

*294. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue in the case of persons (details supplied) whose applications were submitted via post a number of months ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55298/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport can issue for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that this passport is a renewal application was received in the Passport Office on 6 September 2021 and the delay in issuing same will potentially jeopardise a sporting opportunity for this person. — Michael Ring. [55324/21]
*296. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the processing of foreign birth registrations will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [55326/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that this application is with the Passport Service for 50 working days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55380/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a schedule of the time backlog on all accepted foreign birth Irish passport applications by country (details supplied); and the additional resources he has and will provide to clear these backlogs. — Catherine Murphy. [55462/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*299. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has reviewed the upper age limit for the recruitment of Defence Forces personnel at a time when recruiting suitable personnel is proving problematic; his views on whether the current age limits having regard to international comparisons are appropriate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [55250/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Defence his Department’s plans to allow the Air Corps to carry out priority one ambulance flights on behalf of the HSE; if arrangements will be made and adequate resources provided to allow this to come into effect from the start of 2023 when the current contract for the service expires; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55303/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Defence when backpay due to members of the Army Ranger Wing will be paid; the reason the money has not been paid to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55305/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*302. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to amend or update the current Report of the Special Education Review Committee 1993 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55273/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Education if swimming lessons for school children can return within schools. — Thomas Gould. [55334/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the number of schools in the country that do not have defibrillators near or in the school; if there are trained personnel in the schools who can use these defibrillators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [55238/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the provision of air purifiers with high efficiency particular air filters in each classroom in Ireland to reduce the risk of transmission of Covid-19; the analysis her Department has carried out into the cost of providing air purifiers with such filters in each classroom; the analysis her Department has carried out into the benefits of air purification in classrooms alongside the opening of windows and doors for ventilation in combating the spread of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55241/21]
*306. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools in Ireland that have been provided with CO2 monitors funded by her Department; the number of primary schools that have not received any CO2 monitors to date; the number of CO2 monitors provided per primary school; the total number of CO2 monitors provided to date to primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55242/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education the number of secondary schools in Ireland that have been provided with CO2 monitors funded by her Department; the number of secondary schools who have not received any CO2 monitors to date; the number of CO2 monitors provided per secondary school; the total number of CO2 monitors provided to date to secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55243/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that some parents of autistic children in sixth class in County Cork who require autism special class places for their secondary schooling have been told by their children’s disability network teams that they will not get educational placement recommendations until February 2022 at the earliest (details supplied); the date this will be rectified; if she will ensure that a paperwork issue caused by the creation of the children’s network disability teams does not deny children their right to an appropriate education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [55248/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will receive the remainder of a payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55269/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a new school building (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55347/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education if children in sixth class in County Cork who require ASD class places for their secondary schooling and whose parents were informed by their children’s disability network teams that they will not get educational placement recommendations until February 2022 at the earliest, will receive this recommendation before Christmas 2021 due to the importance of an early recommendation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55354/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the planned major renovation and rebuilding works to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [55355/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to overcrowded classes and teacher shortages at a school (details supplied); and her plans to address these problems. — Louise O’Reilly. [55375/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to delays in the provision of two special educational needs classrooms due to planning complications at a school (details supplied); if this matter can be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [55403/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which her Department has had discussions with the various interests involved in respect of replacement school buildings at a school (details supplied); the extent to which outstanding issues have been resolved with a view to an urgent starting date for the development; if issues relating to traffic management and roads have been fully
resolved; when it is expected that the various projects within her Department’s control can start; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55459/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which proposals in respect of the replacement of a school (details supplied) and the accommodation of the proposed schools at a campus; if the project has progressed satisfactorily since early July 2021; the precise stage at which each of the projects now rest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55460/21]

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

*317. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the target month and year she is working to for the publication of the cost of disability research; the reason the report has not yet been published; the actions she has taken on foot of the report since she received it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [55256/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55292/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason rural social scheme supervisors are excluded from the package her Department is offering community employment supervisors and community employment assistant supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55311/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review her Department’s plans to restructure local jobs clubs through a new tendering process, as this would essentially privatise a social service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55317/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending contracts for local jobs clubs further following a recent six month extension to contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55318/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether the new model for jobs clubs being profit driven based on performance to refer clients to full-time employment as the key metric is a just policy move (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55319/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reconsider the policy that would see jobs clubs being transformed into profit driven private enterprises through the new tendering process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55320/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that a service to allow for the renewal of public services cards has been discontinued at a location (details supplied) in County Sligo; her views on whether it is not acceptable for residents of the area and its vast hinterland to have to travel 20 miles or more to avail of the service; her further views on whether such a move to discontinue the service is not in line with the Our Rural Future initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [55322/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an urgent oral hearing can be facilitated online or in person in respect of an appeal for invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55327/21]
*326. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a provision in place in relation to a scenario related to the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [55356/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the jobseeker’s transition payment beyond the 14th birthday of the child when a recipient is in full-time education to allow the recipient to continue to receive the payment until they have completed their education course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55399/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of parents who lose the jobseeker’s transition payment while taking part in an education course due to the child turning 14; if her Department has conducted research into the effect this has or will have on the completion rate of education courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55401/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the video circulating on social media in regard to direct provision (details supplied); if this matter is being investigated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [55288/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding will be made available as a matter of urgency for the provision of a domestic violence refuge for counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [55289/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is discretionary funding available for a group (details supplied) in County Kerry to help with electricity and insurance costs for its premises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55245/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current restrictions covering youth clubs. — Thomas Gould. [55331/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if updated guidelines will be published for youth groups. — Thomas Gould. [55332/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration will be given to the easing of restrictions in relation to the reopening of youth organisation meetings as a matter of urgency; if additional funding will be allocated to these largely voluntary groups in order to address the loss of socialisation for young adults; if measures will be put in place to ensure that such outlets for young adults will be treated the same as school settings for the purposes of Covid-19 regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55365/21]
Chun an Aire Breiseachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.

*335. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student with a level 5 qualification who is now doing a different level 5 qualification can access the SUSI grant if they did not receive it for the first level 5 qualification; if not, if there are alternative supports available for such a student; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [55323/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether it is fair that a person can be refused a SUSI grant with the reason for disqualification being that capital allowances are not allowed against calculating income for SUSI grants, considering this is particularly unfair on self-employed persons and the same write-off process is permitted when calculating returns to the Revenue Commissioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55357/21]

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

*337. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time gardaí currently based in Rathcoole Garda station by rank. — Mark Ward. [55251/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána by each rank in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [55252/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1390 of 27 July 2021, if she will provide the corresponding figures for the Roscommon/Longford division and the Galway division respectively; the numbers in each station appointed to specialist units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55285/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Justice if persons with pending applications under section 3 or deportation order and persons who may have been living in Ireland for ten to 15 years will be included in the scheme to regularise the undocumented here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [55287/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Justice when persons (details supplied) can expect a decision on their deportation appeals to be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55299/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of eligibility for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); when it is expected the application can be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55458/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*343. To ask the Minister for Health if assistance with travel to medical appointments for treatment for cancer can continue to be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55456/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if alternative arrangements can be made available in the community in view of the fact that emergency departments in hospitals are seeing a surge in elderly
persons presenting themselves to the departments for various non-Covid-19 related health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [55239/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the lack of stroke facilities in hospitals; if a strategy is being put in place to alleviate this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [55240/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health the reason ten jobs for mental health services in County Kerry were not advertised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55249/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health the status of progress on meeting the commitment in the HSE service plan 2021 to provide for services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [55254/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the 120,000 additional personal assistance hours announced in Budget 2022 will be distributed to address the requirements outlined in the disability capacity review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [55255/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitalisations per hospital recorded in October, November and to date in 2021 for children and older adults afflicted with respiratory syncytial virus infection in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [55257/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the operational activity and numbers at a hospital (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [55265/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance calls registered for accidents on the N20 Cork to Limerick road in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Sean Sherlock. [55266/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the resumption of daycare services in north County Sligo; the arrangement his Department will put in place to deliver daycare services in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55267/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure the availability of scalp-cooling services to cancer patients in public hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55271/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure the availability of scalp-cooling services in the oncology ward of the Mater Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55272/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding disability services in County Cork in particular in relation to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [55277/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health if Irish citizens returning to Ireland from Canada for Christmas require PCR tests (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [55286/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the nursing home support scheme costs for a person (details supplied) are so excessive; the measures which can be taken to put on hold the
excessive costs to family members until the person’s power of attorney is finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [55290/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address matters in relation to the ambulance service (details supplied) in County Kerry. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55293/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is available to provide a refund to a person (details supplied) following a dental procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55294/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health if services will be put in place in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [55296/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to address the significant shortfall of neurology nurses in CUH; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55297/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health when the Winter Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55300/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions which will be implemented in the Winter Plan in the areas of managing Covid-19 cases in intensive care units, the flu, elective surgeries and non-elective surgeries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55301/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the impact that the most recent spike in Covid-19 cases is having on the public health system; the measures to be taken in the Winter Plan and beyond to deal with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55302/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can be given an urgent date for surgery to take place. — Chris Andrews. [55316/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the current Covid-19 testing protocols in place for hospital emergency department admissions and discharges from hospital wards; if patients are checked before, during and after admission and on discharge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55337/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the urgency with which an Assisted Human Reproduction Bill is required so as to give legal certainty to mothers of children born through surrogacy who presently have guardianship status which ends when the child turns 18 years of age removing any legal link between the child and mother; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [55340/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider making it mandatory for male public toilets to have sanitary bins as in female toilets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55349/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults that were recorded on nurses each year from 2015 to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55350/21]
*370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults that were recorded on doctors each year from 2015 to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55351/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults that were recorded on paramedics each year from 2015 to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55352/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health if funding can be made available for a group (details supplied) to assist in its establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55358/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it took to recruit and fill a nursing post in hospitals in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — David Cullinane. [55359/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it took to recruit and fill a consultant post in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — David Cullinane. [55360/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it took to recruit and fill a new or vacant post in the HSE in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — David Cullinane. [55361/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner referrals by type of referral and service for each month of 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55362/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health the volume of Covid-19 retests carried out by the HSE on first time positive PCR tests since testing began. — Alan Kelly. [55363/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Health the volume of notifications issued by the HSE that recommended second Covid-19 PCR retests to persons in the country since testing began by month and county. — Alan Kelly. [55364/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who spent more than four consecutive days in hospital in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55366/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who spent more than 21 consecutive days in hospital in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55367/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who required hospitalisation from birth of 30 days or more for each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55368/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who required ten or more visits inpatient, day case or outpatient to Children’s Health Ireland hospitals or regional paediatric units for each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55369/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Health the income recorded by Children’s Health Ireland hospitals, CHI at Crumlin, CHI at Tallaght and CHI at Temple Street from parking charges for each of the
years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55370/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Health if a document (details supplied) was considered in respect of evidence in favour of giving heart failure patients high risk priority on the vaccine priority and vaccine booster list; if this evidence was accepted; the situation in respect of heart failure patients on the vaccine booster list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [55371/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Health if there is funding available for a person (details supplied) with an eating disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55372/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which patients with progressive, life-limiting conditions will be able to access medical cards in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [55376/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a statutory homecare scheme; the way in which perceived age discrimination in the provision of homecare services will be tackled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [55377/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 439 of 7 October 2021, the status of his Department’s examination on this issue; if there is a timeline available for when these charges will be reformed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55387/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Health the reason urgent care service funding has ceased in a surgery (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55396/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 834 of 19 October 2021, if he will clarify a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [55411/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Health if vaccination is compulsory for certain students in order that they can take up a placement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55412/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which ongoing testing of new and orphan drugs continues; the number of cases approved in each of the past 12 months to date; the extent to which availability of such drugs can be enhanced by way of specific changes or accelerated process; the extent to which remuneration continues to play an important role in making such drugs available to suitable patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55461/21]

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

*393. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to an initiative (details supplied); and if his Department will help support and progress the initiative to create a native woodland forest for the children of Ireland. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [55382/21]
*394. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the allocation of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55246/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter regarding the consequential effects of a farm inspection in relation to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55274/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive their GLAS payments for 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55333/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 3 November 2021, the locations of the current 86 vacancies in the regional veterinary offices; the job title of each vacancy; if a breakdown of vacancies in each regional veterinary office area will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55353/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if hedgerows, all small-scale planting and all small blocks of scrub are measured in the inventory of forest cover; if so, the way they are measured; the percentage of the State that is occupied by such forest cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55384/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the agencies that carry out forestry research; the level of expenditure on such research in 2020 and 2021; the level of funding to be provided for this research in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55385/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the additional measures that will be implemented to eliminate the unacceptable delays in processing applications for forest planting and felling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55398/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review a statement (details supplied); the actions his Department has taken on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55410/21]

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

*402. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if emergency funding will be provided to community groups whose fundraising has been curtailed due to the Covid-19 pandemic and are struggling to pay utilities and insurance costs on their premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55247/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of funding for Kerry County Council under the town and village renewal scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55284/21]