



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

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

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagement with the First and Deputy First Ministers of Northern Ireland. — Alan Kelly. [55855/21]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagement with political leaders in Northern Ireland. — Brendan Smith. [55888/21]

4. To ask the Taoiseach the recent discussions he has had with the leaders of the Northern Ireland Executive. — Seán Haughey. [55889/21]

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

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office based in his Department. — Alan Kelly. [55856/21]

7. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office based in his Department. — Dara Calleary. [55890/21]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office of his Department. — James Lawless. [55893/21]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office based in his Department. — Mick Barry. [55898/21]

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Paul McAuliffe. [55894/21]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55895/21]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [55899/21]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic division of his Department. — Dara Calleary. [55904/21]

20. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which further potential risks have been identified in the context of the National Risk Assessment. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51253/21]

21. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which further potential risks have been identified in the context of the National Risk Assessment. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55793/21]

22. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which further potential risks have been identified in the context of the national risk assessment. — Paul Murphy. [55799/21]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Risk Assessment. — Brendan Smith. [55901/21]

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

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

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the most recent European Council meeting. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55794/21]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the most recent European Council meeting. — Paul Murphy. [55800/21]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the European Council meeting. — Seán Haughey. [55896/21]

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

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the shared island dialogue will hold its next meeting. — Alan Kelly. [56126/21]

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

32. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the social impact assessments carried out by his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit since 1 January 2016. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55796/21]

33. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the social impact assessments carried out by his Department and public bodies and agencies under his remit since 1 January 2016. — Paul Murphy. [55802/21]

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

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international and European Union division of his Department. — Mick Barry. [55900/21]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international and European Union division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55797/21]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international and European Union division of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [55803/21]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international and European Union division of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [56128/21]

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

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

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

42. To ask the Taoiseach the names of each Commission of Investigation established by his Department in each of the past ten years; the costs incurred by each; the number not yet concluded; and the expected time by which they will be dissolved. — Peadar Tóibín. [55848/21]

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

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

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

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

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54210/21]

48. To ask the Taoiseach the measures he will take to achieve the aspirations arising from discussions at the COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54701/21]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55831/21]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55798/21]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Paul Murphy. [55804/21]

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

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55666/21]

54. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work of the Cabinet Committee on Health. — Peadar Tóibín. [55847/21]

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [55857/21]

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

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

58. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55668/21]

59. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [56127/21]

60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a progress report on the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55795/21]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a progress report on the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [55801/21]

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

62. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress to date of the Interim Procurement Reform Board under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56103/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide information on planned changes to the Public Spending Code against which proposals from Departments and State agencies will be appraised in respect of the need to comply with the aims of the Climate Action Plan and sectoral carbon budgets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54955/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the issues Open Government Partnership will be addressing with him; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56104/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if an update will be provided on the overpayment of rent at the Miesian Plaza; the contacts which his officials have had with the landlord over the past six months; and when he expects to recoup this overpayment. — Róisín Shortall. [56170/21]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

66. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a report on the National Recovery and Resilience Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55892/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the National Development Plan will help deal with the ongoing challenge of Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55551/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief measures for County Louth; the progress to date; the additional staffing resources provided by the OPW to Louth County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55833/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an overview of NSO 6 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [55877/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of his Department's overall strategy or masterplan for countering the impact of rising sea levels and coastal flooding in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55883/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way the revised National Development Plan will strengthen rural economies and communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [55850/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the work of the Interim Procurement Reform Board; his plans to strengthen the procurement process in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55832/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason for using public private partnerships to deliver capital projects particularly in relation to the technological higher education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55903/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of final approval for a project (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55884/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to provide more access to remote working within the public sector; the status of negotiations with trade unions regarding the development of an agreed framework on remote working in the civil and public service into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54951/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he plans to publish legislation to amend the Regulation of Lobbying Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54953/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of unoccupied Garda stations in counties Longford and Westmeath that are owned by the State; the future plans for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [55388/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that generator-powered mobile floodlights have been installed in the Phoenix Park given the refusal by the OPW to upgrade lights on Chesterfield Avenue to accommodate walkers and cyclists on the grounds of light pollution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54119/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an overview of NSO 8 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [55859/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress that has been made on initiatives to improve the delivery of capital investment projects and to achieve greater value for money as set out in the National Development Plan. — Dara Calleary. [55837/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the methodology to ensure that public capital projects and public procurement avail of every opportunity to minimise carbon footprint and avail of opportunities for sequestration of carbon; and if he is planning to put in place a reporting format to ensure that it will happen. — Richard Bruton. [55586/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the Office of Public Works project at Carlow Castle due to have been completed in October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55825/21]



83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way the revised National Development Plan will enhance regional accessibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55753/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the flooding projects to be undertaken by the Office of Public Works in County Cork for 2022; the estimated cost of same; the drainage projects to be undertaken by Cork County Council with financial assistance from the Office of Public Works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55912/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress on the review of the Freedom of Information Acts; the number of FOI requests across State agencies for each year since 2015; the number of requests fully and partially granted; and the number disallowed. — Fergus O'Dowd. [55670/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a contract for works on Leighlinbridge Garda station has been initiated; the date when the rural station in County Carlow will be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55826/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an overview of NSO 10 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55879/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he is taking to achieve the 20% target for remote working across the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [53579/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimate and outturn for each of the financial votes that he must account for in each of the past five years; the estimate for 2022; the percentage of each vote that is for capital or current expenditure; and the percentage each year spent on salaries and pensions within the current spend. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53523/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to restore and open the public toilets on the west side of Infirmary Road, Dublin 7 adjoining the Phoenix Park and beside the entrance off the North Circular Road, in line with the restoration of the Magazine Fort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54118/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his assessment of the likely impact of the revised National Development Plan on employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [55880/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his responsibilities with respect to addressing issues of costal erosion in Portrane, Fingal, County Dublin; the steps he has taken to assist residents at this location whose homes are under threat of collapsing into the sea due to costal erosion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [54214/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of Departments that have requested to roll over all or part of their budget to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [55389/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether the ambitious National Development Plan can be delivered smoothly; and the measures being put in place to remove obstacles which have delayed projects in the past. — Richard Bruton. [55587/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the recent discussions he has had with the Northern Ireland authorities in relation to flooding in County Cavan being caused by the river Erne; the action that can be taken to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55860/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an overview of NSO 4 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [55875/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of efforts to streamline the delivery of large-scale capital projects; his plans to ensure future projects are more likely to be delivered in a cost-effective and timely basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55885/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the flood relief scheme in Skibbereen, County Cork will be officially completed. — Holly Cairns. [55905/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an overview of NSO 7 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [55858/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to facilitate remote working of civil servants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54976/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his assessment of the likely impact of the revised National Development Plan on output and productivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [55881/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an overview of NSO 2 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55752/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to make remote working an option for persons working in the civil and public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [55673/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the 2021 regional reports on Project Ireland 2040 will be published by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [55851/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an overview of NSO 9 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55878/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress to date on the €7 million investment in the removal of the pinch points on the river Shannon which will address the

scale of summer flooding in the Shannon Callows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [53578/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which FEMPI has restored or continues to restore relevant incomes in accordance with agreements to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55829/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief works in the Spanish Arch area of Galway city; the cost of same to date; the estimated total cost of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55882/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on providing fully accessible changing places and toilet facilities in all publicly accessible Departmental buildings to offer persons with disabilities and carers a network of equipped spaces to take care of personal hygiene in safety and comfort. — Holly Cairns. [55906/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an overview of NSO 3 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [55849/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the €7 million allocated in December 2019 to alleviate constrictions to the flow of water in the Shannon Callows between Athlone and Meelick will be drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54977/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an overview of NSO 1 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [55874/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of dividend to the Exchequer from the ESB and a company (details supplied) for 2020 and 2021; if this revenue is earmarked for specific expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [55671/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of allocating the portion of the Brexit Adjustment Reserve due to be disbursed in 2022; and if it will be ensured that primary producers are prioritised for support. — Matt Carthy. [55909/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there are plans to bring the entrance level wage in the Defence Forces up to the living wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [46655/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an overview of NSO 5 of the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [55876/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures he will support in terms of a Covid-19 bonus for workers; if he will support an annual extra bank holiday as part of such a bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [55897/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of the Brexit Adjustment Reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55886/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will report on recent developments in relation to the 2021-2027 PEACE PLUS EU Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55861/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the cumulative additional expenditure undertaken as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55887/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the role he sees for reform in the area of meeting public expenditure requirements in the future; the extent to which he continues to monitor all Departments in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55830/21]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*122. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the well-being framework and dashboard; his plans to include the distribution of both pre-tax and post-tax income and wealth and Gini coefficient within the income and wealth dimension of the proposed well-being dashboard; and his plans to include measures for the security of employment, trade union density and collective bargaining coverage and work-life balance within the work and job quality dimension. — Ged Nash. [56110/21]

\*123. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the National Risk Assessment. — Alan Kelly. [56129/21]

\*124. To ask the Taoiseach the way he travelled to and from Edinburgh en route to COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow; and the airline or airlines with which he travelled if he took a commercial flight. — Michael McNamara. [55537/21]

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

\*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of skilled retrofitting workers that will be needed to deliver on retrofitting targets; the number of each category of tradesperson or specifically qualified retrofitting construction workers in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55483/21]

\*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the provision of statutory sick pay for all employees; his views on the equity of transferring the financial burden of sick pay to employers; the way employers will be supported in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55487/21]

\*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of inspections that the Health and Safety Authority has carried out in hospitality related businesses, such as, pubs, restaurants, cafes, hotels and nightclubs since 22 October 2021 in order to monitor

and enforce compliance with the requirement for EU Digital COVID Certificates to be presented and checked, by county; the number of compliance notices or formal orders issued to businesses that have been found to be non-compliant with the regulations relating the checking of EU Digital COVID Certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55498/21]

\*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total allocation and final expenditure on each Enterprise Ireland and IDA Ireland technology centre in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55506/21]

\*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way the performance of the disruptive technologies innovation fund will be assessed and the output of the research and development activity to ensure value for money for taxpayers given that €235 million has been awarded to private companies in the first three calls for the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55507/21]

\*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to ensure an inclusion statement securing the equal rights of persons living with a disability to work remotely within the Remote Working Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55546/21]

\*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason the 100 work permits recently issued for farming only related to dairy farming and did not include the pig and poultry sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [55583/21]

\*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of applications for a work permit that have been received by his Department for healthcare assistants following the announcement that healthcare assistants from non-EU/EEA countries could apply for a work permit; the number that have been granted to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55615/21]

\*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the implementation of the code of conduct in relation to commercial leases since October 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55637/21]

\*134. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which the establishment of a unified patent court here has been examined with particular reference to the innovative requirements of the manufacturing and services sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56091/21]

\*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent of engagement by Government in 2021 at a European level on the unified patent court including participation at meetings of the preparatory committee of the unified patent court and developments that have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56092/21]

\*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent of engagement in 2021 between his Department and IDA Ireland, Enterprise Ireland and Science Foundation Ireland on the concept of the unified patent court and the opportunities for Ireland arising therefrom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56093/21]

\*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent of engagement in 2021 between his Department and external organisations such as business and legal representative bodies on the unified patent court and the opportunities for Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56094/21]

\*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding and his views on the EU Mandatory Human Rights Due Diligence Directive being brought by the European Commission; and the steps his Department intends to take to ensure that Ireland is in a position to implement it. — Ivana Bacik. [56120/21]

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

\*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the advice and assistance his Department can provide to persons in north County Kildare (details supplied); if it is the case that to qualify for the grant all expensive work must be done in one go to get the BER to the necessary level thus putting it out of reach of many who wish to make these changes; if so, if his Department will amend the grant requirements in order to assist as many homeowners as possible to do as much as possible on a phased basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [55742/21]

\*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he and his officials took to verify the financial standing of each of the consortium members in the context of the National Broadband Plan and the winning bidder (details supplied); and the way in which they compared with that of the pre-qualification criteria. — Catherine Murphy. [55481/21]

\*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide in percentage terms in the context of the National Broadband Plan the capital each member of the consortium was putting up; and if his Department verified the bona fides of each consortium member vis a vis their tax status and balance sheet health. — Catherine Murphy. [55482/21]

\*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected funding to be made available from the Climate Action Fund between 2021 and 2030 to deliver on the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55599/21]

\*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected funding to be made available from the Just Transition Fund between 2021 and 2030 to deliver on the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55600/21]

\*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to foster the use of green hydrogen in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55616/21]

\*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the State supports which are available to support the adoption of green hydrogen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55618/21]



\*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the European Commission hydrogen strategy; the extent to which his Department has engaged with the strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55619/21]

\*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that section 15(6)(c) of the Digital Hub Development Agency Act 2003 will be observed and that a representative of the local community be appointed by him with immediate effect to replace the previous representative whose term expired on 2 June 2021 (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55629/21]

\*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish a detailed map updating the national broadband programme roll out for Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown local authority area which clearly details the outstanding amber and blue areas; when the amber and blue areas will be upgraded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55634/21]

\*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown of funding committed to the Stop Food Waste programme in each year since 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55639/21]

\*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the EU Single Use Plastics Directive has been transposed into Irish law given that he committed to transposing same by 3 July 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55640/21]

\*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will investigate the further delay from March 2022 to April 2023 in supply of high speed broadband connection to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55653/21]

\*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that section 15 subsection 6(c) of the Digital Hub Development Agency Act 2003 will be observed and that a representative of the local community will be appointed by him with immediate effect to replace the previous representative whose term expired on 2 June 2021 especially in view of an announcement (details supplied) that the digital hub will continue to function beyond June 2022. — Patrick Costello. [55678/21]

\*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish the scientific basis for the proposal that is to be put to him to introduce a conservation by law prohibiting a person from taking, or attempting to take, an arctic char *salvelinus alpinus* by means of a fishery engine or rod and line from the waters of the State and to prohibit killing, retention or possession of arctic char. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55700/21]

\*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the feed-in tariff for homes with PV panels will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [55703/21]

\*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline any solar strategy to ensure a greater share of electricity is generated through solar PV; if there are plans to retrofit every home in the country with solar panels; if solar PV will be made more accessible to schools, GAA clubs and local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55842/21]

\*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will examine a connection to broadband (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [55862/21]

\*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of the penalties provided for in the Climate Act 2021 for failing to meet targets including sectoral emissions ceilings and carbon budgets, 2030 interim targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55921/21]

\*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will expedite legislation to amend both the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the Waste Management Act 1996 to provide a lawful basis for local authorities to use CCTV in detecting and prosecuting illegal dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55946/21]

\*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason the plans to rent and import 200 megawatts of emergency gas generators in winter 2021 have been abandoned; the amount which was spent on the attempted procurement; if the State or a semi-State body will face fines for abandoning this plan; if so, the estimated amount; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55953/21]

\*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to introduce a residential retrofit loan guarantee scheme as per action 212 of the Climate Action Plan 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56024/21]

\*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of expressions of interest received in relation to the support scheme for renewable heat; the number of full applications made; the number of applications approved; the number of applicants issued a letter of offer; the number of applicants who have completed all inspections for each year the scheme has been in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56031/21]

\*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a premises (details supplied) is included in the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56047/21]

\*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a decision has been made on an application for approval of a thermodynamic solar hot water system under the better energy homes grants scheme by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56056/21]

\*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the date by which the microgeneration support scheme will be ready for individuals, community groups, business owners and farmers to sell eligible electricity to the national grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56086/21]

\*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the date on which his Department will publish the summary responses to the public consultation in relation to the microgeneration support scheme which closed on 18 February 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56087/21]

\*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the date on which his Department will publish the findings from the submissions to the public consultation regarding



the microgeneration support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56088/21]

\*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of times that the Micro-generation Working Group met in each month of 2021 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56089/21]

\*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a list of dates of meetings and attendees at the meetings that he or his officials have had with either the Commission for Regulation of Utilities or EirGrid since he took office in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56090/21]

\*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has plans to regularise the payments that smaller scale hydroelectric generators receive for the electricity they supply to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [56174/21]

*Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.*

\*170. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the role which green hydrogen can play in decarbonising sectors such as transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55617/21]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to define a set of metrics to accurately quantify the cost of extreme weather events to the State in terms of both revenues lost and the cost of repairs as per action 293 of the Climate Action Plan 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56022/21]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the beneficial ownership of the land reservation that had been designated for the Dublin eastern bypass given the decision of the National Transport Authority not to proceed with plans for the site. — Ivana Bacik. [56116/21]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures he is taking to facilitate charging of electric vehicles by public sector staff working in publicly-owned buildings to which limited public transport exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [56173/21]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or his Department officials attention has been drawn to or have entered into correspondence with the RSA to notify his Department that 32 contracted driver testers employed by the RSA are due to see their contracts terminated between December 2021 through to April 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [55466/21]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the use of no idling signs of which the purpose would be to prevent cars from idling in certain places while leaving their engines running thus reducing unnecessary carbon emissions being emitted into the atmosphere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [55467/21]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason private bus operators are to be excluded from the new young adult travel card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55468/21]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Road Safety Authority may be contravening EU employment law by not facilitating contracts of indefinite duration for driving testers by letting those testers leave after 35 months continuous employment and then hiring new testers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55489/21]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will initiate an immediate review of the failures identified in a report (details supplied); if he will bring forward proposals to address each failure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55490/21]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons on waiting lists for driving tests in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath and nationally to date; the length of time they have been waiting in tabular form; the stage they are at in the application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55499/21]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if a ban on petrol and diesel vehicles is allowable under EU legislation; if his Department has sought legal advice on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [55501/21]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied with the management of the Irish Coast Guard; if his attention has been drawn to media reports claiming that volunteers including volunteer officers in the Irish Coast Guard have been subjected to unfair disciplinary inquiries and actions; if his attention has been further drawn to other media reports claiming that staff working in this organisation have been bullied; if concerns regarding safety issues raised by the volunteers will be addressed; if he will engage with an organisation (details supplied) on these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [55518/21]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with members of an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55555/21]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of members that will be active in the Doolin unit of the Irish Coast Guard for it to be put back on the board and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55556/21]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that have been taken by his Department to expedite the training on partially trained and incoming members to the Doolin unit of the Irish Coast Guard in order that the unit can recommence its operations as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55557/21]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a driving test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [55568/21]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which public transport bodies have adopted green hydrogen or are considering its adoption for use in transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55620/21]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the National Transport Authority and Bus Éireann hydrogen bus pilot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55622/21]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the date for the commencement of the new 4B bus route as envisaged in the BusConnects proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55635/21]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 247 of 28 September 2021, if Ministerial approval has been given to the project to proceed to a business case. — Sean Sherlock. [55697/21]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55808/21]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the criteria applied by his Department with regard to the reciprocal recognition of international driving licences; the reason Ireland does not recognise driving licences from Bermuda; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [55820/21]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to extend to private bus operators the new young adult travel card scheme recently announced as part of Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55840/21]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the design, funding and delivery schedule of the Boyne greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55868/21]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the stage at which the DART+ to Drogheda project stands in terms of the appraisal by his Department of the capital project; if he will provide an updated assessment of the overall cost and timeline for completion of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55572/21]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an organisation (details supplied) is working to try and agree a code of best practice for the Athlone to Galway and other regional and national greenways with TII and others; his views on whether an essential aspect of the code is the use of voluntary land acquisition agreements as opposed to compulsory purchase orders in circumstances in which private lands may need to be acquired; his further views on whether a key element for the success of the voluntary land acquisition agreement approach is the payment of an adequate ex-gratia Greenway sustainability goodwill payment to the farmers affected; if he will meet the organisation on the issues involved with a view to finding a satisfactory outcome and securing farmers' goodwill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55934/21]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if it will be ensured asylum seekers are permitted to apply for a driving licence. — Holly Cairns. [55964/21]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline for the strategic all-island rail review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [55966/21]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if extra resources have been provided to the Road Safety Authority to reduce the backlog in driving test applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [55967/21]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving licence issued in the United Arab Emirates can be exchanged for a driving licence here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55974/21]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the number waiting for a driving test by test centre in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [56036/21]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for a driving test and a theory test, respectively in County Cork by test centre in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [56037/21]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time for a driving test in Ballincollig and Sarsfield Road test centres in Cork; and the number of persons waiting for less than 3, 3-6, 6-9, 9-12, 12-18 18-24 and over 24 months, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [56038/21]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time for a theory test in Ballincollig and Sarsfield Road test centres in Cork; and the number of persons waiting for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12, 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and over 24 months, in tabular form. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [56039/21]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the total funding allocated to Shannon Airport, Cork Airport and Dublin Airport since March 2020; and the amount of this funding that has been drawn down by the airports, respectively. — Michael McNamara. [56060/21]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the use of fixed-term contracts for driving testers at the RSA (details supplied); and his views on the use of contracts of indefinite duration in certain circumstances at the RSA. — Ivana Bacik. [56119/21]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take to reflect the support given by Dáil Éireann to the motion regarding regional transport infrastructure making particular reference to the Western Rail Corridor in the context of the expenditure ceilings for his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55902/21]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and or Irish Rail and or the NTA will conduct a feasibility study in respect of extending the DART+ from Adamstown, Dublin to Sallins, County Kildare in the context of the Greater Dublin Area Transport Strategy. — Catherine Murphy. [56181/21]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the issue of increased traffic using the Sallins by-pass to connect to the R407 in both directions in order to avoid the M50; if his attention has been drawn to concerns in respect of HGVs using this route via Clane and Maynooth; and the steps he will take to address this. — Catherine Murphy. [56182/21]

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

\*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans he has to tackle the extraordinary issues being encountered by county hunts in securing insurance to host point-to-point meetings (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [55476/21]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the options available a couple in full-time employment with the clear expectation of being able to repay the mortgage over a lifetime of work in circumstances

in which they require life insurance to secure a mortgage for a home loan and such insurance is unavailable due to a congenital illness; if there is a requirement for the insurance industry to offer life insurance in these circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [55495/21]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to making it mandatory for retailers to accept card payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55569/21]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the total carbon tax collected in 2019; the amount raised in the transport and buildings category by category in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55595/21]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Finance the total carbon tax collected in 2020; the amount raised in the transport and buildings category by category in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55596/21]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the total carbon tax collected in 2021; the amount raised in the transport and buildings category by category in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55597/21]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if the estimated carbon tax income of €9.5 billion to 2030 factors in the EU Fit for 55 proposals for carbon tax changes on transport and buildings; the estimated impact these changes would have on Irish carbon tax income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55598/21]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount that has been raised in Irish sovereign green bonds; the way this money has been used; his plans to raise green revenue by this mechanism in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55655/21]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to update rule 4(1)(b) of the Pensions Declaration Rules 1966 regarding an eligible witness to include additional persons such as elected members of both the Houses of the Oireachtas and local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [55867/21]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Finance if a review of the 4% interest charged by the Revenue Commissioners on deferred local property tax in circumstances in which the household income is deemed insufficient to meet the demand will be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [55968/21]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the exorbitant rise in insurance costs faced by the horse and pony racing sectors which is putting their existence in peril; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55989/21]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he is taking to combat the exorbitant rise in insurance costs faced by organisations such as the horse and pony racing sectors which is putting their existence in peril; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55990/21]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Finance when the planned examination of green budgeting practices from a tax perspective as per action 69 of the Climate Action Plan 2021 is due to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56021/21]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to issue new Irish sovereign green bonds as per action 74 of the Climate Action Plan 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56023/21]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to develop a roadmap for review and transition away from fossil fuel tax subsidies in the transport sector as per action 259 of the Climate Action Plan 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56025/21]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to prepare a climate finance roadmap as per action 430 of the Climate Action Plan 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56026/21]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to explore the potential for new tax measures to support retrofit as per action 214 of the Climate Action Plan 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56027/21]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the volume of development land in hectares currently held by NAMA or for which NAMA has an interest in tabular form; the amount of the land that has active planning permission; the number of residential units that are included as part of the planning permissions; and the number of these residential units that are currently commenced and under construction. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56075/21]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons with eating disorders are currently being denied access to mortgage protection insurance policies at times on a near permanent basis in respect to persons with long-term conditions; the steps he is taking to address the issues faced by persons unable to access life insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56076/21]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 145 of 9 November 2021, the percentage of the 2% of primary home mortgages provided without the requirement for mortgage protection insurance that were given an exemption either specifically due to suffering from an eating disorder or under the exemption (b) of section 126 of Consumer Credit Act 1995 given that this is the only exemption that could cover a mortgage applicant with an eating disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56077/21]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he has taken and or the decision that has been made on an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56102/21]

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

\*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the timeline for the proposed flood protection scheme in Arklow, County Wicklow; if the schedule of works will be aligned with works for the Arklow wastewater treatment plant to prevent potential flooding on the northside of the river in particular the Ferrybank area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56150/21]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the funding that has been made available to a municipal district (details supplied) for flood relief schemes; that schemes that will be funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55593/21]



\*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the upgrading of Bawnboy Garda station, County Cavan will proceed to construction stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55679/21]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide details of the works carried out at Emo Court from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will provide details of the derogation licenses associated with the works. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55705/21]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will extend the deadline for the Irish language executive officer panel due to expire on 31 December 2021 in view of the Covid-19 pandemic and the resultant delays in placements being offered to successful candidates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [55749/21]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will review the processes for filling executive officer placements to ensure that Irish language executive officer panels are considered alongside general English language panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [55750/21]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way that elected members of local government can benefit from EU funding such as the European Territorial Co-operation programme (or Interreg); if his Department supports councillors and their communities to access this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [46326/21]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of vacant sites currently managed by the Office of Public Works; and the amount spent on security and maintenance since 2019. — Peadar Tóibín. [55854/21]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the preparatory work that has been done by his Department to ensure that the civil service will be able to provide the services as outlined in the Official Languages (Amendment) Bill 2019 which is likely to be enacted before the end of 2021 which will place extra responsibilities on the civil service in relation to providing services through the Irish language; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55928/21]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of civil servants in his Department that are able to do their business through Irish, by grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55929/21]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the flood relief scheme in Clifden, County Galway; the public consultation that has taken place or is planned in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55940/21]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 5 of 23 September 2021, the status of the review of the freedom of information framework; the terms of reference of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55941/21]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of times the natural water retention measures working group met in 2020 and to date 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55942/21]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW will intervene to secure a building in danger of collapse (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [55947/21]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if members of the Defence Forces will share in a pandemic bonus scheme for front-line public sector workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [47123/21]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount both as a percentage and in euro of the National Development Plan which was allocated to development outside of Dublin; and the amount both as a percentage and in euro of Budget 2022 which was allocated to projects, schemes and developments outside of Dublin. — Peadar Tóibín. [54433/21]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the updates being considered to the Public Spending Code; the timeline for these updates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56020/21]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason the contracts for the construction of the new Bailieborough Garda station have not been signed; when it is expected this will happen; the reason for such delays given that the design plans were signed off on as far back as 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56072/21]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has identified particular tendencies in the context of public spending, current or capital, including inflationary elements which may require corrective measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56138/21]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which FEMPI restoration has been completed across all income brackets throughout the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56139/21]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress to date in regard to the preparation of a successor to OPS2020 by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56140/21]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied that public spending continues to proceed as anticipated notwithstanding the ongoing impact of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56141/21]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which examination of ways and means to acknowledge the efforts and dedication of front-line workers throughout the Covid-19 pandemic is ongoing; the options available to him to reward such persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56142/21]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which his Department continues to monitor the performance in both the public and private sectors with a view to ensuring a reasonable degree of equality throughout the economy in terms of opportunities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56143/21]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he expects the various targets in Project Ireland 2040 to be achieved on time and within budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56144/21]



\*255. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his preferred options to meet ongoing social and economic requirements in the context of current and capital expenditure in line with prudent management but placing sufficient emphasis on important structures such as housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56145/21]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which reforms throughout the public sector remain in place to ensure accountability, collective responsibility and good value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56146/21]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which his Department continues to monitor the impact of Brexit on the public and private sectors with a view to addressing such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56147/21]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there is a protocol in place governing Ministerial appointments to public bodies; if so, the details of the protocol; and if there are sanctions for Ministers who do not adhere to this protocol. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56165/21]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the multi-annual expenditure ceilings and the carryover impact of current expenditure measures announced in Budget 2022 for 2023 will be provided in the same format as provided in table 7, page 47 of Budget 2020. — Mairéad Farrell. [56180/21]

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

\*260. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position to be employed by social dancing event organisers under the public health guidelines in respect of booking in advance using computers they may not be familiar with and other pertinent information or clarification that can be provided to this sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [56008/21]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the costs to date spent by Fáilte Ireland in relation to its Visioning Report for Lough Muckno Estate, Castleblayney and the surrounding area; the estimated further cost in respect of the same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55682/21]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans that are being put in place to support mná tí financially and otherwise when the coláistí samhraidh resume in 2022 in view of the challenges that they have faced in 2020 and 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [55709/21]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the cost of employing safeguarding officers within Sport Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55739/21]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to introduce a mental health officer in Sport Ireland; the cost of employing a mental health officer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55740/21]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the cost of safeguarding and child protection training within Sport Ireland per person per year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55741/21]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the legislation on which the Covid-19 guidelines governing Sport Ireland and all indoor sports are based; the position that states that non-vaccinated parents are not permitted to enter and or spectate and or supervise their children participating in underage indoor sports; the guidelines that are in place to ensure sufficient safeguarding practices are in place in circumstances in which parents are prevented from entering a facility in which their child is participating in an indoor sport; if a parent can be prevented from entering a facility in which their child is participating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55787/21]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next round of sports capital grants will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55937/21]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the position regarding and status of the resumption of indoor basketball practice and games in the context of public health measures; and if there are plans to bring about a further reopening for the sport. — Ivana Bacik. [56118/21]

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

\*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of judicial reviews of An Bord Pleanála decisions in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of decisions that have been upheld; the number of decisions that were set aside in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [55512/21]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of judicial reviews of An Bord Pleanála decisions that have been taken by State bodies 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. — Pa Daly. [55513/21]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount incurred by An Bord Pleanála in legal and consultant fees 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. — Pa Daly. [55514/21]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that all external services and consultants retained by An Bord Pleanála have been procured in accordance with the relevant procurement law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [55515/21]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide financial supports to households that need to replace their septic tanks but are outside of the specified priority areas or have not had their tanks inspected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [55534/21]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is anticipated that the affordable housing local authority home loan and first home schemes will come into effect;

the income threshold for those living in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55538/21]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the new Dunleer fire station in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55585/21]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a memorandum of understanding exists between the fire services in Northern Ireland and Ireland; the status of the implementation of this memorandum of understanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [55594/21]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if new regulations regarding voids have been issued in 2021; and if so, the details of same. — Thomas Gould. [55612/21]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he has had with local authorities in relation to voids turnarounds. — Thomas Gould. [55613/21]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the available schemes or options available to persons whose apartments are subject to defective issues such as the need for fire remediation works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55638/21]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has had a communication from the Minister for Agriculture in Northern Ireland in relation to the farm nutrient management scheme which was designed to provide financial assistance for the improvement of animal waste storage on farms in Northern Ireland (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [55701/21]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all licences granted by the NPWS to the OPW to carry out works on Emo Court and the dates the licences were granted. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55706/21]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the facilities and funding that is currently in place for the treatment and or rehabilitation of injured wildlife. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55707/21]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of households that have availed of grants for new septic tanks under each of the grant schemes by county in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [55711/21]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports that are available to a homeowner with a defective septic tank who has not had an inspection and lives outside of the specific priority zones in which grants are available. — Martin Browne. [55712/21]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons are being prevented from drawing down their rebuilding Ireland loans despite having approval due to having been on the EWSS payment during the past year. — Martin Browne. [55713/21]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total Departmental finances allocated to Emmet Road St. Michael's Estate development; the proposed loan from the EIB and other ways that the Government can subsidise this project in order to ensure that the rents are realistic and truly affordable while not compromising on the quality of design; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [55727/21]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the contribution anticipated from financial institutions to the various schemes to restore buildings which have suffered from building product defects in view of the benefit they enjoy the value of their security in the portfolio restored is being restored at taxpayer's expense. — Richard Bruton. [55751/21]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the equipment available to the Tallaght fire brigade in view of the events following the recent fire in which there was a need to get an aerial platform used to conduct the rescue from Tara Street station; if there are plans to reduce the valuable response time to fight fires in high rise buildings by getting the equipment needed in Tallaght fire station in view of the approved and planned increase in high rise residential buildings in Tallaght; the other areas that are in the same predicament with waiting times for aerial platforms; and the estimated waiting times are for these areas. — Paul Murphy. [55789/21]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is further funding planned to provide suitable sheltered and supervised accommodation for homeless persons with addiction issues who often turn down offers in dry facilities in order that they can be treated in a holistic way and are protected while being engaged with in relation to wider mental and physical health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55816/21]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress on the regeneration of the St. Michael's site, Emmet Road, Inchicore, Dublin 8 including the finances allocated, the proposed loan from the EIB and other ways that the Government can subsidise this project in order to ensure that the rents are realistic and truly affordable while not compromising on the quality of design. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55930/21]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person is permitted to sublet a property they received from an approved housing body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55949/21]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to meet the executive of Galway County Council as a matter of urgency to address the funding shortfall in the local authority from the Local Government Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55950/21]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the caravan rental scheme; if there are plans to expand it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [55970/21]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason there are discrepancies in funding allocations from his Department to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55972/21]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when new maps of the approximate 9,000ha of land which will fall under the scope of the new zoned land tax will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56015/21]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the dedicated email addresses for Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas to contact his Department and bodies under his aegis as outlined in circular 25/2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56019/21]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans with respect to the creation of a Liffey Valley national park; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [56052/21]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 320 and 321 of 9 November 2021, the homeless HAP numbers in the third table in the question are active HAP tenancies or set-up HAP tenancies. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56074/21]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all reports commissioned by his Department or reviewed by his Department on defective buildings in the past five years including the authors of the report and if the reports have been or are due to be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56080/21]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of local authorities that do and do not have biodiversity officers; the local authorities that have funding requests pending for such officers; and the efforts he is making to ensure that all local authorities have such officers as soon as possible. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56148/21]

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

\*301. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will examine the passport application of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [55469/21]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact the Passport Office received this application on 19 May 2021. — Michael Ring. [55525/21]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the additional procedures which must be completed for issuing a passport to a child of Irish citizens who are not Irish born; and if there are steps which can be taken to speed up this process. — Richard Bruton. [55582/21]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport renewal in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [55603/21]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [55605/21]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport can issue for a person (details supplied) on time for their travel plans. — Michael Ring. [55623/21]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport can issue for a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that this person has not seen their family for two years. — Michael Ring. [55624/21]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will amend the process for applications submitted by passport express in order that the parents of minors are notified via telephone of a possible error rather than by letter in order that it can be immediately rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55627/21]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason it was decided not to send any Irish long term observers to the OSCE election observation mission in Kyrgyzstan; the number of roster members by gender that applied to participate as short term observers for the election in Kyrgyzstan; the number by gender that have been nominated for this mission; if nominated observers are not members of the current roster; if he will provide details of grants and other supports being provided to these observers; if his Department will pay for additional expenses of an observer that contracts Covid-19 while on the mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55791/21]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the budget for the election observation programme in 2019, 2020 and 2021; the amount spent in each year; if he will provide details of the budget in 2022; the number of observers projected to be deployed; his plans to replace the current roster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55792/21]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current wait times for first-time passport applications for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55980/21]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when in-person appointments for emergency passports will return to pre-Covid-19 levels and times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55981/21]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the facility to collect a passport will return; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55982/21]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications that missed their deadline for issue for 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55983/21]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications that are still pending that have missed their issue by date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55984/21]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he expects the backlog of passport applications to be cleared by the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55985/21]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he expects the turnaround times for passport renewals to improve in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55986/21]



\*318. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are plans for the allocation of additional resources to the Passport Office in anticipation of an increase in applications for travel around the festive season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [55987/21]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the supports or measures Ireland on its own or in conjunction with others is putting place to assist the populace of Afghanistan who are threatened with starvation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56013/21]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts being made by his Department to offer advice and caution to Irish citizens working and traveling to Iraq in regard to the risks in operating there, particularly in view of the arbitrary detention of a person (details supplied) who was sentenced to 15 years following a contracting dispute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56042/21]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures the Government has taken or is prepared to take in order to raise the issue of the plight of refugees who are stranded on the border between Poland and Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56044/21]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason Ireland does not have a reciprocal agreement with the United States of America in respect of F1 student visas which results in significant costs to Irish students travelling under this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56058/21]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport can be provided for a young baby (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56108/21]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a person (details supplied) will be home before Christmas. — Peadar Tóibín. [56122/21]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56164/21]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with the UK Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union regarding Article 16 of the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [56177/21]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with the President of the United States of America or their representatives regarding Article 16 of the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [56178/21]

*Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.*

\*328. To ask the Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to correspondence from an organisation (details supplied); the nature of Ireland's specific role and involvement in the training of the Libyan Coast Guard; if this role has changed or undergone a review in view of the matters outlined in the correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [55988/21]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Defence if the recent decision to extend the Army Ranger's deployment to Mali as part of the MINUSMA mission required the triple-lock and specifically Dáil Éireann approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55488/21]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) who was refused entry to the Defence Forces due to a previous conviction and is awaiting contact from the Defence Forces in this regard. — Thomas Gould. [55785/21]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Permanent Defence Force as of 31 October 2021 or the latest date available; if he will provide a breakdown of all ranks across the three services and the gender breakdown of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56133/21]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Reserve Defence Force as of 31 October 2021 or the latest date available; if he will provide a breakdown of all ranks across the three services and the gender breakdown of same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56134/21]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of overseas missions in which the Defence Forces are currently involved; the number of personnel involved in each mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56135/21]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of new applicants to the Defence Forces that were not offered enlistment due to below standard audiology results 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [56175/21]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Defence the procedure when a potential Defence Forces recruit is asked to obtain an external audiology report in circumstances in which a new recruit presents for medical and a query is raised regarding the audiology result. — Sorca Clarke. [56176/21]

*Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.*

\*336. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown of the allocation of educational psychologists and behavioural therapists at a school (details supplied) in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021; her views on whether the allocation is sufficient to address the needs of children attending the school; her plans in place to address a potential lack of allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [55632/21]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to increase the pay scale of special needs assistants and in particular for those fully qualified as Irish Sign Language interpreters and teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55472/21]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to ensure all children that happen to be profoundly deaf have access to fully qualified in classroom Irish Sign Language teachers and interpreters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55473/21]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to provide support and resources to special needs assistants that wish to become fully qualified Irish Sign Language interpreters and teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55474/21]



\*340. To ask the Minister for Education if a school will be facilitated as the host and be a base for a supply panel for substitute teachers for a number of schools in a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [55510/21]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the publication of the report on the review of the Traveller Education Strategy 2006; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55526/21]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the publication of the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy pilot baseline review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55527/21]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the publication of the research into the bullying of those from the Traveller community commissioned in 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55528/21]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a situation with school transport affecting students from Knock, Roscrea, County Tipperary in which there is only one school bus available but students are being denied a ticket on the grounds of distance despite there being no other school bus service available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [55535/21]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special schools that currently have a full-time behavioural therapist; and the details of same. — Emer Higgins. [55536/21]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the current temporary location of a school (details supplied) that is outside its own catchment area and that the school cannot be accommodated at the location from the academic year 2022; her plans for the new location of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [55554/21]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an 11 hour post in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55565/21]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Education the number of vacant posts in secondary schools in County Clare; and the length of time that each position has been vacant by 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and 12 months or more in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55566/21]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Education the number of vacant posts in primary schools in County Clare; and the length of time that each position has been vacant by 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and 12 months or more in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55567/21]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Education the number of educational psychologists in the County Offaly area; the number of current vacancies for psychologists; if she will provide details of the waiting lists that exist for accessing the current service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [55570/21]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Education the amount that was awarded to a school (details supplied) in the Capital Emergency Works Programme 2021; the breakdown of the works to be completed under this specific grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [55579/21]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Education the options available to a person working in the education and training board sector who claims they are not being paid according to their correct rate of pay as processed by education shared business services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55601/21]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been made to extending the social distancing capacity for all school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55651/21]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has received an application for additional classroom accommodation from a school (details supplied); if so, if she will outline the next steps by her Department in processing the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [55722/21]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to address the need for a formal national policy and training programme for the care of the allergic child in primary, secondary and pre-school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [55744/21]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [55756/21]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the ongoing delay in providing a long awaited and necessary extension on health and safety grounds for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55812/21]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a person (details supplied) must undertake 60 EC in German before undertaking a professional masters of education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55818/21]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Education the status of and position regarding ongoing talks regarding pay and entitlements for school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55843/21]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to remedy the shortage of substitute teachers; if her attention has been drawn to schools that are finding themselves unable to get a substitute teacher; if there are plans to give more flexibility in the process of appointing suitable substitute teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55844/21]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Education the number of educational welfare officers that are employed by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55845/21]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Education the number of cases educational welfare officers are currently and have previously been dealing with on 1 October in each of the past five years in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55846/21]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children that educational welfare officers are dealing with have not attended school for more than 1, 1 to 2, 2 to 3, 4 to 5, 5 to 6 and more

than 6 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55853/21]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the reintroduction of contact tracing into schools given the rising figures being experienced. — John Lahart. [55872/21]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the 29 day sick certificate for teachers given that there appears to be confusion in relation to extended sick leave beyond the 29 days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [55873/21]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address points (details supplied) regarding the exclusion of non-teachers from appointment as examination superintendents for the State examinations. — Catherine Murphy. [55969/21]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Education the processes of her Department regarding provision of school rulebooks to parents of children who were school students in the 1960s and 1970 specifically with regard to the 1946 rules and regulations for national schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56046/21]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to further resourcing schools to deal with the issues of bullying, in particular online bullying. — Marian Harkin. [56071/21]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Education the energy usage and energy costs for primary and secondary schools each year since 2010; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56105/21]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the contract for printing exam papers for the State Examinations Commission has been given to a British company and printed outside of Ireland rather than being given to an Irish company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [56151/21]

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

\*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a case will be reviewed (details supplied); if she will provide advice on the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55475/21]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available for those whose industries are open but remain heavily affected by Covid-19; if measures are being considered to support front-line workers that are aged over 60 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55491/21]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 634 of 19 October 2021, the date and content of correspondence to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands; the reason the report does not have a public publication page on her Department's website given that it appears to be accessible only as a pdf file at present; the reason the report is dated December 2020; the reason there are no recommendations to equalise current rates for young persons with standard jobseeker's rates; the reason a report of just 20 pages required such a lengthy timeframe for compilation and consideration; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55519/21]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount an organisation (details supplied) expended on investigations, appeals, hearings and so on since its formation; the percentage of this that has been spent on human resources and industrial relations issues in County Longford; if her attention has been drawn to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [55520/21]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a review of a decision on a disability allowance application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55541/21]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for the publication of the cost of disability report commissioned by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55544/21]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to make applications for social welfare supports available online at MyWelfare.ie in a way that is friendly to those who are blind or vision impaired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55545/21]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons waiting for an appointment for a public services card in tabular form; and the expected waiting time before they will receive an appointment. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55576/21]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if flexibility can be shown over the requirement to have a public services card to renew driver licences given the lengthy waiting times for a public services card appointment; and if not, the alternative avenues available for those who are currently unable to renew their driver licence without their public services card. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55577/21]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [55661/21]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of children that will benefit from the extension of access to domiciliary care allowance for children in hospital from 3 to 6 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55663/21]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of providing domiciliary care allowance for children that require prolonged hospitalisation in excess of 30 days from birth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55664/21]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated annual cost of providing domiciliary care allowance to children aged 16 and 17 years in view of the fact that children can no longer access this payment once they turn 16 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55665/21]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a PPS number for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [55669/21]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for an exceptional needs payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55715/21]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied). — Michael Lowry. [55721/21]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a differentiation in the treatment of capital in which the capital has been accumulated through the compulsory purchase of lands by the State for the purposes of the means test for the State pension (non-contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [55723/21]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the mechanism for recovering overdue maintenance payments in cases in which the payments on foot of a court order are not being made; the way the creditor can have the payments deducted from a person's social welfare income and processed into theirs; the process and the requirements in terms of court orders; the section of her Department that will deal with an order of this type; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [55724/21]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person is in receipt of incapacitated child tax credit is taken into consideration during assessment of an application for domiciliary care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55784/21]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons that would otherwise be entitled to benefit payment aged over 65 years are not able to claim the payment along with the half rate carer's allowance. — Joan Collins. [55788/21]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the issue concerning the formula for averaging the qualifying period for the State pension (contributory) (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [55839/21]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if supports are available to persons that are in receipt of disability allowance who are trying to pay off a mortgage in view of the fact that a person in receipt of social welfare payments can avail of rent assistance. — Paul Murphy. [55863/21]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will give consideration to matters raised in correspondence from Monaghan County Council (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55931/21]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be given credited contributions for periods they were unemployed in 2018 and 2019; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55938/21]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a full copy of the medical protocols used to assess eligibility to payments on medical grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55939/21]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason community employment supervisors that have received statutory redundancy are excluded from the gratuity payment upon reaching State pension age while retired community employment supervisors are eligible to apply; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [55944/21]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if acceptance of the agreement reached with unions (details supplied) in relation to community employment supervisors will preclude those who were provided standard statutory redundancy payments from the once-off gratuity payment in

lieu of a community employment pension that was committed to by the Labour Court in 2008; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [55945/21]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility for the fuel allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55954/21]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility for the living alone allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55955/21]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will examine the case and the circumstances of a person (details supplied) in relation to the illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [56009/21]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter regarding the pandemic unemployment payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [56010/21]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for illness benefit in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56048/21]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the initiatives in pathways to work available to parents who are not on jobseeker's allowance and who exited the workforce to care for their children for less than five years and more than five years; if they are eligible for access to schemes, allowances or initiatives (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56085/21]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason 234 calendar days is not used to assess eligibility for the back to education allowance; if 234 calendar days are not being used, if 273 calendar days are being used; if so, if this can be stated clearly on the website of her Department; if it is the case that recipients of the pandemic unemployment payment automatically qualify for the back to education allowance, whereas persons who were made redundant during the Covid-19 pandemic do not; if so, the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56109/21]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the back to work enterprise allowance for those applicants who were approved between February 2020 and June 2021 considering many were not able to open their businesses due to the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56115/21]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review correspondence (details supplied); if she will meet with staff on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56163/21]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the latest proposals by her Department to address the issue of the provision of pensions to community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56167/21]



\*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a copy of a medical assessment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56172/21]

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

\*409. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review correspondence (details supplied); the actions his Department can take to protect this vital service in Castleblayney, County Monaghan going forward; if his attention has been drawn to this matter; and the action being taken to support this service. — Niamh Smyth. [56014/21]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will restore the budget for a group (details supplied). — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55704/21]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children that are currently awaiting assistive technology for 0 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 18 and 18 plus months by county in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55786/21]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 737 of 31 March 2021, if he has received and will publish the report of the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection which was due on 31 October 2021 following the publication of A Shadow Cast Long, the independent review report into incorrect birth registrations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55923/21]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding can be provided for a preschool (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [55956/21]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of deaths of persons within the direct provision system annually since 2015; and the steps he is taking in response to such. — Holly Cairns. [55959/21]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of inspections concerning child and vulnerable person's safety that are conducted annually in direct provision centres; and the actions he has taken as a result of said inspections. — Holly Cairns. [55960/21]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of inspections concerning food preparation safety that are conducted annually in direct provision centres; and the actions he has taken as a result of said inspections. — Holly Cairns. [55957/21]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to an increase in illegal drug use over the past ten years; if his Department compiles any statistics on drug use nationally; if so, if he will furnish this Deputy with such statistics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56003/21]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons aged under 17 years who became pregnant while in State care in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [56004/21]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons aged under 18 years who became pregnant while in State care in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [56005/21]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of babies born either addicted to or effected by drugs or alcohol in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [56006/21]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons over the course of the past ten years who allege they were either physically or sexually abused or assaulted while in State care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56007/21]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review correspondence in relation to after-school services (details supplied); his plans to protect this vital service in Castleblayney, County Monaghan going forward; if his attention has been drawn to this matter; and the action that is being taken to support this service. — Niamh Smyth. [56011/21]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the definition of an enhanced medical card; the services it will cover for those that have suffered in mother and baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [56028/21]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date and month the enhanced medical cards will be issued to the survivors of the mother and baby institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [56029/21]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of and position regarding the mother and baby homes redress scheme; if an update will be provided on his engagement with survivor groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56106/21]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill to amend the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015 is scheduled for pre-legislative scrutiny at the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56121/21]

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

\*427. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the 2,650 additional places on retrofit and NZEB courses as outlined in Budget 2022 will be open; the total number of places on retrofit and NZEB courses including these additional places in 2022; the breakdown of the number of places that will be provided for each education and training board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55484/21]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of graduates in each on-site retrofit programme in Waterford, Wexford and Laois Offaly ETB that is targeted near zero energy building skills training for existing construction professionals and skills to advance programmes related to retrofitting as part of the Just Transition response for



Bord na Móna employees in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55485/21]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of each retrofitting or green building skills related reform to the curricula of construction related apprenticeships in the past ten years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55486/21]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of trainees currently enrolled in each retrofitting centre of excellence to date; the target enrolment for each retrofitting centre of excellence for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55504/21]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a new national strategy for research and innovation will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55508/21]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the baseline and target set out in adult literacy for life strategy for literacy, numeracy and digital skills, respectively; the interim targets over the term of the strategy; the estimated impact to the economy of achieving each target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55517/21]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the laptop grant scheme in the case of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [55543/21]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the annual cost of infrastructure projects under the higher education public private partnership are paid directly from the Exchequer or from the core funding of the institution involved in the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55558/21]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total value collected from the sale of the former DIT campus building; the total amount from the same of former DIT campus buildings use to fund the Central and East Quad at Grangegorman; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55559/21]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of Science Foundation Ireland funding that will be ring-fenced for research investment in technological universities in 2022; the amount of Science Foundation Ireland research funding that has been allocated to technological universities and institutes of technology each year since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55560/21]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details including cost of all non-PPP capital projects currently approved or underway in the technological university and institute of technology sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55561/21]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the allocation and expenditure each year for Science Foundation Ireland since 2012, in tabular form; the allocation for 2022; if this includes the €72 million for a national grand challenge announced in

the National Recovery and Resilience Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55562/21]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a new borrowing framework for the Technological University for the South East Ireland will allow and include borrowing to support capital developments in both teaching buildings and systems and student accommodation units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55916/21]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the new Technological University for the South East Ireland will be the only third-level designated institution in the region; if the proposed capital funding program to support the new technological university development will not be capped to the same conditions as others designated under the legislation given that they are supported by national university partners in their regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55918/21]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the breakdown of the increased salary costs to be incurred by the Carlow teaching body as part of the semesterisation process with technological university designation now on the horizon for the Technological University for the South East Ireland; the projected increases or decreases his Department is guiding to this cost over the next five years; the way it is budgeted and will compare with the present costs at Waterford Institute of Technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55919/21]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the further duties required of a consultancy firm (details supplied); the agreed tender costs associated with the contract for its duration to the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55920/21]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department, not SOLAS or the Higher Education Authority, monitor the transfer rate from further education and training pre-law courses to higher education degree courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56016/21]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of students who enter higher education on the basis of a further education qualification in each year since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56017/21]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a SUSI grant has not been paid for the final year of studies in the case of a person (details supplied); if the decision to refuse can be reviewed; if an option of appeal is still available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56051/21]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the response his officials have received in relation the request made for a copy of the McHugh Report into the pay of student nurses and midwives; if he has received a copy of the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56095/21]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide the public sector benchmark for National Maritime College of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56096/21]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide the public sector benchmark for the Cork School of Music; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56097/21]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide the public sector benchmark for Carlow Institute of Further Education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56098/21]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the practice in the education sector of allowing approximately five years to elapse after the award of a public private partnership contract before a public sector benchmark is published in order to allow for a reasonable level of transparency and political accountability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56099/21]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the grants and scholarship schemes which are currently available to third-level students will be further expanded in order to cater for students that are refugees such as a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56101/21]

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

\*452. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of warranted searches involving the use of the ASU nationally that have been conducted in each year since 2015, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55497/21]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Justice if a citizenship application process will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [55548/21]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application for Irish citizenship by a person (details supplied) will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55571/21]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered allocating work visas for foreign students who worked and contributed to the economy throughout the pandemic but now struggle to access work visas and permits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55580/21]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider introducing a couples visa to allow only one member of the couple to study rather than the current requirement of both partners to enrol in a college; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55581/21]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deaths that have occurred among prisoners in the Midlands prison in each of the years from 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the cause of death in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55602/21]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on France's decision to waive some of the period required for citizenship by naturalisation for frontline workers and reduce it to two years which

resulted in over 12,000 workers being granted citizenship; if her attention has been drawn to the action Canada took in granting long-term residency for foreign nationals working on the frontlines; and if she will consider extending this to non-EU nationals working in healthcare during the Covid-19 pandemic by granting them citizenship. — Bríd Smith. [55614/21]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Justice the current powers, duties and responsibilities of peace commissioners; the way the system has evolved; the current process including vetting aspects; the number that have been appointed in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55633/21]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the ongoing delays in granting probate or processing applications of probate at the Probate Office; if steps can be taken to expedite the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [55648/21]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a residency application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [55650/21]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied) to upgrade their residence card; if a fee is owing in this instance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55726/21]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application by a family (details supplied) will be expedited on humanitarian grounds. — Robert Troy. [55746/21]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application by a family (details supplied) will be expedited on humanitarian grounds. — Robert Troy. [55748/21]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application by a family (details supplied) will be expedited on humanitarian grounds. — Robert Troy. [55755/21]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents of drink spiking reported to An Garda Síochána in Cork city and county in the past two months. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [55811/21]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Justice the projected publication date for the third national domestic violence strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55821/21]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of children who are born here to non-Irish parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [55948/21]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána who have been redeployed or retired from the Clare Garda division during 2019 and 2020, respectively; and the number of members of An Garda Síochána that have been assigned to the Clare Garda division for duty during the same periods. — Michael McNamara. [56063/21]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána that have been allocated to the investigation into the deaths of 802 children and the Mother and Babies Home in Tuam, County Galway. — Michael McNamara. [56064/21]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Justice the approximate cost of the Garda investigation into the deaths of 802 children and the Mother and Babies Home in Tuam, County Galway. — Michael McNamara. [56065/21]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost of the investigation launched in 2018 into the death of a baby (details supplied) in 1984. — Michael McNamara. [56066/21]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána that have been allocated to the investigation launched in 2018 into the death of a baby (details supplied) in 1984. — Michael McNamara. [56067/21]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is considering further legislative proposals to counter the scourge of bullying both online and offline. — Marian Harkin. [56070/21]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Justice the length of time it is currently taking for initial assessments of applications to the INIS; and the measures being taken to address the backlog created by level 5 restrictions. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56154/21]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application to the INIS in respect of a person (details supplied); and when the person can expect to receive a reference number. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56155/21]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application to the INIS in respect of a person (details supplied); and when the person can expect to receive a reference number. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56157/21]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Justice if additional staff can be provided to the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service on a temporary basis to facilitate the processing of a backlog of appointments to obtain and renew visas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56158/21]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Justice if assistance will be provided to a person (details supplied) in relation to an application for citizenship. — James Lawless. [56162/21]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*480. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the allocation of speech and language therapists and occupational therapists at a school (details supplied) in each of the years 2010 to 2020 and to date in 2021; his views on whether the allocation is sufficient to address the needs of children attending the school; his plans in place to address a potential lack of allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [55632/21]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Health if there are future plans to amend existing mental health legislation to remove the power of An Garda Síochána to detain a person who is in immediate jeopardy of causing harm to themselves or to others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [56107/21]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Health if the projected cost saving to the counties Cork and Kerry community healthcare budget that would result from the proposed closure of a centre (details supplied) after all residents and staff have been transferred from the facility and it is no longer in

operation will be used to cover other costs within the counties Cork and Kerry adult mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55477/21]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the funding invested in building works, such as fire safety upgrades and renovations, associated with a centre (details supplied) in each of the years 2012 to 2020, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [55478/21]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Health if the clinical directors of the West Cork, South Lee and North Cork adult mental health services have agreed to accept referrals of service users under the care of the Midleton and Youghal and Cobh and Glenville adult mental health teams for long stay or respite placements in the community residences attached to their catchment areas into the future; if there is a waiting list for any of the community mental health residences in West Cork, South Lee and North Cork at present; if so, the number on the waiting lists and the duration in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55479/21]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Health the residential settings that service users under the care of the Midleton and Youghal and Cobh and Glenville adult mental health teams may have been referred to for respite or long stay placements since February 2021; and the number of service users referred. — Neasa Hourigan. [55480/21]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to downgrade or close a facility (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55492/21]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Health when a geriatrician will be put in place for County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55494/21]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made with regard to securing a new CAMHS consultant to deal with children's mental health services in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55496/21]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies unfilled or filled on a temporary basis in Cavan General Hospital; and the details of each by category (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [55500/21]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of a scan nurse for counties Cavan and Monaghan; the timeframe for this appointment; and the details of same. — Niamh Smyth. [55502/21]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a service (details supplied) in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55503/21]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Health the average age of general practitioners in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55505/21]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Health the guidelines in place for persons trying to access general practitioner appointments for their children who may have respiratory symptoms (details supplied); if it is a national directive that general practitioners are no longer carrying out consultations over the phone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55509/21]



\*494. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the support for Irish survivors of thalidomide Bill; when it will be available for pre-legislative scrutiny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55516/21]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE in contracting debt collection agencies to pursue unpaid statutory charges in each of the years 2013 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55521/21]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Health the costs incurred by each public hospital in contracting external debt collection agencies to pursue unpaid statutory charges in each of the years 2013 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55522/21]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inpatients or inpatient day cases with unpaid inpatient charges whose debt was referred to a debt collection or legal agency in each of the years 2013 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55523/21]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Health the expenditure by the HSE and public hospitals on referral of statutory charges to external debt collection or legal agencies; the breakdown of expenditure by charge, that is, inpatient charge, outpatient and emergency charge in each of the years 2013 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55524/21]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the oncology department in St. James' Hospital is not providing Covid-19 booster shots to its most vulnerable cancer patients; the reason this cohort of patients have not been sent for booster shots elsewhere despite being anxious to receive the extra vaccine as soon as possible; when these patients will receive the booster vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55529/21]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times the HSE has conducted a double Covid-19 test on a person when the first test result was positive; the clinical grounds for a second test taking place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55530/21]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Health the number of instances of Covid-19 case denotification that have taken place since March 2020 for cases which were examined against viral targets detected; the reason for the test; the condition of the person having the test performed as criteria set out by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55531/21]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Health the viral target measures used when examining whether a positive Covid-19 test requires a second test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55532/21]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 492 of 12 October 2021, the amount paid by his Department to a laboratory (details supplied) in view of reports that excluding VAT it was paid €87,750 for its work with his Department and not €78,000 excluding VAT as previously indicated; if the laboratory was engaged in work on a trial basis by his Department in December 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55539/21]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Health if a laboratory (details supplied) was engaged by his Department on a trial basis at any time during the period from 1 January 2017 to 1 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55540/21]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Health when the reduction in the threshold for the drug payment scheme will come into effect. — Mark Ward. [55542/21]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55553/21]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reply to concerns raised and proposals offered by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [55564/21]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Health the reason adults attending University Hospital Waterford from County Waterford, south County Kilkenny, south County Tipperary and County Wexford for type 1 diabetes care have not got access to a diabetic nurse specialist since 4 October 2021 and are being told via answerphone message to contact their general practitioner or accident and emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55573/21]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Health the reason University Hospital Waterford is a regional category 4 hospital with a HSE denoted patient catchment of 520,000 persons the only hospital in the country operating without a diabetes specialist nurse at present given the only available clinical nurse specialist has been on leave since early October 2021 without a designated replacement and with no other nursing back up rostered to fill in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55574/21]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Health when, regarding diabetes services at University Hospital Waterford the existing diabetic nurse specialist presently on call is expected back to work; the procedures in place to ensure that when a nursing specialist on holiday leave or is on extended leave the support protocol the hospital employs to cover patient queries and issues regarding ongoing treatment regime; if the hospital has a replacement policy in place to ensure key medical nurse specialists who may be the only point of contact for patient concerns have adequate trained cover provisioned within a cover plan; if that plan cover response to medical telephone query; if such a cover plan exists, if the hospital can outline the reason it has not been implemented with the absence of the only clinical nurse specialist diabetic nurse on site who is now presently on extended leave; if the hospital sought to recruit a temporary replacement either internally or externally; if an adequate budget allocation exists for such recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55575/21]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Health if flu jabs will be made available free of charge to medical card holders; if not, the reason those on low incomes will not be eligible for free vaccines especially if cost prohibits uptake when extra pressure on the health service should be avoided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55578/21]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Health when free general practitioner care for seven and eight year olds will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55584/21]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the present CORU processes for approving Irish citizen UK registered healthcare professionals to have their UK credentials and work experience recognised for the purposes of joining the Irish healthcare system (details supplied); if he is satisfied with the level of online support offered to applicants; if he condones a six to 12 month review process; if his attention has been drawn to the lack of personal engagement offered to applicants; if he has considered the fact that bureaucratic delays force much needed medical professionals to look for work elsewhere; the action Cora has taken to facilitate remote working in order to ensure timely and adequate responses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55590/21]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered the fact that immigrant or citizen healthcare workers returning to Ireland with a view to working in the Irish healthcare system may have to wait up to 12 months to have their qualifications recognised and approved by CORU and during such time while resident in the State have no opportunity to claim jobseeker's allowance given their work experience has been conducted in another country; if he considers this situation conducive to the recruitment of outside health expertise; if he will bring forward proposals to rectify the extreme length of CORU application approvals along with adjusted social welfare entitlements that recognise the arduous application time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55591/21]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his Department has information on the average length of time taken to recognise in Ireland other EU country health qualifications by CORU; if he will reference average timelines for countries such as France, Germany and Italy; if he is satisfied with the present CORU approvals process; if he will provide tabulated evidence over the past 24 months on the number of applications and their approval response times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55592/21]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he will take to address the shortage of diabetes specialist nursing posts and dietitian posts at UL Hospitals Group; the reason for the difficulty in filling these posts; if Limerick University Hospital will be excluded from the dose adjustment for normal eating expansion given that it cannot recruit the necessary staff to undertake the educator training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [55606/21]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he will take to reduce the outpatient list at the diabetes clinic at the UL Hospital Group. — Martin Browne. [55607/21]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients referred to the medical assessment unit in Ennis General Hospital in each month to date in 2021. — Martin Browne. [55608/21]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients referred to the medical assessment unit in St. John's Hospital, Limerick in each month to date in 2021. — Martin Browne. [55609/21]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients referred to the medical assessment unit University Hospital Limerick in each month to date in 2021. — Martin Browne. [55610/21]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointments at the medical assessment unit in Nenagh, County Tipperary that were cancelled or referred elsewhere on the days when the unit was closed on dates in May, June, July and September 2021. — Martin Browne. [55611/21]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the paediatric dental clinic in Mountbellew, County Galway is not operational; when it is expected it will reopen; the location in which children

who would attend that clinic will now be seen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55628/21]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Health if products (details supplied) are being included in an arrangement; if not, the reason; his plans to work towards this in future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [55631/21]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the authorisation of FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitor by CHO and LHO to those patients aged under 21 and over 21 years of age, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55641/21]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Health the number of authorised continuous glucose monitors by a company (details supplied) by CHO and LHO to those patients aged under 21 and over 21, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [55642/21]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are currently on the waiting list for early intervention services; the length of time they have been on the waiting list in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [55644/21]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant positions that are currently in counties Sligo and Leitrim early intervention team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [55645/21]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are currently awaiting services through CAMHS in counties Sligo and Leitrim; the length of time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [55646/21]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant positions there are in CAMHS services in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [55647/21]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inspections that the HSE has carried out in hospitality related businesses that operate indoor dining since 26 July 2021 in order to monitor and enforce compliance with the requirement for EU Digital COVID Certificates to be presented and checked by county; the number of compliance notices or formal orders issued to businesses that have been found to be non-compliant with the regulations relating the checking of EU Digital COVID Certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55656/21]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Health the number of neurology nurse specialists that have been recruited for Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin; when he anticipates these positions will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55657/21]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the 2018 HSE review of hospital car parking charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55658/21]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider introducing a car park fee waiver scheme for persons that are required to attend hospitals on a frequent basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55659/21]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Health the specific matters of concern or interest that have prolonged matters in view of three years consultation and work with the Broadcasting Authority of Ireland, the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media and the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and the HSE on finalising arrangements for the commencement of section 19 of the Public Health Alcohol Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55660/21]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Health if further discussions have taken place in respect of the much needed provision of a full-time Covid-19 test centre for Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [55662/21]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the view of NPHET on the rising infection rate in County Waterford which remains the highest Covid-19 infection rate in the country for a number of weeks while the county has the highest vaccination rate in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55675/21]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Health if it is policy to minimise transmission of Covid-19 or to achieve a 100% vaccination rate; if it is to minimise transmission of Covid-19, the reason free antigen testing has been rolled out to only the vaccinated; if a policy to minimise transmission should include the roll out of antigen testing for use by all persons in a variety of settings similar to the situation across many European Union countries; his views on whether the policy of pushing vaccination over the use of antigen testing is failing given the high levels of transmission presently within a highly vaccinated society; his plans to change or review the current policies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55680/21]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the maintenance budget for 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021 that was spent on a health centre (details supplied) in Middleton, County Cork in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [55681/21]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided for a senior dietician in Portlaoise Hospital for an adult insulin pump clinic. — Brian Stanley. [55683/21]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Health the action that has been taken regarding the provision of medical cannabis to date in 2021 with particular regard to treatment of seizures and epilepsy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55684/21]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been no official process from February 2020 to November 2021 to exempt persons from wearing a face covering due to disability, pre-existing medical conditions or having suffered sexual violence; the official process in place for a person in these categories to proceed with their daily lives unhindered; and the steps that have been taken by his Department to educate persons regarding the needs of persons in these categories and to prevent discrimination against them on the basis of face coverings they cannot wear. — Peadar Tóibín. [55685/21]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to expand the Medical Cannabis Access Programme to include compassionate access for those who need cannabis based oil for medical and clinical purposes; if he plans to expand a wider range of THC-based products in the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55686/21]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the proposed plans by HSE facilities to demand all accompanying partners attending maternity hospitals to provide proof of vaccination;

if it is proposed that they not be permitted for the birth of the child in circumstances in which they cannot provide proof of vaccination; the legislation under which such provisions are made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55694/21]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a website (details supplied); the relationship between his Department and the website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [55695/21]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to offer HSE sponsorship programmes for those studying medicine in Ireland which would contract them to work for the HSE for a specified term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55696/21]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the establishment of a vaccine injury compensation fund; when this fund will be made available to assist those suffering from adverse effects; the details of the application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55699/21]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Health when persons with underlying conditions such as type 1 diabetes will be eligible to get a Covid-19 booster vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [55702/21]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the scheduling of booster vaccines for persons with diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [55708/21]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the planned development and refurbishment of the former Monasterevin day care centre as a health care centre including the timeframes for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55710/21]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to open an additional Covid-19 test centre in Galway which would be located in the city centre and would operate seven days a week in order to facilitate increased and more timely testing for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55716/21]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the dates of termination of pregnancy services carried out in Limerick Maternity Hospital in the past two months. — Paul Murphy. [55717/21]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on progressing disability teams; the services they provide; the number of persons on each waiting list by service by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55718/21]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Health if the post of manger for the disability team CDNT 4 in a location (details supplied) has been filled; the length of time this position has or had been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55719/21]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Health if the post for interim manager CDNT 4 Central Remedial Clinic in Clondalkin has been filled; the length of time this position has or had been vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55720/21]



\*555. To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken to increase the number of neurology nurse specialists at Cork University Hospital; if an additional 100 extra neurology nurse specialists will be provided across Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [55725/21]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Health when the drug epidiolex will be available on the drug reimbursement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [55728/21]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an organisation (details supplied); if he will meet with those working with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55733/21]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Health the impact the new legislation enacted recently will have on a fair deal scheme applicant who has been approved for the scheme but before they take up a bed in a nursing home their main primary residence is sold by their spouse; if the proceeds from the sale of the primary residence is not considered cash assets but rather is determined in a similar way as prior to the sale and the fair deal contribution will be capped at 7.5% of the value of the house for three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55734/21]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Health the number of liaison psychiatry hospital teams; the location of each team; the number of staff per team; if they are operating at full staff capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55736/21]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop an outpatient national advocacy service for mental health; the estimated cost of establishing an outpatient national advocacy service for mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55737/21]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €7.65 million of revenue funding and €6 million of once-off funding allocated to purchasing additional capacity for mental health services; the amount spent to date; the breakdown of services provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55738/21]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commit to fulfilling the three year review of abortion legislation by 1 January 2022 as set out under section 7 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; the length of time he plans to leave open the period of public consultation during this process; his views on whether this period will be sufficient time to receive and reflect upon submissions adequately before the full report is submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55745/21]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Health the counties in which the HSE operates its Self-Harm Intervention Programme. — Catherine Murphy. [55757/21]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed by the HSE nationally to deliver the Self-Harm Intervention Programme. — Catherine Murphy. [55758/21]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Health the number of referrals in each CHO to the Self-Harm Intervention Programme in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [55759/21]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Health the total operational costs associated with the HSE Self-Harm Intervention Programme in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, including the cost per treatment session. — Catherine Murphy. [55760/21]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of waiting times in each CHO for the Self-Harm Intervention Programme in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [55761/21]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the continuing absence of cardiac rehabilitation in Nenagh General Hospital that was suspended due to Covid-19 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [55762/21]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to counterfeit Irish vaccine passports being sold and distributed; the steps he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55763/21]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Health the number of places for oral immunotherapy for children; the locations of each facility in which the treatment is dispensed; his plans to expand the number of places for children; the location in which treatment is dispensed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55768/21]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant ophthalmologist attached to St. James's Hospital in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55769/21]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite hours provided to families in CHO 9 in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55770/21]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that visited the gastroenterology outpatients clinic in Beaumont Hospital in 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55771/21]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent oncological dieticians operating in the Dublin Midlands Hospital Group in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; the area of operation of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55772/21]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent clinical nurse specialist in paediatric neurodevelopment employed by the HSE in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; the hospitals in which these clinical nurse specialists are located; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55773/21]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing levels at the cardiac services division of Cork University Hospital in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55774/21]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Health the capital expenditure projects planned for Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55775/21]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who availed of each antenatal and maternity clinic in County Leitrim in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55776/21]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost of increasing the opening hours at the urgent care centre at Children's Health Ireland. Connolly from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday

to 8am to 9pm seven days per week; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55777/21]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Health the full year cost of recruiting 12 additional full-time ICU nurses for St. Vincent's University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55778/21]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant rheumatologist attached to Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in each of the past three years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55779/21]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting to see a consultant paediatric maxillofacial surgeon at South Infirmity Victoria University Hospital; the average waiting times to see the consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55780/21]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies by job title in the children's disability network teams in CHO1; the estimated full year cost of filling each of the vacancies in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55781/21]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE dental surgeon positions in County Cavan; the number of vacancies in County Cavan for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55782/21]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent registrars in vascular surgery in Roscommon University Hospital in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55783/21]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that have been of the waiting list for CAMHS services at the end of each year from 2016 to 2020 in each county in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55805/21]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are awaiting access to CAMHS as of October 2021 in County Clare; and the length of time they have been waiting in three month intervals in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [55806/21]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the assessment of need for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55807/21]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with representatives of an association (details supplied) to address major concerns regarding the support for Irish survivors of thalidomide Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55809/21]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is unable to get an appointment for their child to see a dietician; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55810/21]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Health the position in relation to the shortage of neurology nurses nationwide; the position in relation to University Hospital Waterford and University Hospital Limerick for same; the efforts being made to provide for the required number of neurology nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55813/21]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign (details supplied) to extend the list of x-ray referrers to include registered physiotherapists and to create the grade of advanced practice physiotherapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55815/21]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Health if provisions will be made for the flu jab to be given for free to medical card holders and the population more generally as a means to encourage uptake and reduce the strain on the intensive care unit system which is currently under strain with the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [55817/21]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a medical card has been denied to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55823/21]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Health the reason holders of full medical cards are not automatically eligible for the flu vaccine given that many of those in position of a medical card have it on the basis of low income and therefore would find it difficult to afford the €20 to €25 cost of the flu jab in a pharmacy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55824/21]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Health if required funding to staff the new cath lab at University Hospital Waterford which was assured on completion will be provided; when the recruitment process to enable a 24/7 PPCI service to be implemented at the hospital will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [55841/21]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the initiative has been taken to increase the level of the HPV vaccine take up among older teenagers that did not or could not avail of the school based immunisation programme when in first year in school; if consideration has been given to a free or low cost vaccination drive to encourage girls that would have been due to have their HPV injections in the years 2015, 2016 or 2017 when the take-up dipped below the 80% annually before those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55864/21]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Health the regional take up of the HPV vaccination programme for each year since it first rolled out for school going girls and later boys by percentage and numbers. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55865/21]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Health if there has been costings prepared in relation to the possibility of a vaccination programme for the cohort of school going girls who missed their HPV school based vaccination appointment during the previous years of the programme, given that the cost of having the vaccine administered from the person's doctor can be a deterrent to be vaccinated, which is at odds with the aims of the programme to eliminate the virus among the population. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [55866/21]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Health if he was consulted by the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment in relation to the recent expansion of work permits, the feedback provided in relation to permit requirements and salary rates in the healthcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [55869/21]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to assist public and private healthcare providers to address the serious staff shortages that are impacting on care standards in hospitals, nursing homes and in homecare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [55870/21]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Health the number of incidences of persons in mandatory hotel quarantine accessing the services of health professionals during their stay in hotel quarantine; if any of same were admitted to hospital; if any were referred to a health service for illnesses other than Covid-19; the supports that were made available to them by the health service in response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55871/21]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new ophthalmology laboratory for University Hospital Waterford in view of previous announcements that the project timeline was to be completed by November 2021; the delivery schedule of the project; if the project is still to be delivered within University Hospital Waterford campus; the projected final spend; the funding advanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55913/21]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Health the number of accident and emergency attendances at University Hospital Galway, University Hospital Limerick, Cork University Hospital and University Hospital Waterford from 1 October 2021, by week (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55914/21]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Health the latest contingencies that are now being put in place to protect against further unanticipated cost rises in specified materials required as part of the national children's hospital build; the procedures in place to seek or specify alternate building solutions or materials in circumstances in which cost savings are identified; the person or body charged with such ongoing cost management of the project in view of materials price movements; the agreements in place with a company (details supplied) in terms of such price movements; the latest delivery timelines to completion being communicated by the builders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55915/21]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has carried out investigations as to the cause of the high number of deaths from cancer over recent years in Newtowncunningham, County Donegal and Cloontagh, Clonmany, County Donegal; and if not, if the HSE is planning to do an investigation. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55924/21]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in the Inishowen peninsula, County Donegal for adults with disabilities; and if the HSE plans to increase the bed numbers. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55925/21]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the funding for treatment of eating disorders; if intervention can be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [55926/21]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Health the reason fibromyalgia is not included in the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55933/21]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects to publish the report prepared by the National Paediatric Hospital Development Board which outlined the progress of the national paediatric hospital project to date including the analysis of the final cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [55936/21]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Health the locations in County Cork that will administer booster shots for persons aged 60 to 69 years; and the way in which persons will be contacted. — Sean Sherlock. [55951/21]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 which is due to take not later than three years after its commencement under section 7 of the Act; the format the review will take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [55958/21]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to promote an increase in the number of new mothers breastfeeding by increasing support in maternity hospitals and primary care centres through access to lactation specialists and public health nurses. — Holly Cairns. [55961/21]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Health the number of requests by both adults and children for transport to hospitals outside the State that were not facilitated in 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [55965/21]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of instances of fraud which have been reported, found or otherwise that have come to the attention of his Department relating to the dental treatment services scheme, GMS and other such contracts in tabular form; the number of investigations into such; the number of repayments made following such investigations; the value of same; the number of prosecutions sought following such investigations or allegations; the number of cases which his Department decided not to pursue legal action; the reason for each instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55973/21]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals which have yet to institute the agreed overtime rate increase for NCHDs from 1 July 2021 and the agreed salary increase from 1 October 2021; the date on which each of these hospitals will implement these new rates; if delayed payments will be back paid; the reason for continued delays on these rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55975/21]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received a copy of a report (details supplied); if he is giving consideration to the findings of the research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [55976/21]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Health the standard HSE protocol on advice for persons who have been provided with a second PCR test after the first is deemed inconclusive, if the second test shows not detected; if precautions such as self-isolating or an additional test applies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55977/21]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 742 of 19 October 2021, when the referred response will issue from the HSE. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55978/21]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Health when phase III cardiac rehabilitation services will be restored in Portiuncula University Hospital, Ballinasloe; the reason for the delay in restoring the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55979/21]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to reopening a full-time Covid-19 test centre in Galway city given the inability for those without a car to access the testing centre in Galway airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [55996/21]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Health the number of therapies carried out on children with special needs to date in 2021; if a sufficient number of therapy posts have been filled to allow for the needs



of children with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [55997/21]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Health the number of phone calls received by the HSE drug and alcohol helpline in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [55998/21]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Health if further visas can be provided to non-EU care workers who provide care support to persons in their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [56000/21]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine a situation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56001/21]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be allocated to staff the new cath lab in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56002/21]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56012/21]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Health the progress towards delivering on the commitment in the Programme for Government to establish a national genetics and genomics medicine network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56018/21]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Health if he will release in a redacted format if appropriate to this Deputy all the emails received by the HSE email address yoursay@hse.ie between 20 January 2021 and 25 February 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [56030/21]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Health the person appointed as the independent expert to lead the abortion legislation review; when consultation with service users and providers will begin; when public consultation will begin; if the review will be completed by 1 January 2022 as per section 7 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56032/21]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the north Monaghan primary care unit (details supplied); the expected completion date; the number of staff that will be employed at the facility once completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56033/21]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for their procedure; the reason for the delay in same.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56034/21]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [56035/21]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Health the main initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020 to improve access to early diagnosis interventions for those with autism spectrum disorder and access to subsequent primary services such as occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and psychologists, more generally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56040/21]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Number 872 of 19 October 2021, the recruitment process undertaken by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland for senior positions (details supplied) in tabular form; the number of applications received for each senior position; the number shortlisted for each senior position; the number who attended for interview for each senior position; the title and position of each interview panel member for each interview panel; if they were internal NMBI staff or external staff; if the successful candidate in respect of each position was an internal staff member, NMBI board member, NMBI committee member or external applicant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56041/21]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56045/21]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the case of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [56053/21]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine proposed changes to a clinical process (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [56054/21]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of the third Covid-19 vaccine dose in particular for those who are immunosuppressed or compromised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56057/21]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on PCR testing from the beginning of 2020 to date including laboratory costs by laboratory, staff employed to conduct the testing and other running costs of testing centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56059/21]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure on Covid-19-related advertising conducted by the Government and the HSE in print, online and broadcast media since the beginning of 2020 to date; and the breakdown of payments issued to individual media outlets and advertisers. — Michael McNamara. [56061/21]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Health the total expenditure by the HSE on walking aids and wheelchairs for the period 2016 to 2020; if he will provide information on payments to individual suppliers of relevant equipment; the efforts that have been made to recycle wheelchairs and walking aids; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56062/21]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the development of neurology services across Ireland; if his attention has been drawn to the designation of Cork University Hospital as the south west regional centre for neurology; his views on the current staffing levels at the hospital in this regard; his plans to bring the number of neurology nursing posts there up to the required level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [56078/21]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Health if those vaccinated outside of Ireland can avail of their Covid-19 booster jab in Ireland; if so, the way in which they should access the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56079/21]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the six night per month respite service, not home supports, for a child (details supplied) have not been reinstated by the HSE despite the critical

circumstances in which the family finds itself; when this respite service will be reinstated for the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [56084/21]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for homecare support in each CHO; the number of hours allocated in each of the past 12 months in each CHO; the average length of time that persons have been waiting; the single longest period of time that a person has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56100/21]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Health if electroconvulsive therapy is carried out in public hospitals; if so, the number of patients that were treated this way and in which locations in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56111/21]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has sanctioned additional funding for increased authorised officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56112/21]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of authorised officers in each CHO area; the number of vacancies for an authorised officer in each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56113/21]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that has taken place with the HSE regarding recruiting authorised officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56114/21]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the operation of the maternity and infant scheme; and the position regarding the provision of adequate postnatal support services for women and babies. — Ivana Bacik. [56117/21]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which and the locations persons can access dialectical behaviour therapy; the length of the waiting lists; the number of persons on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56123/21]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that presented to emergency departments with self-harm and or intentional poisoning in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56124/21]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health if there will be a follow-up to the 2019 report My Voice Matters and another round of consultations with mental health service users and family and friends of mental health service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56125/21]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Health if up to date data is collected by the HSE regarding the number of stroke survivors in Ireland; if so, the number of stroke survivors in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56132/21]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health the measures he has taken to ensure private changing areas are available to those waiting on hospital trolleys at University Hospital Limerick in view of report that persons have been unable to get the privacy they need while waiting in corridors. — Martin Browne. [56136/21]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ICU beds available in the mid-west and south-east in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [56137/21]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the €10 million one-off funding for mental health that was announced in Budget 2022; the person or body who benefits from this; the way they were selected; if it will be used by the end of 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56149/21]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment at the Midland Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Barry Cowen. [56156/21]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [56159/21]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Health if he is considering recommending a return to working from home for the winter months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [56179/21]

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

\*662. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1255 of 2 November 2021, if his attention has been drawn to clear fell sites which have not fulfilled their replanting obligation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55471/21]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an application (details supplied) that has been before the Forest Service since 2019 will be approved without delay; the reason for the delay in the processing of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [55563/21]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 392 of 4 November 2021, the number of the 27 ecologists who signed off on the 56 Coillte felling licences in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [55621/21]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1231 to 1239 of 2 November 2021, the number of reminders that have to be sent out and that have been sent out since 2 November 2021 when stating that his Department will shortly send out reminders to those who have not yet provided the information sought in reference to the further information letters sent out in June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55687/21]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1231 to 1239 of 2 November 2021, the number of reminders that are scheduled to be sent out in the week commencing 15 November 2021 when stating that his Department will shortly send out reminders to those who have not yet provided the information sought in reference to the further information letters sent out in June 2021; when all reminders will be actually sent out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55688/21]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1231 to 1239 of 2 November 2021, the number of such reminders for similar information that have been sent out by licence and scheme type in each week since 1 January 2019 when stating that his Department will shortly send out reminders to those who have not yet provided the information sought in reference to the further information letters sent out in June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55689/21]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1231 to 1239 of 2 November 2021, the number of requests for further information by licence and scheme type sent out weekly since 1 January 2019 by licence and scheme type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55690/21]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1231 to 1239 of 2 November 2021, if no reminders have been sent to applicants in circumstances in which the information sought in June 2021 has already been provided to his Department when stating that his Department will shortly send out reminders to those who have not yet provided the information sought in reference to the further information letters sent out in June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55691/21]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Irish vessels in the polyvalent, general trawl and seine net segments; and the gross tonnages and kilowatts for the separate categories of vessels of 12 to 18, 18 to 24 and 24 to 40 metres, respectively in tabular form. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55693/21]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1256 and 1257 of 2 November 2021, the projected number of tree felling licences, afforestation licences, forest road licences, ash dieback RUS applications, woodland improvement applications, native woodland conservation applications, aerial fertilisation licences and continuous cover forestry applications for the private sector his Department is budgeting on processing and deciding upon per licence and scheme type for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [55735/21]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive a single farm payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55743/21]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a single farm payment will be authorised and paid to a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [55747/21]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an application for the BEEP scheme by a person (details supplied) can be considered further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [55754/21]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will engage with a community sports group (details supplied); if he will acknowledge and issue a response to the email sent to him in respect of this matter on 13 July 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [55790/21]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the income from harbour dues and landings fees for Killybegs Harbour Centre in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [55927/21]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position in respect of the recently signed agreement between Ireland and China for the export of live breeding pigs to China; if his Department is in the process of obtaining travel licences for the transport of these live animals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55994/21]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a regular review of the agreement between Ireland and China for the export of live breeding pigs to China will be carried out by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55995/21]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans in place to improve animal welfare legislation and put in place additional protection measures particularly in reference to the control of horses, following a number of incidents in Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56043/21]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the 60% TAMS rate available to women between the ages of 40 and 55 years available under the proposed CAP Strategic Plan will be available to those without an agricultural qualification if they are already the head of the farm holding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56050/21]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a basic payment parcel in respect of a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reinstated in a 2021 basic payment application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56055/21]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the persons deemed responsible by his Department for maintaining the well-being of the herd and ensuring animal welfare in the event of no keeper being appointed to a herd while succession regarding an estate has yet to be determined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56068/21]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of the €395 million budget which was allocated to TAMS in the last round of CAP which was spent by 31 December 2019 specifically; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [56160/21]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason horses which were considered as livestock unit in the previous form of TAMS, the farm improvement scheme and farm modernisation scheme, were no longer considered as a livestock unit under TAMS 2015/2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [56161/21]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the safeguards that are in place to protect the public, pets and farm animals from rodenticides; his views on whether the current protections are strong enough; if additional protections will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [56168/21]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2021 GLAS payment will issue to a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56171/21]



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

\*687. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to ensure the full accessibility of remote working hubs to be developed for persons that are blind or vision impaired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55547/21]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when her Department expects to conclude work on restructuring the Community Services Programme in line with the recommendations from the 2020 report carried out for her Department by a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [55676/21]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the expression of interest process for the Community Services Programme is expected to reopen. — Patrick Costello. [55677/21]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of the new community development approach to be piloted by her Department in Drogheda, County Louth from February 2022 (details supplied); if she will publish the framework governing the pilot initiative; the amount of money her Department will allocate to the initiative in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55729/21]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will be providing updated guidelines to public libraries in respect of the use of library buildings for study and reading given the need for the use of such facilities by further and higher education students. — Ivana Bacik. [55731/21]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is additional funding available to offset the rising costs of construction for projects which have already been approved for grant aid but will fall short on funding for projects (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [55822/21]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she envisages the Community Services Programme reopening for new applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [55935/21]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding allocated under the Connected Hubs Fund by county in tabular form; the number of applicants that received funding; the estimated completion or progress to date on each project that was successful in securing funding in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55991/21]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a breakdown of grants awarded by project and location since the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund was launched to date will be provided in tabular form (details supplied). — Claire Kerrane. [55992/21]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if projects should apply for category 2 funding in order to be considered for category 1 major projects funding in relation to seed fund grants under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; the projects which were awarded funding under category 2 that are intended for further funds under category 1 by project

and location in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55993/21]

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**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55836/21]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a detailed breakdown on the moneys spent on online advertising by his Department since he took office; and the specific campaigns that the moneys were spent on. — Peadar Tóibín. [56152/21]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update regarding the public conversation on the Well-being Framework for Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [56153/21]

