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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]

2. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

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

20. 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]

21. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

28. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

34. 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]

35. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will create a citizens' assembly to work on issues of all-Ireland integration and further unity on the island. — Sorca Clarke. [56473/21]

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

*37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will examine a work permit application in relation to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56252/21]

*38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will examine a work permit application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56253/21]

*39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if persons now facing redundancy from their place of employment will have their reduced working weeks forced on them during the Covid-19 pandemic counted as fully paid weeks for the purposes of calculating redundancy pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56259/21]

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

*40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which he proposes to address the issues raised in the horticultural sector with particular reference to the need to ensure the industry can be supplied with adequate moss peat to meet the full requirements of the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56211/21]

*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has given consideration to the use of biofuels in home heating (details supplied); and his plans for similar trials in Ireland. — Joe Flaherty. [56250/21]

*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department will research and investigate the benefits, challenges and opportunities for domestic homes using hydrotreated vegetable oils technology. — Joe Flaherty. [56251/21]

*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and the Pensions Authority have signed a minimum funding standard submitted to them by the trustees of the defined benefit scheme in the ESB; if not, when he expects to sign off on the proposals; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this proposal was arrived at with no consultation with the retired workers affected or their representative association; if this runs counter to the commitments of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56337/21]

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated CO2 footprint of overheating the proposed north-south interconnector compared to the undergrounding the north-south interconnector. — Peadar Tóibín. [56403/21]

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the home of a family (details supplied) will be connected under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56413/21]

*46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of a broadband connection at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56522/21]

*47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the 2020 annual transition statement will be published as required by section 14(1) of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56523/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*48. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of schemes to increase the number of charging points for electric vehicles in Knock, County Mayo in view of the fact that currently there are no charging points on the main street; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56200/21]

*49. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will introduce legislation to oblige management companies of apartment developments to permit residents to install individual electric car charging

points; if this issue has been considered by him previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [56248/21]

*50. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention or that of his officials 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. [56267/21]

*51. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the case of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [56269/21]

*52. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the provision of a bus shelter (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56277/21]

*53. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the commitment on page 14 of the Programme for Government to establish a national public transport forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56312/21]

*54. To ask the Minister for Transport the action his Department is taking to help improve the availability of electric vehicles in Ireland in view of the fact that manufacturers are currently subsidising the retail price due to the high levels of taxation on these vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56382/21]

*55. To ask the Minister for Transport the annual percentage increase target set per annum in the use of electric vehicles for each year between now and 2030 in order to achieve the overall figure of one million electric vehicles by 31 December 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56383/21]

*56. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is intended to engage with the main banks for low interest loans to be provided to those who wish to purchase electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56384/21]

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans in place to preserve the value of internal combustion engine cars coming up to the previously promoted 2030 ban on the sale of internal combustion engine vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56385/21]

*58. To ask the Minister for Transport the most expeditious, seamless and efficient process to obtain or renew a driving licence in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56402/21]

*59. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is still the plan to appraise the three options on the southside of Dublin in relation to MetroLink (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56418/21]

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address a series of matters in relation to the continuing of MetroLink on the southside of Dublin (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56419/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport the guidelines for protective screens in taxis that are used as a protective measure to protect drivers against Covid-19; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that drivers have failed their NCT test due to having a screen installed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56426/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the review that has been agreed to take forward to assess potential options for supporting viable air services from Belfast to Cork and Derry to Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56432/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is the case that a number of driving testers who had their temporary contracts extended are now to be made redundant by the RSA just shy of three years' service; the number of driving testers this applies to; the reason this is the case given that there is such a backlog in driving tests; if he will reverse this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56433/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Glasson, County Westmeath bypass. — Sorca Clarke. [56474/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 199 of 27 July 2021, when he expects the statutory instruments to be signed for a pension scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [56475/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to fulfil the Programme for Government commitment to run a pilot to examine the potential for ride sharing applications to improve rural connectivity. — Holly Cairns. [56528/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the subsidies provided to Bus Éireann and all other public bus services annually in each of the years 2018 to 2021. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56534/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance if adjustments will be made by the Revenue Commissioners in terms of determining the basic exemption and increased exemption rates applicable to paid redundancy lump sums; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56259/21]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the claim that section 62 of the Finance Bill 2021 will have a negative impact on the housing crisis as is it will preclude parents being able to assist their children to purchase their first homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56343/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance if a couple who are first-time buyers who recently bought an unfinished house which was never inhabited and which was built in 2009 in an unliveable condition at the time of purchase will qualify for the help-to-buy scheme given that the registered builder of the house is not in the help-to-buy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56368/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will investigate a case in which an insurance company refused a new motor insurance policy to a person (details supplied) in County

Kerry due to the fact their licence had been extended as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56400/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance if all assistive technology and mainstream technology devices have been made exempt from VAT for persons who are blind or vision impaired as is recommended in a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56407/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of rental properties disposed of in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in circumstances in which those properties were acquired between 7 December 2011 and 31 December 2014 and as such are not subject to capital gains tax under section 604A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. — Pearse Doherty. [56469/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of residential properties disposed of in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in circumstances in which those properties were acquired between 7 December 2011 and 31 December 2014 and as such are not subject to capital gains tax under section 604A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997. — Pearse Doherty. [56470/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the reduction in capital gains tax relief for properties held for more than seven years in circumstances in which they have been acquired between 7 December 2011 and 31 December 2014 under section 604A of the Taxes Consolidation Act 1997 is acting as a tax incentive and contributing towards the sale of rental properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56471/21]

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

*76. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will ascertain from the OPW its plans for a property (details supplied); the length of time the property has been vacant; if it could be considered for use by an organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56207/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address a series of matters in relation to the executive officer Irish panel and the mobility scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56332/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 83 of 10 November 2021, if he will address a series of matters in relation to the question (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56346/21]

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

*79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the finances allocated to a project (details supplied); the value of the proposed loan from the EIB; and the other ways it is proposed to subsidise this project in order to ensure that the rents are realistic and truly affordable based on an affordable income related scheme while not comprising on the quality of design. — Joan Collins. [56194/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a project (details supplied) is based on the apartment standards of Dublin City Council or the build to rent standards; and if the details of the standards will be provided. — Joan Collins. [56196/21]

*81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address the concerns raised in correspondence by a local fire fighter (details supplied); the assistance and advice that will be provided in this circumstance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56246/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department in conjunction with Dublin City Council is factoring in a fair rent scheme for the cost rental apartments in a project (details supplied) based on an affordable fair and equitable rent income related scheme and not market related; and if the concept of 15% of the principal earners income plus €21 per week per subsidiary earner which would constitute a benchmark for affordable rent is being investigated as an option. — Joan Collins. [56249/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties on each of the derelict sites registers by local authority when reports were submitted for 2020, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [56327/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding his Department will give to the role of vacant homes officer by local authority for 2021, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [56328/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role of the vacant homes officer; and if they have a responsibility for dereliction. — Thomas Gould. [56329/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he has had with Cork City Council in view of its upcoming budget deficit. — Thomas Gould. [56330/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role his Department plays in the public participation networks; the number of full-time staff in each by local authority; and the statutory consultation obligations on local authorities in respect of their relationship with the networks. — Thomas Gould. [56334/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority homes by local authority area in which asbestos is present in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56338/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he has taken to address the presence of low-risk asbestos containing materials in local authority homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56339/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the presence of asbestos containing materials at local authority homes in Mullaghmatt, County Monaghan; if so, if his Department has engaged with the local authority to ensure that these asbestos containing materials do not pose a danger to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56340/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on public private partnership social housing developments that have photovoltaic panels installed but are

not connected to battery storage; if this is common practice; and his further views on whether it is a waste of energy. — Mark Ward. [56365/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of NPWS staff by county; the vacancies the NPWS has in each county; and the reason for these vacancies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56412/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the Electoral Acts to repeal the prohibition on a person of unsound mind from standing for election to the national and European Parliament. — Holly Cairns. [56526/21]

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

*94. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of staff that have returned to the offices of the Passport Office since August 2021; the exact number of persons that are actually working in the offices as of 11 November 2021; the number of persons that work from home as of 11 November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56209/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport express applications which have been processed and issued since the resumption of the service on 19 July 2021 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56240/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport express applications processed and issued in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56241/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current backlog on new passport applications; the backlog on renewals; and if consideration is being given to purchasing an additional printing machine to base it in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [56268/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons currently waiting on a passport in Cork city and county by incremental time periods in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [56362/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement has he had with his European Union counterparts with regard to the forcible eviction of Palestinians from the Sheikh Jarrah neighbourhood and dispossession of their properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56540/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*100. To ask the Minister for Defence the impact he envisages the development of a new cadet school at the Curragh will have in terms of recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56242/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Defence the position regarding the public and private consultation initiated by his Department on ways to preserve and manage the Curragh Plains, County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56280/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*102. To ask the Minister for Education if additional resources will be provided for a school (details supplied) to allow for an increase in the student population specifically in order that additional first year students can be taken in for the academic year 2022. — Louise O'Reilly. [56198/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education when a planning application will be submitted to Meath County Council for the planned permanent school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56208/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a remedy for a person (details supplied) as due to an overpayment beyond their control they have been denied a grant for their masters, refused a mortgage and developed a health condition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56210/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education the provisions being made for predictive grades in the 2022 leaving certificate exam; and if it will be a traditional exam format in 2022. — Joe Flaherty. [56243/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to deal with shortages of post-primary school teachers in Cork city and county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [56266/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [56273/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider closing schools on 17 December 2021 for the Christmas holidays to enable families to spend Christmas with vulnerable loved ones; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56284/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education if a permanent site will be sourced for a school (details supplied) within the assigned catchment area; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the temporary premises used by the school will not be available from September 2022; the way the school will be accommodated from 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [56308/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to formally include schools (details supplied) as DEIS band one schools in the context of the recent review by her Department of the DEIS scheme; the timeline for the implementation of the recommendations of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56333/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education when the counselling grants for school completion will be realised to services (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [56369/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to ongoing concerns in a school (details supplied) in relation to an inability to get substitute teachers to cover staff absences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56401/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teaching staff, SNAs and administrative staff that have taken Covid-19-related leave to date in 2021, by month and county in tabular form; and the average length of that leave. — Sean Sherlock. [56414/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education the date by which all payments will be made under the July provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56435/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria that applies to July provision payments in terms of determining those payments that will be made late; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56436/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education the process for communicating changes or delays to July provision payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56437/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education if payments will be made in respect of the July Provision to persons (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [56438/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she is taking to ensure that students who are due to undertake the leaving certificate examinations in 2022 will not be placed at a disadvantage (details supplied); if she will provide the class of 2022 the option to sit exams under the same marking scheme applied as 2021 in order that they are competing on the same footing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56444/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the high volume of primary school children being bullied on social media and the lack of education surrounding the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56535/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to include and or transfer all or in part and or provide on a long-term nominal lease basis, lands to a new school (details supplied) in County Kildare for use as a sports field and playing pitches; her views on the recommendations made; and if she will give them due consideration. — Catherine Murphy. [56542/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education the steps taken to incorporate the student voice when it comes to leaving certificate reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56560/21]

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

*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be provided with credited contributions for the periods they have been unemployed in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56192/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have been excluded by the clause which prevents former community employment supervisors from getting the proposed once-off gratuity payment if they had already received a statutory redundancy pay out; the number who will receive the proposed once-off gratuity payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56217/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [56244/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the credits paid in the UK for an Irish national (details supplied) should not count towards their treatment benefit and optical benefit in this case; if there is another way the person can avail of such treatment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56279/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a public services card was not accepted as photographic identification for a person (details supplied) when applying for Garda vetting given that the person has never had a passport or driving licence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56326/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) can apply for carer's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [56331/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the backlog in issuing death certificates; and when she expects this to be cleared. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56404/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for injury benefit by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56463/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will be issued for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56550/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to an article published on 10 November 2021 (details supplied) which details the loss of income and social protection supports a single parent incurred as a result of taking up a PhD scholarship; if she will review these policies in view of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56552/21]

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

*132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is planned to reinstate the Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016 which lapsed with the dissolution of the 32nd Dáil Éireann; and if so, the timeframe in which this will be implemented. — Holly Cairns. [56527/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional supports being put in place in County Cavan to support victims of domestic violence on a long-term basis; if his Department will review the need for a dedicated refuge in these counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56203/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the locations in counties Cavan and Monaghan that victims of domestic violence can seek refuge accommodation during the Covid-19 pandemic in the absence of domestic refuge spaces. — Niamh Smyth. [56204/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 174 and 175 of 10 November 2021, if he will detail the causes of death in the cases of the 164 children who died while living at home but who were known to child

protection services between the years of 2010 and 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56205/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for a national strategy to tackle child poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56223/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a coroner's inquest has not been ordered in relation to the Tuam burial site and other institutional sites of unmarked graves; if he will provide clarity on whether the Government will order inquests into the deaths and burials of mother and baby home residents; the reason the proposed Certain Institutional Burials (Authorised Interventions) Bill dis-applies the coroner's powers relating to these exhumations; and the steps being taken to ensure the Birth Information and Tracing Bill will comply with the State's obligations under international law (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56281/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for a commission of inquiry into wardship to be carried out in tandem with the planned opening of the decision support service, particularly in view of issues around the oversight of wards' funds as highlighted in a programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56309/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the assisted decision-making (capacity) (amendment) Bill will be published; if a decision has been made to date as to the Oireachtas Committee that will carry out pre-legislative scrutiny of the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56310/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the full commencement of the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015; the analysis that has been carried out into the impact the delay in commencing this legislation has had on persons in wardship and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56311/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the action he is taking to assist those who are blind or visually impaired to gain employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56405/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will include sight loss specific information in the information campaign of the Comprehensive Employment Strategy to help demystify the assumptions regarding a person's ability and capacity and take guidance from an organisation (details supplied) on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56406/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is intended to bring forward regulations to ensure that there is proactive engagement by all employers with an organisation (details supplied) to ensure all aspects of their recruitment processes are accessible from applying online to conducting aptitude tests to interview procedures, as is recommended in a report by the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56410/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the action being taken by his Department to encourage companies to employ persons with blindness or visual impairment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56411/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the communication regarding the certain institutional burials (authorised interventions) Bill from eight United Nations bodies (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [56521/21]

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

*146. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a matter raised in correspondence in relation to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56460/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of a pension review for a person (details supplied); if clarity will be provided in this regard; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there has not been an update given to this person since 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56195/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to address the situation in which tutors at institutes of technology on contracts of indefinite duration are unable to join the public service pension scheme; the impact technological university status will have on the ability of tutors to access the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56260/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 185 of 10 November 2021, if he will provide a further breakdown of Higher Education Authority operational spending including between pay and non-pay spending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56261/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 187 of 10 November 2021, the reason all retrofitting centre of excellence courses are non-NFQ aligned and instead accredited by private companies; if this model will be used in the other three centres of excellence currently being developed; the estimated cost of using private accreditation companies in 2021 for the retrofitting centres of excellence; the estimated cost in 2021 of using private accreditation companies for green skills and retrofitting courses across the whole further education and training sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56262/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total enrolments on all green skill and sustainability programmes running across the tertiary system in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56263/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 188 of 10 November 2021, if the single apprenticeship system that both consortia-led and craft apprenticeships will be migrated to by 2025 will most closely resemble the craft or consortia-led model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56264/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider ending the exemption of apprenticeships from the minimum wage legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56321/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason all apprenticeships are being migrated to a consortia-led model when the success of consortia-led model has not yet been demonstrated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56322/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps his Department is taking to begin monitoring the wages paid to apprentices in the consortia-led model given that apprentices are exempt from the National Minimum Wage Act 2000 and SOLAS only monitors the wages paid to craft apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56323/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide complete lists of all consortia-led apprenticeships including the details of the education providers and accrediting agency, duration and total enrolment figures in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56324/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average waiting time for craft apprentices to access off-the-job training; the number of apprentices waiting to access same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56325/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will urgently review and provide assistance in respect of a SUSI application by a person (details supplied) which remains unanswered following multiple representations on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56342/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of new apprentices registered to consortia-led apprenticeships that were already employed by the company for more than six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56386/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current drop-out rate of consortia-led apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56387/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the minimum duration allowed for a consortia-led apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56388/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the average age of a craft apprentice; the average age of a consortia-led apprentice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56389/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of graduate entry medical students in each year since 2006, excluding non-EU international students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56390/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the criteria for the drawdown from the fund for former workers of a company (details supplied); and when this criteria was adopted by SOLAS. — Paul Murphy. [56416/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the use which will be made of remaining funds of the outstanding balance of the €3 million allocated to the fund for former workers of a company (details supplied) at the end of the two year period of the fund. — Paul Murphy. [56417/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of places in medicine in each institution by undergraduate and graduate entry medicine for students from Ireland, Northern Ireland, the UK, other EU and non-EU international since 2016, excluding those repeating first year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56427/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 191 of 10 November 2021, if he will provide a further breakdown of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56428/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students currently enrolled on undergraduate courses in a public higher education institution that are not eligible for the free fees initiative due to the fact that they have previously enrolled on a undergraduate course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56429/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total funding allocated to the innovation through collaboration fund; the projects funded, partners and funding allocated in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56430/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students from universities in Northern Ireland were able to register for Erasmus for the winter semester of the 2021-2022 academic year; if they will be able to register in the summer semester; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56431/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a report detailing the past five years Department expenditures clearly delineated between all capital and non-capital disbursements including research grants through the Higher Education Authority, Science Foundation Ireland and other agencies providing third-level funding supports which were provided to UCC, UL, UCG, UCD, Maynooth National University, Trinity College Dublin and DCU in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [56442/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a report detailing the past five years Department expenditures clearly delineated between all capital and non-capital disbursements including research grants through the Higher Education Authority, Science Foundation Ireland and other agencies providing third-level funding supports which were provided to all institutes of technology in the country in the period in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [56443/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures he is taking to guarantee that there will be a greater number of third-level places created for the leaving certificate class of 2022 in view of the fact that there will be a higher than normal levels of CAO applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56445/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person (details supplied) is entitled to retain the special rate of maintenance grant for the 2021-2022 academic year based on income from 2020 which included the pandemic unemployment payment considering that they are under the income threshold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56490/21]

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

*175. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received or sent correspondence to the Sentencing Guidelines Committee of the Judicial Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [56206/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for a transfer under the Convention on the Transfer of Sentenced Persons 1983 in the case of a person (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [56247/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when it is expected to finalise the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56270/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Justice if applications for visas can be treated with urgency in the case of a family (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56282/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community Gardaí attached to Swords Garda station, County Dublin in each of the past ten years by rank in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56425/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a citizenship application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56449/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Justice if her officials have been in touch with a person (details supplied) in regard to their visa request lodged with the visa office at the Embassy of Ireland in Warsaw, Poland. — Kathleen Funchion. [56464/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Justice when she will publish the Office of Inspector of Prisons Covid-19 thematic inspection reports on Shelton Abbey Prison, Portlaoise Prison, Cork Prison and Arbour Hill Prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56551/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the delay a person (details supplied) has experienced in renewing a GNIB card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56553/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of foreign nationals refused leave to land at Irish ports of entry since January 2021. — Gary Gannon. [56555/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of nationalities among those who were refused leave to land since January 2021. — Gary Gannon. [56556/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of foreign nationals refused leave to land who were referred on to the Irish Prison Service for detention until a flight was arranged. — Gary Gannon. [56557/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the immigration facilities at Transaer House; and if plans launched in 2017 to open a dedicated immigration unit at the Dublin Airport Garda station are still in train. — Gary Gannon. [56558/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans in place for accommodating foreign nationals refused leave to land; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56559/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*189. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that there is no ongoing risk to service users in all disability day and residential units following the revelations in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56461/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of public funds allocated from the 2020 HSE Service Plan to facilities (details supplied). — Noel Grealish. [56462/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health the main initiatives undertaken by his Department since 27 June 2020 to improve access to therapeutic and multidisciplinary services for young children with Down syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56193/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long on surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56197/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to fund a clinical psychologist for the multidisciplinary diabetes team in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [56199/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the scientific data or evidence that supports restricting indoor dining and entry into pubs, night clubs, gigs and indoor facilities for vaccinated persons or the peer reviewed paper that supports these restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56219/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of repeat PCR tests that provided a different result when retaken in the months of August, September, October and to date in November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56220/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the number of PCR tests that have been taken in August, September, October and to date in November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56221/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health the number of PCR tests that have been reported in August, September, October and to date in November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56222/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on physiotherapy waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56224/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on occupational therapy waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56225/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on assessment of needs waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56226/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on speech and language therapy waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56227/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on podiatry waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56228/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on ophthalmology waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56229/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on audiology waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56230/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on dietetics waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56231/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on psychology waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56232/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on orthodontics waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56233/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on dental waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56234/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on counselling in primary care lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56235/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adults and children on CAMHS waiting lists by CHO for each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56236/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons over and under 65 years of age on nursing home support scheme funding waiting lists by CHO in each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56237/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons over and under 65 years of age on home support assessment waiting lists by CHO in each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56238/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons over and under 65 years of age on home support waiting lists, that is, waiting on funding for home support, new and additional; the number waiting on a carer to be assigned, new and additional; the number waiting on equipment to be provided, new and additional by CHO in each quarter since quarter 4 2018, in tabular form; the number of those waiting more than 12, 24 and 52 weeks, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56239/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health when it is envisaged that a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive an appointment to meet with a consultant in the department of ophthalmology, Cork University Hospital given the severity of the case. — Sean Sherlock. [56245/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect an appointment from Letterkenny University Hospital for a hernia operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56254/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health the counselling supports that are in place for families who are living with loved ones who have suicidal indentations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56255/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health the training in place for the community to provide supports to families who are living with loved ones who have suicidal indentations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56256/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary will be granted access to fremanezumab; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [56257/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health if Covid-19 certificates for partners is expected to be rolled out for maternity hospitals as a means of access. — Sean Sherlock. [56265/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health when respite will be reinstated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56271/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the new HIQA guidelines, specifically the regulations to replace the National Standards for Foster Care with the new Child Care Services Standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56272/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE dental services in County Kerry are available to medical card holders given there is no private dental services available for medical card holders. — Brendan Griffin. [56274/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the engagement by officials in his Department and the HSE with an association (details supplied) on matters relating to the provision of services under the dental treatment services scheme; the anticipated time scale to complete the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56275/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health when respite services will resume in Fermoy Community Hospital for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56276/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Kildare can avail now of a vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56278/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding booster vaccines for persons under 60 years of age that have serious underlying health conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56283/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Health the strategy in place increase the number of neurology nurses from its current low base to 100 and in the case of St. James's Hospital from four to ten which would be the international recommended number based on the hospital's catchment area. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56313/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that investing in more neurology nurses in the health service is a cost efficient way of improving the efficiency of outpatient clinics, reducing waiting times and ensuring that patients have access to the specialist support they need to manage their conditions; and his views on the current low numbers employed in the hospital network. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56314/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will reinstate respite service for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56315/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Health if further consideration has been undertaken regarding a system for medical exemption to the EU Digital COVID Certificate following recent discussions

with the National Public Health Emergency Team (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56316/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56341/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Health if NIAC has recommended that persons in the very-high risk category will receive their booster vaccinations; if so, the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56344/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a booster vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56345/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made by the HSE to provide expanded access of anti-IL-5 therapies for severe asthma; if there is a limit in place on the number of patients who will be able to access same; the number of patients expected to be able to access same in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56347/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Health the actions he is taking to restore rehabilitation beds to pre-Covid-19 levels. — Thomas Gould. [56354/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new addiction beds by type, such as rehab, detox, stabilisation and so on, opened since 1 January 2021 by facility in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [56355/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time from first referral to admission for rehabilitation by CHO in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [56356/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time from first referral to admission for detox by CHO in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [56357/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Health the funding provided to each taskforce in 2008; and the funding to be provided in 2021 in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [56358/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Health the role of the taskforce coordinator. — Thomas Gould. [56359/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Health the publication date of the mid-term review of the National Drugs Strategy. — Thomas Gould. [56360/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Health the strategy the HSE and other relevant Departments have been working under in relation to addiction given that the action provided in the National Drugs Strategy concluded in 2020. — Thomas Gould. [56361/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff currently employed in each of the children's disability network teams by role in County Cork. — Thomas Gould. [56363/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed gambling control Bill. — Thomas Gould. [56364/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Health if the target to ensure that cancer referrals from a general practitioner into a hospital will be made electronically and each hospital group will facilitate the phasing-in of e-referral by the end of 2022 is still on track as is recommended in the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56391/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Health if public sector radiation oncology facilities in Dublin, Cork and Galway have been expanded to meet patient demand; if a planned national programme of equipment refreshment and replacement has been implemented as is recommended in the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56392/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Health if plans are in place to establish an age-appropriate facility designated for adolescents and young adults with cancer within the new national children's hospital as is recommended in the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56393/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has established a cancer patient advisory committee to provide input into the development of programmes for patients with cancer as is recommended in the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56394/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has reviewed the scope of the national cancer registry with a view to increasing and optimising the use of available data to drive improvements in cancer care for patients as is recommended in the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56395/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Health if the appropriate endoscopy capacity is being provided in hospitals to allow for the expansion of BowelScreen to all persons aged between 55 to 74 years of age by year end 2021 as is recommended in the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56396/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has liaised with the health and education authorities to increase places in third-level institutions for the training of radiographers and sonographers as is recommended in the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56397/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has ensured that investment in infrastructure, facilities, personnel and programmes in the designated cancer centres will have a goal of ultimately developing at least one comprehensive cancer care centre that will optimise cancer prevention, treatment, education and research during the strategy period as is recommended in the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56398/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has ensured that patient representatives are involved in policy making, planning, practice and oversight of cancer services at local, regional and national levels as is recommended in the National Cancer Strategy 2017-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56399/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of private health insurance by age group (details supplied). — John Lahart. [56415/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Health if the restored overtime pay as set out in HSE HR Circular 31/2021 will be paid for non-consultant hospital doctors; and if they will also be paid for backpay accumulated since July 2021. — Paul Murphy. [56420/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Health the reason public health bodies are not being instructed to resume close contact tracing and informing close contacts due to the high level of numbers in primary and secondary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56421/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider resuming both local and national radio and television Covid-19 awareness campaigns based on the latest public health figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56422/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Health if antigen tests will be supplied to preschools and crèches for testing close contacts of a confirmed Covid-19 case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56423/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sterile crack pipes that have been distributed by the HSE and charity services in County Galway to date in 2021; the way this compares with 2020 figures; if there are demographic breakdowns for service users of those seeking supports for crack cocaine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56424/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute hospital beds to be removed at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56447/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Health the number of each type of bed, that is, geriatric, acute and short stay at HSE-provided community and district hospitals in County Kerry in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56448/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Health when construction of the Tullow primary care centre serving Tullow, Rathvilly and Hacketstown will commence (details supplied); the current status of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [56453/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that there is a small cohort of persons who for underlying medical reasons are advised by their medical professionals not to take a Covid-19 vaccine; if this is accepted, the arrangements he considers appropriate to enable these persons to access areas for which an EU Digital COVID Certificate is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [56454/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request a review of the decision to refuse an application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [56472/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels in a centre (details supplied); the posts that are in place; and the number in each one. — Brian Stanley. [56491/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Health the findings of a pilot service offering free at-home test kits for STI screening to Dublin, Cork and Kerry; and his plans to make this a permanent nationwide service. — Holly Cairns. [56524/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make the My Options unplanned pregnancy support services webpage available in the ten most common languages spoken in Ireland. — Holly Cairns. [56525/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of defibrillators in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56536/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Health if a vaccination clinic will be available in Drogheda, County Louth for the application of booster vaccines in the months ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56541/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider making it mandatory for public bathrooms for men to have sanitary bins installed for men who use incontinence pads for safe disposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56543/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Health if psychological assessments of needs are being carried out in a centre (details supplied); the number carried out to date in 2022; the longest waiting time; and number on the waiting lists. — Brian Stanley. [56544/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have been contacted by HSE contact tracing teams as a result of close contact tracing in nightclubs and music venues since their reopening on 22 October 2021. — Gary Gannon. [56554/21]

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

*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he proposes to address the issues raised in the horticultural sector with particular reference to the need to ensure the industry can be supplied with adequate moss peat to meet the full requirements of the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56212/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the EU legislation that prohibits the extension of TAMS funding at a 60% grant rate to women over 55 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56213/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 355 of 20 May 2021, the amount of funding provided to pillar 2 schemes from the Exchequer and the amount through funds from the European Union by scheme in 2021 to date; the expected spend and allocation for 2021-2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56214/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated to pillar 1 payments in 2014 and 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56215/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated to pillar 1 funds for 2021-2022; the amount allocated to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56216/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he has studied a submission from an organisation (details supplied) with respect to reforms to CAP; the extent to which he proposes to respond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56218/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure the CAP includes recognition of hedgerow quality and protects the carbon and biodiversity values of these landscape features; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [56258/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a GLAS payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56367/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 273 of 10 November 2021, if the 58.53% of farmers better off with 100% convergence is relative to their current pillar 1 payment if no convergence was applied or relative to 85% convergence; the way the eco scheme element of 25% and other pillar 1 reductions such as young farmer and national reserve elements have been reflected and accounted for in this comparison; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56450/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that will benefit from 100% convergence at the end of the CAP period, as opposed to the end of year one; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56451/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times his Department has appealed a decision that was made by the Agriculture Appeals Office from January 2011 to October 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56509/21]

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

*284. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the new €9 million fund to support community groups impacted by Covid-19 announced on 11 November 2021 is separate to the funds already committed to by her Department. — Paul Donnelly. [56201/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the role her Department plays in the public participation networks; the number of full-time staff in each by local authority; and the statutory consultation obligations on local authorities in respect of their relationship with the networks. — Thomas Gould. [56335/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the role her Department plays in the delivery of the National Drugs Strategy. — Thomas Gould. [56336/21]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 18 NOVEMBER, 2021**

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

I. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his assessment of the recent election in Nicaragua. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56373/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for the delay in the provision of passports for children (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56350/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the situation in Belarus. — Barry Cowen. [56375/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to Lithuania. — Cormac Devlin. [56489/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to Palestine and Israel. — Barry Cowen. [56374/21]

6. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the average length of time it is currently taking to process passport applications and issue passports; when he plans to increase the number of representations that the Houses of the Oireachtas members can make per week on behalf of persons; his views on requests for further information being issued to applicants in close proximity to the estimated date of issue on the passport tracker; his views on the level of demand that the passport office will face over the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [56466/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the ongoing issues regarding implementation of the EU-UK Withdrawal Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56288/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of discussions in relation to the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56372/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there will be a reduction surrounding first-time passport applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56562/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will notify the Israeli government of Ireland's objection and opposition to the forcible transfer and major dispossession of Palestinian property in Sheikh Jarrah and Silwan in occupied East Jerusalem (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [56446/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will call in the Israeli Ambassador to raise with them the detention of six Palestinian men who are currently on hunger strike under administrative detention which allows these men to be held indefinitely without charge, without trial and without evidence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56503/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the delay in processing passport applications for first-time passports for children and new citizens; the steps his Department is taking to alleviate this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56351/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications submitted in 2021 to date that were found to have an error on the consent form at checking stage; if he has

plans to simplify the consent form or amend it to reduce possible future errors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56299/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland regarding the need to implement in full the Stormont House Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56352/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent attendance at the second Plenary Session of the Conference on the Future of Europe. — John Lahart. [56376/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that are being taken to rectify some of the impact the disruption to the operation of the foreign birth register during Covid-19 has had on applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56529/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons awaiting their passport to issue; the measures being taken to address the current backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56468/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the European Union is proposing action against Israel on the issue of Palestinian hunger strikers and demanding an end to their administrative detention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56568/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had engagement with his counterparts in the European Union on the situation of Palestinian hunger strikers that are demanding an end to their administrative detention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56567/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts Ireland is making at both European Union level and at the United Nations Security Council to bring an end to the conflict in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56495/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the work being carried out by his Department to ensure speedy processing of passport applications and minimising delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56296/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the Government in view of the British plans to issue an amnesty for troubles related crimes will legislate for legacy mechanisms with specific reference to the Independent Commission on Information Retrieval. — Patrick Costello. [56581/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will raise with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland the long-standing concerns of the families of the victims of the Springhill Westrock Massacre of July 1972 in relation to the totally unacceptable delay in holding an inquest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56353/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions Ireland has taken at the United Nations Security Council and at the European Union to help bring an end to the conflict in the Tigray region of Ethiopia; the funding Ireland has provided in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56297/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Passport Office plans to reduce the length of time it takes for corrected documentation to be uploaded to a passport application; if these applications which have been already been initially checked can be processed immediately on receipt of the corrected information rather than the turnaround time being extended further; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56348/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions Ireland will be advocating for at European Union level in response to ongoing efforts by the right-wing Polish government to undermine the judiciary in Poland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56493/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the clashes between junta forces and forces of the militant group in Rakhine state in Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56496/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Ireland's overseas aid programme bilateral and multilateral continues to meet the needs of the populace in the various locations for which it is intended with particular reference to the need to alleviate starvation and human rights abuses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56456/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of outstanding passport applicants that were submitted more than one, two, three, four, five and six months ago; and the envisaged timeframe to clear the backlog in passport applications. — Matt Carthy. [56439/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he expects the United Kingdom to invoke Article 16 in relation to the Northern Ireland Protocol. — Dara Calleary. [56511/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the role the United Nations can take to protect citizens and their rights in Afghanistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [55589/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has evacuated all Irish citizens from Afghanistan. — Cathal Crowe. [56320/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if passport cards will still be recognised as a valid travel document by the United Kingdom going forward post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56295/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas are restricted to making five enquiries regarding passport applications per week even in circumstances in which the enquiries relate to passport applications which have already exceeded the stated timeframe for processing. — Michael McNamara. [56302/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the preparatory measures that have been taken in the event Article 16 of the Northern Ireland protocol being triggered by the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56467/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on engagement he has had with the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus on the situation facing migrants on

the Belarussian-Polish border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56564/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions he has taken to ensure that the United Nations Security Council brings pressure to bear on the leaders of the coup in Sudan to make way for the civilian government of Prime Minister Abdalla Hamdok and also use their influence with regional allies of the Sudanese junta to withdraw their financial support for the military regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56504/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the role the United Nations can usefully take to protect citizens and their rights in Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [55588/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on Israel's plans for the construction of around 3,000 settlement units in the West Bank. — Dara Calleary. [56510/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had correspondence with the Irish Ambassador in Addis Ababa regarding the situation facing the Tigray in Ethiopia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56573/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the participation of his Department at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow; his views on the way in which the Conference proposals will help to progress collective international climate action efforts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56183/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to raise the situation in northern Ethiopia with the United Nations Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56565/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress being made in the Nordic Strategy. — Cormac Devlin. [56488/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions Ireland and the European Union are taking to support political prisoners in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56459/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding the speed of applications being processed through the Passport Office; his views on the best way to improve to process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56561/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the efforts being made by Ireland at the United Nations to help to resolve the crisis situation in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56184/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had an engagement with the European Union on the migrant situation in Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56572/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had an engagement with either the United Nations Security Council, the European Union or the Ethiopian authorities regarding the

current situation pertaining to the Tigray people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56569/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the Government will recognise the state of Palestine as previously committed to. — Matt Carthy. [56440/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the response to the recent coup in Sudan; the efforts Ireland is making at European Union level and at the United Nations Security Council to push for a negotiated return to democracy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56494/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to raise the coup in Sudan at the United Nations Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56566/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the preparations the Government is making for the potential triggering of Article 16 by the British Government. — Patrick Costello. [56580/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised concerns with the British or Northern Ireland authorities in relation to security policing in certain areas (details supplied); the response he received to these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56481/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions his Department is taking to support the provision of education in developing countries in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [56507/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with his counterparts at European Union level regarding the continuation of the EU-Israel Association Agreement particularly in view of Israel's ongoing treatment of the Palestinian people and its human rights obligations under Article 2 of the Association Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56538/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his attendance in October 2021 at the 2021 Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development Ministerial Council meeting. — James Lawless. [56378/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to the port of Dunkirk for the inauguration of the Irish terminal. — John Lahart. [56377/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions his Department is taking to support the provision of education in developing countries in the wake of the Covid-19 crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56486/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the work he and his Department have undertaken to date to evacuate and support Irish citizens and persons with a connection to Ireland from Afghanistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56289/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the likely status of international agreements such as Brexit in the future given the stated intention of one of the signatories to set its principles aside

with obvious consequences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56455/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding the continued success of the Irish Fellows Programme which provides educational opportunities in Ireland for persons from developing countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56487/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the issues with passport express; the way these may be resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [56506/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if an update will be provided on the expected new target delivery of passports following the announcement that over 450 new staff will be hired within the passport service; the way in which the passport service is preparing for the expected busiest year ever in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56290/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas are restricted to making five enquiries regarding passport applications per week; and the reason a follow-up query regarding the same application is considered a new query. — Michael McNamara. [56303/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the implementation of the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56287/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding his meeting with the French Secretary of State for European Affairs in October 2021. — James Lawless. [56379/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his attendance at the recent General Affairs Council of the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56298/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

68. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans for the future development of the Curragh Military Camp; the capital funding allocated for this purpose in each of the coming five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [56533/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent and detail of military co-operation with Israel including the purchase of military equipment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56498/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on his attendance at the 2021 annual delegate conference of an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [56485/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on the fourth independent monitoring group for the Defence Forces which should have been initiated in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56371/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on the efforts to ensure the target of reaching 9,500 members of the Defence Forces is achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56189/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of plans to commemorate the 60th anniversary of the battle of Jadotville; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56532/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Defence the way his Department intends to address the serious issues that have emerged through a documentary (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56294/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of new recruits that have enlisted in the Reserve Defence Forces to date in 2021; when the next recruitment campaign will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56381/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide details on his recent attendance at the annual delegate conference of an association (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56577/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Defence when the replacement aircraft for the current Casa CN 235 maritime patrol aircraft will arrive; if he is satisfied with Ireland's current capacity to patrol its maritime territory; if he has plans to further expand the Air Corps capacity to patrol territorial waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [56539/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Defence the details of discussions he has held with Drogheda Port in respect of the proposed deep-water port development at a site at Bremore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56292/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to purchase training jets for the Air Corps; and the locations in which they will be stationed. — Cathal Crowe. [56318/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the independent review into allegations of bullying, harassment and sexual harassment in the Defence Forces. — Holly Cairns. [56514/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Defence the review of the central recruitment that has taken place regarding the ongoing recruitment issues highlighted in both the press and at committee by the Reserve Defence Forces representatives; and the outcome in terms of improving the pathways to becoming a member of the Reserve Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [56519/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies, systems and procedures currently in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces; the terms of reference for the review; the person or body that will be carrying out the review; the timeline for the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56531/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Defence the way his Department intends to ensure the target strength of 9,500 members of the Defence Forces is achieved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56293/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of new recruits that have enlisted in the Permanent Defence Forces to date in 2021; when the next recruitment campaign will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56380/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Defence the role of the Office of Emergency Planning as it relates to dealing with extreme weather events in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56575/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to commit Irish personnel to serve in MINURSO. — Patrick Costello. [56578/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Defence the efforts being made by him and his Department to address the retention of post-1994 personnel some of whom face discharge from the Defence Forces in December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56583/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Defence the details of his engagement with a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56574/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women at all ranks currently in the Army, Naval Service and Air Corps; the extent to which ongoing recruitment exists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56458/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on the efforts being made by his Department to encourage and increase diversity in the ranks of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56185/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department has carried out a threat assessment in relation to Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56547/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Defence the details of the plans which are underway to ensure the target strength of 9,500 members of the Defence Forces is achieved in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56291/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimate allocation for Defence in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56409/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress to provide a new cadet school at the Defence Forces Training Centre in the Curragh; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56497/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has had recent engagement with the representative organisations from the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [56479/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to expand the Defence Forces remit in the area of cyber-security. — James Lawless. [56408/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of discussions with an organisation (details supplied) on the recommendations to resolve the issue of post-1994 contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56300/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to review patrol allowances for the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [56499/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Defence the work being done to increase the number of members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56187/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Defence when he expects the number in the Defence Forces to reach 9,500; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [56478/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to apply for a supplementary budget estimate in anticipation of the forthcoming report of the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [56306/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members recruited to the Defence Forces to date in 2021; the number that have left; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56483/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Defence the level of capital funding for the upgrade and modernisation of military equipment with a focus on the funding provided in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56190/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 373 of 15 September 2021, the efforts being made by his Department to increase the strength of the Reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56186/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Defence his proposals to negate the impact of reports regarding the spiralling cost of living on serving members of the Permanent Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [56517/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide information regarding the average 17.5 patrol days that were reported to be cancelled each month in 2019, which rose to 30 per month to date in 2021; the purpose of the patrols; and the reason for cancellation. — Sorca Clarke. [56520/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons that have left the Permanent Defence Forces to date in 2021; the number of new recruits there have been over the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56500/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Defence the improvements that have taken place in the pay and conditions of members of the Defence Forces since this Government was formed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56482/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Defence the nature of the support provided and the corresponding hourly equivalent including the number of trips and kilometres provided by the Civil Defence in support of the HSE operations relating to Covid-19. — Sorca Clarke. [56518/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Defence the key defence measures under the new National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56501/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Defence when the vacant position of third-party adjudicator for the Permanent Defence Forces conciliation and arbitration scheme will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56370/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will produce a report for discussion on Defence Forces salaries; and his views on the fact that Defence Forces personnel have to access family income supports. — Mark Ward. [56301/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Defence his future plans for lands owned by his Department at Knockalisheen, Meelick, County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [56317/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will consider a reform of the process by which medals are awarded and honour the service men and women following on from the independent review into medals awarded to those involved in the Jadotville siege; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56546/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Defence the action he will take regarding the vacant position of adjudicator to the Defence Forces conciliation and arbitration scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [56305/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Defence the current strength of the Defence Forces in each of the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [56484/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Defence if an update will be provided on the work being done to address the issues that emerged in a documentary (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56188/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Defence the extent to which he and his Department continue to liaise with the Defence Forces with a view to the resolution of matters outstanding including the strength of all branches, matters relating to pay and conditions or other issues of concern; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56457/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of Irish troops serving in the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56576/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Defence the steps he is taking to improve reporting mechanisms for Defence Forces personnel experiencing sexual abuse, harassment and bullying. — Holly Cairns. [56513/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the financial difficulties being experienced by members of the Naval Service; the practical measures he plans to take to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56545/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Defence the provisions in view of recent violence and rioting in Northern Ireland that are being made by the Defence Forces to deal with potential paramilitary activity from loyalist paramilitaries. — Patrick Costello. [56579/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Defence the actual measures or protocols in place to protect undersea fibre optic cables that run under Irish waters from interference or tampering by foreign

or hostile agents; if a risk assessment of the likelihood of such an incident has been carried out by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56548/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason Ireland has withdrawn two officers from the MINURSO mission in Western Sahara; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [56549/21]