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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]

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5. 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. — Mick Barry. [57287/21]

6. 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. — Cian O'Callaghan. [57672/21]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

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

14. 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]

15. 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]

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

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [57047/21]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Mick Barry. [57285/21]

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

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

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

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mick Barry. [57286/21]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57323/21]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [57326/21]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57354/21]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Niamh Smyth. [57355/21]

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach the key policy achievements of his Department since June 2020. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57324/21]

30. To ask the Taoiseach the key policy achievements of his Department since June 2020. — Paul Murphy. [57327/21]

31. 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]

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

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

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57325/21]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [57328/21]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education last met; and when it is next due to meet. — Cathal Crowe. [57356/21]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education last met; and when it is next due to meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [57357/21]

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

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

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a progress report on the Programme for Government. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57018/21]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a progress update on the Programme for Government. — Alan Kelly. [57204/21]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a progress report on the Programme for Government. — Cian O'Callaghan. [57673/21]

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

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Alan Kelly. [57205/21]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57556/21]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Paul Murphy. [57559/21]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Cian O’Callaghan. [57674/21]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department on the development of the Well-being Framework. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57353/21]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public conversation on the Well-being Framework for Ireland. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57557/21]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public conversation on the Well-being Framework for Ireland. — Paul Murphy. [57560/21]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress made on the Economic Recovery Plan published by his Department in May 2021. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57558/21]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress made on the Economic Recovery Plan published by his Department in May 2021. — Paul Murphy. [57561/21]

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [57206/21]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

56. To ask the Minister for Education if clarity will be provided on the Covid-19 safety measures in school settings including the potential use of filtration devices and all other measures required. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57257/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give a full report on the recent discussions that her Department has been having in relation to reform of the leaving certificate; the timeline for changes to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57644/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to address the substitution crisis in schools. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57258/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Education if clarity will be provided in relation to antigen testing in schools and the way it is to be implemented within the school setting; if antigen testing will be used

within both primary and secondary settings; the current protocol for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [57036/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Education her views in relation to the submission from the Donegal Education and Training Board for additional supports to assist students affected by the MICA issue; if her attention has been drawn to the unique challenges to the mental health and well-being of the student cohort in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57562/21]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

61. To ask the Minister for Education her priorities for the reform of the leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [57336/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a shortage of school places in Malahide and Portmarnock, County Dublin; and if she has plans to address this issue. — Louise O'Reilly. [57043/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct her Department to immediately establish a rapid and transparent system for reporting Covid-19 cases in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [57320/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on plans to increase secondary school places in an area (details supplied) to meet the demand of the growing population; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57022/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a response was never received to an expression of interest made in March 2020 by a school (details supplied) to assist with planning in relation to the requirement for special class provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [57284/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Education her priorities with regard to the reform of the leaving certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57129/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that all schools have access to appropriate physical education and school hall facilities. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57261/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans to include a school (details supplied) under the DEIS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [57292/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Education if she is considering arrangements for a hybrid leaving certificate for 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [57335/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she will take in relation to the assessment of the leaving certificate course in order to eliminate undue stress for students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [57289/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Education if she will put in place arrangements to facilitate a hybrid leaving certificate in 2021 given the education of exam students has been disrupted during the cycle and will continue to be in the foreseeable future. — Richard Bruton. [57045/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Education when she last met with an association (details supplied); and if she proposes to amend the new syllabus for agricultural science. — Matt Carthy. [57322/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made with a school (details supplied) in regard to the purchase of the site on the Mill Road; the overall timeline for the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [57112/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to reduce pupil teacher ratios in primary and secondary schools as announced in Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57302/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Education if clarity will be provided to schools regarding communication of a positive Covid-19 case in a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [57313/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Education when staff waiting for summer provision payments will receive same; the reason for the delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57215/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans to ensure students with additional needs in mainstream classes have access to an SNA if they need it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57130/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to address special education needs in south west areas of County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [57268/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to expand the DEIS programme to additional schools in 2022 and 2023; the timeline for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57189/21]

80. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén dul chun cinn atá déanta i dtaca le beartas a fhorbairt maidir le teagasc na Gaeilge agus leis an teagasc trí Ghaeilge i scoileanna na tíre i gcomhréir leis an Stráitéis Fiche Bliain don Ghaeilge; cé na hacmhainní breise foirne agus airgeadais atá curtha ar fáil ina leith sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56740/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department ensures that all those working in schools have racial sensitivity training; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [57288/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Education the steps her Department is taking to prioritise reducing construction costs and timescales into the future given the expansive school programme within the revised National Development Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [57041/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct her Department to immediately re-establish contact tracing in Covid-19 cases in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57333/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Education if funding will be made available for a portacabin for a counselling room in a school (details supplied) in Dublin 15 due to the loss of 40% of its classrooms to another school that is being built on the same site. — Paul Donnelly. [57225/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which school building projects at primary and second-level throughout the country, including County Kildare, are proceeding in line with expectations; if the various projects remain on schedule; if those pending are likely to be accommodated at an early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57222/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Education the progress on the development of a new digital strategy for schools and measures to further support digital online learning for primary and secondary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57294/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Education if she will allow for the option of accredited grades for the leaving certificate 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57212/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Education her progress to date in expanding the provision of post-primary education in Santry and Whitehall, Dublin 9; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [57265/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the extension for a school (details supplied); if timelines can be provided for both construction and the provision of new special educational needs rooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [57199/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans to progress the roll-out of the school inclusion model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57172/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the non-essential school inspections visiting schools given the evolving and growing concern of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [57310/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Education the mechanism that has been put in place for schools to report failures to secure substitute teachers to teach replacement hours; if an analysis has been carried out as to the profile of the problem analysing along secondary primary, subject matter and geographical location; and the measures she plans to take to address the shortages. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57179/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will examine the situation vis-a-vis schools with ASD units whereby a child with autism has to apply first for a mainstream place and then transfer to the ASD unit with their initial application leaving them very low on the admissions list as opposed to their being considered separately for direct admission to the ASD unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [57007/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a building project for a school (details supplied); the expected timescale for the commencement of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [57113/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the establishment of a secondary school on Inisbofin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [57308/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the implementation of the new Covid learning and support scheme which aims to help mitigate the impact of Covid-19 on students' learning and well-being; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [57306/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Education the strategies in place to offer enhanced mental health supports for primary and secondary students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [57290/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Education the number of commissions of investigation currently ongoing under the remit of her Department; the duration of each commission of investigation; the deadline for each commission of investigation; and the actual and projected cost of each commission of investigation. — Peadar Tóibín. [54098/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Education if her officials will take on board the real problems with the building and prefects that a school (details supplied) is housed in. — Brian Stanley. [55766/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications and grants under the school energy retrofit pathfinder programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [57307/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Education when additional schools will be able to seek DEIS status; if there is flexibility to allow schools DEIS status in certain circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57219/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Education if the project for a new building for a school (details supplied) will be accelerated. — Brian Stanley. [55765/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give further consideration to the application by a school (details supplied) for the installation of a physical education lab and equipment store. — Cathal Crowe. [57106/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to the availability of substitute teaching; her plans to allow retired teachers return in a substitution capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [57039/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Education the detail of the agreement reached with representatives of school secretaries; the way and when these new arrangements will be implemented; if they will be retrospective; if they will apply to all school secretaries; if there are further agreements to be reached in relation to issues such as pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [57040/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Education if she will work with a school and trust (details supplied) to ensure that the pitches traditionally used by the school remain available to both the school and the community into the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57332/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that each child or young person who is entitled to a special needs assistant or resource hours is allocated these supports. — Holly Cairns. [57269/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Education the status of and position regarding the Covid-19 school transport restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57213/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has carried out research into the need for a special school in east County Cork; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [57232/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a shortage of school places in Swords, County Dublin; and if she has plans to address this issue. — Louise O'Reilly. [57044/21]

111. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais an dtabharfaidh sí tuarascáil maidir le dul chun cinn an chomhairliúcháin ar athchóiriú Churaclam Gaeilge na hArdteistiméireachta; an bhfuil imní phobal na Gaeilge ina leith sin cloiste aici; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57230/21]

112. To ask the Minister for Education if flexibility will be given to secondary schools (details supplied) in County Cork to ensure that no sixth class child with additional educational needs will lose their special class place at secondary level. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57260/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the review of the recommendations of a report (details supplied); and her plans to progress the recommendations. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57181/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Education when she will approve the intake numbers into both the bachelor of education and professional master of education for the next academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57227/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Education the engagements she has had to date in relation to the alleviation of school place shortages for local children at a school (details supplied); if she has engaged with the principal, board of management or with parents' representatives; if so, the actions she has taken as a result of these engagements; her plans to resolve the problem; the timeline for the resolution of the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57315/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Education the number of those applicants eligible for school transport that had or have not yet secured a place on a bus due to late payment of fees or another reason by county; and the measures she intends to implement to ensure that all eligible students are offered a school bus place. — Matt Carthy. [57321/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the public health supports available to schools. — Jackie Cahill. [57303/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the progress of the senior cycle review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [57305/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that have been taken to ensure that the requirement for close contacts to restrict movements for five days will not further impact on school staffing worsening the already existing staffing crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [57311/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Education the resources that are being put in place to ensure that children in an area (details supplied) have sufficient secondary school places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57021/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Education when school leaders can expect to receive antigen testing for the school community; if antigen testing will require additional expenditure by the school or parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [57312/21]

122. To ask the Minister for Education the reason ETB small second-level schools are not entitled to be designated as a small school for the purposes of the small schools' designation that gives extra teaching resources to small second-level schools despite the fact that some of the smallest second-level schools in the country including all island secondary schools are under the patronage of the ETB. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57211/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to an application for additional support and an SNA allocation for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [56925/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Education her further plans to prevent and tackle bullying in schools, including cyberbullying and gender identity bullying; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57295/21]

125. To ask the Minister for Education the support being provided to second-level students on the offshore islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [57309/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the roll-out of the expansion of DEIS as committed to in Budget 2022. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57259/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that children attending special schools are being provided with adequate services for speech therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy as required during their time spent in the schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [57233/21]

128. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to update the relationships and sexuality education teaching resource material; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [57254/21]

129. To ask the Minister for Education the status of introducing legislation to create an inclusive relationships and sexuality education programme as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [57314/21]

130. To ask the Minister for Education the action she is taking to address the difficulties being faced by principals trying to source substitute teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [57010/21]

131. To ask the Minister for Education the advancement being made in providing a new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57267/21]

132. To ask the Minister for Education the status of negotiations in relation to the improvement of pay and conditions for school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [57281/21]

133. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the difficulties new and developing schools are facing in accessing special educational supports. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57262/21]

134. To ask the Minister for Education if the pilot programme for delivering therapeutic services to a group of preschools and schools has been a success; if the model will be rolled out to other areas in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57201/21]

135. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct her Department to arrange weekly mass-testing for Covid-19 across school settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57329/21]

136. To ask the Minister for Education the actions her Department is taking to increase the level of special educational needs and ASD class places in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57171/21]

137. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the review of the school transport system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [57297/21]

138. To ask the Minister for Education the emergency measures that can be taken to remedy the conditions of the prefab classrooms at a school (details supplied); the progress of the prequalification process of the tender for the new buildings; when the parents and children can realistically expect the construction can be completed; and the measures she can take to fast track the completion of this project. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57178/21]

139. To ask the Minister for Education the specific measures being taken to help identify, assess and reduce Covid-19 transmission levels in primary and secondary schools including the provision of adequate air filtration, mask wearing, provision of booster vaccines to school staff, reinstatement of contact tracing and other measures she is examining. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57182/21]

140. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the planned allocation of the additional €18 million provision in Budget 2022 which will enable an expansion of the delivering equality of opportunity in schools' programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [57298/21]

141. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that all school bus capacity including special education transport will return to 100%, in relation to the return to full school bus capacity; the position in relation to getting full capacity reinstated; the length of time this process will take; if all eligible children will be accommodated going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [57038/21]

142. To ask the Minister for Education the reason education staff who were involved in delivering the summer provision are still waiting for their payments; when the payments will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [57283/21]

143. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding publishing the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment advisory report on senior cycle reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57229/21]

144. To ask the Minister for Education when HEPA filters in each classroom will be installed given the growing international medical, building and environmental evidence and consensus that Covid-19 is airborne and HEPA filtration is an important and effective mitigation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [57008/21]

145. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to increase capitation grants in order that each school has the resources they need to deliver for all their students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [57304/21]

146. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the audits carried out by her Department in respect of existing school buildings in Galway city, both vacant and occupied, to ascertain the need for the construction of additional school buildings in the city to accommodate rising student numbers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57190/21]

147. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on antigen testing protocols and supports for schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [57293/21]

148. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the school building programme including the number of schools without permanent sites, without permanent buildings and also without even a temporary site; her plans to address these very serious shortfalls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57331/21]

149. To ask the Minister for Education when she plans to announce details of the extended DEIS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [57220/21]

150. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport is running at 100% capacity; and the status of efforts to increase places for children on school buses across the State. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57263/21]

151. To ask the Minister for Education the number and breakdown of schools that had access to the summer education programme by county in 2020 and 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [57009/21]

152. To ask the Minister for Education the opening timeframe and capacity of a new special school (details supplied) in Dublin 15; and if there are plans for the upgrade of the existing on the same site. — Paul Donnelly. [57224/21]

153. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to improve pay and conditions to school escorts to encourage uptake of the position. — Thomas Gould. [57317/21]

154. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [57198/21]

155. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she plans to take to resolve the scarcity of substitute teachers and the fact that school students are being sent home due to no substitute teachers being available. — Joan Collins. [57234/21]

156. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the announced measures to create an additional 1,700 special class places in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [57296/21]

157. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains satisfied that sufficient steps have been taken to protect teachers and children from the current Covid-19 surge; if further protective measures are contemplated in order to minimise the risk for all those involved in the education sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57221/21]

158. To ask the Minister for Education her progress to date in expanding the provision of primary education in Santry and Whitehall, Dublin 9; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [57264/21]

159. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a project (details supplied); the level of engagement she has had with same; her plans for the continuity of the provision of Irish medium education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57214/21]

160. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are in place to provide finance to schools that do not have a recommended standard ventilation system. — Joan Collins. [57231/21]

161. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties being experienced by secondary schools in accessing funds allocated for Covid-19 catch-up hours as reported by an association (details supplied) due to shortages of teachers in key areas; the measures she will take to help principals to access funding; and the reason her Department will not allow funds to be used to pay teachers in full-time posts to provide additional hours. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57180/21]

162. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a full report on the recent discussions that her Department has been having in relation to reform of the leaving certificate; the timeline for changes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57330/21]

163. To ask the Minister for Education the advancement in progressing a new school site (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57266/21]

164. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the key findings of the research and evaluation study on the Gaeltacht school recognition scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [57299/21]

165. To ask the Minister for Education the supports Budget 2022 has provided for capital planning; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [57300/21]

166. To ask the Minister for Education the person or body that produced the homophobic materials recently removed from post-primary school teaching resources; the person or body that made the decision to include the materials as teaching resources; the actions she will take against those responsible; and the steps she has taken to ensure there can be no repeat of this. — Paul Murphy. [57319/21]

167. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students in County Cork expected to require a special school place in September 2022; and the number of spaces currently available, including those in use. — Thomas Gould. [57318/21]

168. To ask the Minister for Education the strategies to support children and young persons who are at risk of the highest levels of educational disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [57291/21]

169. To ask the Minister for Education the reason children in primary schools are not wearing masks. — Joan Collins. [57228/21]

170. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the work of the DEIS technical group; if schools will be able to seek DEIS status for 2022 given the funding was made available in Budget 2022 to expand same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57218/21]

171. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to address the shortage of substitute teachers in both primary and second-level schools. — James O'Connor. [57337/21]

172. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to stop the spread of Covid-19 in schools and to protect staff, students and the wider community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57226/21]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*173. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality last met. — Alan Kelly. [57207/21]

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

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will extend the annual returns filing deadline to the Companies Registration Authority until at least 31 December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56962/21]

*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to a campaign in relation to a company (details supplied); and his views on the call by the campaign for the company to address issues in relation to pay and workers' rights. — Louise O'Reilly. [57143/21]

*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the monopolies created by big technology companies; his further views on the European Commission Digital Markets Act which seeks to address the anti-competitive issues which arise as a result of these monopolies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [57144/21]

*177. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the meetings and engagements he or the Ministers of State in his Department have had with organisations or

companies in which minutes of the meetings were not recorded; if this is common practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [57145/21]

*178. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider requesting the Companies Registration Office to relax administrative deadlines for submission of filings and documents to the arrangements previously introduced during earlier stages of the Covid-19 pandemic in view of the revised public health guidelines regarding working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [57368/21]

*179. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of public holidays employees are entitled to in 2021 under the Holidays (Employees) Act 1961 (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [57615/21]

*180. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of jobs created in County Westmeath by IDA supported companies 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [57627/21]

*181. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of jobs created in County Longford by IDA supported companies in 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [57628/21]

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

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to a campaign in relation to a company (details supplied); and his views on the call by the campaign for the company to address issues in relation to climate justice. — Louise O'Reilly. [57143/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when a location (details supplied) will be connected by National Broadband Ireland; the changes to the anticipated connection date for the premises due to the acceleration of the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56968/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the grant aid available for schools to improve their energy efficiency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [56972/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the persons and companies he held a meeting with at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57048/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to support the provision of segregated bins in public places which have high usage. — Richard Bruton. [57060/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of inshore drift and draft net fishing licences that were relinquished in the 2005 decommissioning scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [57063/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of inshore drift and draft net fishing licences that are still retained by licence holders as of the October 2021 scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [57064/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a follow-up stock study has been carried out to ascertain if fish stocks for drift and draft net fishing licences have reached levels to allow fishing to resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [57065/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department will reintroduce the buy-out scheme in view of the fact that many continuing drift and draft net fishing licence holders are approaching retirement age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [57066/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the 16 years of inactivity will be included for pension purposes in view of the fact that those who retained their drift and draft net fishing licence have not been subsequently allowed to restart their fishing activities and earn their living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [57067/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the sector under which emissions from the Defence Forces are accounted for under the carbon budgets and sectoral emissions ceilings; and if the Defence Forces emissions are accounted for when reporting emissions to the European Union and the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57075/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the percentage share of the average demand from each sector of the electricity market, that is, domestic, non-domestic, medium and large commercial for the 2020-2021 public service obligation levy year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57084/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 39 and 49 of 4 November 2021, the timeline for a decision on the granting of prospecting licences in north County Leitrim following the closing date for submissions on 7 November 2021. — Marian Harkin. [57114/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the level of engagement his Department has had with youth climate groups in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57120/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the level of emissions produced in Ireland in each year over the past decade in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57121/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide the schedule that sets out each heading of the 14 categories under which the National Broadband Plan contingency subsidy can be accessed; and the amount drawn down to date under each heading. — Catherine Murphy. [57175/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the clean export guarantee payment for exported renewable electricity will be in place in January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [57176/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when high-speed broadband will be delivered to a premises (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [57381/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a report on Irish peatlands and climate change by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [57392/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his engagement with the European Commission to identify supports for the low-cost retrofit loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57437/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the low-cost retrofit loan scheme for residential retrofitting will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57438/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the installation of fibre broadband to a business (details supplied) will proceed under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57522/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the installation of fibre broadband to a business (details supplied) will proceed under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57523/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the installation of fibre broadband to Terryglass, County Tipperary (details supplied) will proceed under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57524/21]

*206. 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. [57616/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that have been retrofitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [57629/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reverse the decision to remove grants for plug-in hybrid electric vehicles in view of the important role they are playing in the transition to full electric; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57470/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the areas in a location (details supplied) that are planned for electric vehicle charger installation over the next ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56912/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure a new station at Cabra, Dublin 7 is completed in parallel with the DART+ South West Project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56923/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has established or will establish a coordination and or liaison group for sustainability officers in central Government offices and Departments; if he has given consideration to the roles and duties of sustainability officers in such offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [56941/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform in respect of the role of sustainability officers in the civil service. — Catherine Murphy. [56942/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the rail-based proposals included in the published draft as part of the consultation process on Connecting Ireland being run by the NTA in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56980/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has introduced legislation or protocols to ensure that electric vehicle owners in multiple-unit developments have a right to install a charger in their parking spot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [57052/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review a report (details supplied); if he will report this matter to the operator concerned; if they will explain the reason the cancellation took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57077/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a response to a Labour Court ruling (details supplied) and the implications that this will have to public service staff during the Covid-19 pandemic and in the years ahead. — Cathal Crowe. [57126/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if a subsidy will be put in place to encourage airlines to operate additional flights (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [57193/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport when funding will be approved for the realignment project from Clogher Cross to Waterdyke, Shanballymore, Mallow County Cork on the N73; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [57338/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will process and expedite the renewal of an SPSV licence for a person (details supplied) considering all necessary documents are intact and have been submitted including confirmation that the renewal of their IRP card is being processed. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57347/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to amend and increase the midnight service times for the Nitelink bus service in Dublin in view of the recent announcement of hospitality closure at midnight; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [57358/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a responsibility on the airline (details supplied) to provide alternative ground transport arrangements to passengers travelling from Donegal to Dublin in circumstances in which the flight is cancelled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57365/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to publish a report (details supplied) and urgently implement its recommendations regarding organisational structures that underpin marine casualty investigation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [57399/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason Greystones, County Wicklow is not included in the new TFI 90 minute fare introduced recently by the NTA; if there are plans to bring public transport fares from Greystones down in line with greater Dublin area fares; his views on whether the traffic chaos and attendant environmental impact that is a feature for commuters travelling from Greystones into Dublin city centre every day for work should have informed the inclusion of Greystones in the scheme and the lowering of DART fares in particular to encourage commuters to use public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [57435/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if public servants were put on short-time during the Covid-19 period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57457/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the nature of the European Commission's letter of formal notice of 24 January 2020 concerning Council Directive (EU) 2017/159 Commission reference: INFR(2020)0062; the status of this infringement procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57487/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the route 30 Bus Éireann 1am service from Donegal town to Dublin was cancelled on 15 November 2021; the operational issues which led to this cancellation; the back-up and or preventative measures that were in place in case of such operational issues arising; the steps that were taken by Bus Éireann to avoid the cancellation; the time at which the attention of Bus Éireann was drawn to the need to cancel the service; the time at which Bus Éireann informed passengers of the cancellation of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57537/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport when a response will issue to representations made on behalf of a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57619/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if a person (details supplied) can be facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [57635/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount raised in 2019 by Bus Éireann by charging passengers a fee to place a non-folding bicycle in the hold of a bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57636/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a campaign in relation to a company (details supplied); and his views on the call by the campaign for the company to address issues in relation to tax transparency. — Louise O'Reilly. [57143/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reintroduce enhanced supports through the employment wage subsidy scheme for this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57466/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress that has been made in relation to implementing the recommendations of the Financial Inclusion Strategy; if he will provide a list of other reports

issued by the Financial Inclusion Working Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56891/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance if the fuel grant under the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme will be increased in recognition of increasing fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [56895/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if further supports, in particular the expansion of the business resumption support scheme, are currently under consideration for the hospitality sector in view of the reports of large-scale cancellations of Christmas events which many businesses were relying on in order to retain staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56973/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance if a circular was issued in respect of the introduction of the personal to holder allowance by the Revenue Commissioners; if so, if this circular was sent to all employees prior to it coming into effect from the 1 January 2003; and if a copy of this circular including the relevant number and date of issue associated with same will be provided to this Deputy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56982/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost of the cycle to work scheme in 2019 and 2020; the number of persons who availed of it in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57029/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the cycle to work threshold for bicycles from the current €1,250 to €1,500; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57030/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of increasing the cycle to work threshold for ebikes from the current €1,500 to €1,750 and from €1,500 to €2,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57031/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of extending the cycle-to-work scheme to self-employed persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57032/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given for a review of the temporary wage subsidy scheme guidelines as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [57050/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions his Department is taking to assist bank customers without smartphone technology to still have access to online shopping and other online banking services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57073/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which members of the public may view and or inspect the Moneylenders, Credit and Mortgage Intermediaries Registers established under the Consumer Credit Act 1995; if his attention has been drawn to the limited time period in which persons may inspect this register; and if he will consider the use of a statutory instrument in order to open the registers on a full-time basis. — Catherine Murphy. [57095/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue received and by type, that is, VAT or import duty on imports from Britain by month in 2020; and if the data is not available, if the global figure for such data will be provided. — Louise O'Reilly. [57147/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that paid the domicile levy in 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; the amount collected under the levy in the same period; the number of persons who are declared non-resident for tax purposes; the number of those that qualified for the domicile levy in 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [57166/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason occupational therapists and physiotherapists working in front-line cancer services who require a fresh uniform on a daily basis and are required to both supply and launder their own uniform only receive a tax credit of €217 while their nursing colleagues (details supplied) receive a higher amount; if he plans to increase the tax credits for occupational therapists and physiotherapists in order to bring them in line with their nursing colleagues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57173/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of loan approvals by Home Building Finance Ireland in 2020 and 2021 with details on each approval including applicant, number of units, type of scheme, build to rent and so on; and the amount drawn down on each approval to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57246/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners will be requested to consider extending the 25 November 2021 filing deadline for several weeks in view of the revised public health guidelines regarding working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [57369/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that hunting and point to point racing have seen their insurance options eliminated; his plans to address this issue; if the action plan for insurance reform has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [57378/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure that mortgage and loan providers offer loans for homeworkers to retrofit their houses for energy efficiency. — Holly Cairns. [57390/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to ensure that employers availing of the new tax credit for the digital gaming sector announced in Budget 2022 are asked to provide at a minimum the living wage to their employees and to accept the Workplace Relations Commission codes of practice as a condition for the tax relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [57442/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance if the comprehensive review of the disabled drivers scheme has taken place; if there are proposals to change outdated legislation on the strict qualifying criteria for persons to avail of services through this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57445/21]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance if a tenant (details supplied) whose landlord is not resident in Ireland must pay tax on their rent directly to the Revenue Commissioners; and if this regulation is enforced in circumstances in which tenants live in properties which are let on a third-party platform such as a company (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [57479/21]

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

*253. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if public service staff were put on reduced hours or temporary lay-off during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Cathal Crowe. [57125/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of plans to cut trees in the War Memorial Gardens, Islandbridge, Dublin 8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [57363/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he is taking to improve accessibility across national monument sites under the care of the OPW for persons with disabilities including persons with mobility restrictions and persons with visual and hearing impairments. — Holly Cairns. [57396/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if public servants were put on short-time during the Covid-19 period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57456/21]

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

*257. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will introduce pharmacy-led antigen testing for entry into hospitality. — Peadar Tóibín. [57164/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason persons can attend a wedding reception without a valid EU Digital COVID Certificate but require a certificate to get into a hotel or restaurant. — Paul Kehoe. [56746/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if further funding will be made available for commemorative activities in 2022 and 2023 to mark the final phase of the Decade of Centenaries; when such funding will be made available to communities that are planning commemoration projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [57058/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a person (details supplied) who qualified for the first round of the entertainment support grant but missed the second round given they were not aware that a new round of funding had been announced can submit a late application for supports under this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [57079/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her assessment of the challenges that are facing the hospitality sector in view of the current Covid-19 environment taking into account the new restriction imposed on the sector which restricts its ability to trade (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57466/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if financial supports are available to a not-for-profit community sports club (details supplied) to assist with running costs such as rent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57501/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of the proposed income guarantee scheme for artists to be piloted in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57620/21]

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

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if homeowners who built their dwellings prior to court rulings are entitled to have the remediation costs of their property to be partially or fully covered by a company (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [57136/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide information on his Department's review of siting and size conditions for rooftop solar panels on homes and on the review of exemptions for educational and community buildings as part of the current development of interim planning regulations; if he will provide details of the stated need to consider environmental assessment reporting before finalisation; when the interim planning regulations will be submitted to the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [56825/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of meetings conducted by the Disability Consultative Committee since its inception; the actions taken by the Committee since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56828/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to or if he is kept informed of local authority owned land banks and the associated local authority debts (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56889/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the Irish UNESCO Tentative List was last revised; when it will next be revised; the application process to include a site of historic significance on this list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56938/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the restrictions in place preventing local councils leasing property from investment firms implicated in war crimes (details supplied). — Patrick Costello. [56950/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to an announcement by the European Commission that it would refer Ireland to the European Court of Justice over alleged non-compliance with the drinking water directive; the water supply zones that have been deemed to have excessive levels of trihalomethane; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [56984/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will expedite the publication of the report by the working group on horticultural peat; the measures being adopted by his Department to save the horticulture sector from collapse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57004/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress being made in respect of the proposals contained within the Water Sector Transformation Policy Paper: Irish

Water – Towards a National, Publicly Owned, Regulated Water Services Utility; the progress being made in resolving the issue of estates that are not being taken in charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [57051/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans in relation to coursing clubs (details supplied) which are based in areas in which live hare coursing is banned but have been able to run their live hare coursing meetings in Ireland; the location of the hares caught; the location of the storage of the animals; and the person or body that authorised these meetings. — Paul Murphy. [57085/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 46 of 6 October 2021, the result of his Department's engagement with the Garda National Vetting Bureau and the Department of Justice in relation to Garda vetting under the National Vetting Bureau (Children and Vulnerable Persons) Acts 2012-2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [57091/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to review the local connection rule in relation to homeless services and its implementation by local authorities in view of the particular challenges faced by the Roma community in finding suitable housing in the State and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [57094/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the areas designated urban for the purpose of the Derelict Sites Act 1990. — Thomas Gould. [57101/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a house affected by pyrite owned by an Irish family that are now living outside of Ireland can be included in the defective concrete blocks scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [57104/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the increased cost facing customers with multiple water connections and particularly farmers as a result of the introduction of standing charges for separate connections; if funding schemes are being put in place to help alleviate increased costs for the same service; if allowances are being considered in view of the increased cost by cubic litre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [57137/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all local authorities have furnished the details on the total number of derelict properties currently on their respective registers; the number of actions and fines issued under the Act for each respective local authority; the way in which he will now move forward the information available and make appropriate changes additional to the measures announced in the Housing for All strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [57156/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 396 of 2 November 2021, if the working group in his Department that is currently examining the provision for a changing places toilet in certain buildings will also examine the Building Regulations (Part M Amendment) Regulations 2010 in terms of dwellings with a view to ensuring the provision of not just wheelchair accessible but wheelchair liveable dwellings. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57187/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Dublin City Council has agreed to long-term leasing of homes with a British arms manufacturer (details supplied); and his views on whether local authorities should be engaged in long-term leasing with pension funds or vulture funds in this way. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [57235/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Dublin City Council has agreed to the long-term leasing of six homes from a British arms manufacturer (details supplied); his views on whether contracts between the city council or another local authority should be bound by ethical guidelines and that such companies should not be allowed wash war profits through building property portfolios in Ireland; if he will request the Council to withdraw from the completion of lease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [57236/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to improve the fire safety standards in apartments as part of the Programme for Government commitment to improve building control standards; and the plans he has to ensure that apartments built under earlier fire safety standards from the 1980s and 1990s will be brought into full compliance with more recent standards. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57240/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if arising from the Government's new Housing for All plan there will be a significant increase in demand for turnkey developments to deliver social and affordable housing that in addition to local authorities and approved housing bodies seeking to acquire turnkey developments from the private sector to meet social housing needs there will also be demand for turnkey developments from approved housing bodies via the Cost Rental Equity Loan, from the Land Development Agency via Project Tosaigh and via the Housing Agency via Croi Connaithe; his views on whether this increased demand for turnkey developments will drive up costs; and the number of turnkey units he expects to be purchased from private developers across each of these schemes in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57244/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Rebuilding Ireland Home Loan applications, approvals and drawdowns in each month from January 2020 to October 2021; and the total value of the applications, approvals and drawdowns by local authority area and with an average approval and drawdown figure for each local authority in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57245/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish the membership of the working group appointed by the Attorney General to examine planning legislation; and the terms of reference for the working group. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57339/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the commission on housing once established will review the progress of cost-rental delivery in Ireland. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57340/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for winding up the strategic housing development application; and the final date a decision on a strategic housing development application will be made by An Bord Pleanála. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57341/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he plans to increase the eligible income limits in respect of social housing; if his attention has been drawn

to the fact that persons who are solely dependent on social welfare income and low income from employment are being removed from the social housing waiting lists on income grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57348/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of strategic housing development completions in 2021 and of completed strategic housing development applications dating back to 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [57366/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [57414/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the last dates for submitting a strategic housing development planning application to An Board Pleanála given differences between media reports and the press release by his Department (details supplied). — Neasa Hourigan. [57422/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 98 of 10 November 2021, if he will provide the policy and procedural guidance issued to housing authorities relating to the role they can play to assist victims of domestic violence. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57471/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications under short-term letting regulations included in the Planning and Development Act 2000 for change of use planning permissions to date by local authority in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [57482/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that only one application has been received by Cork City Council for short-term lettings under the Planning and Development Act 2000 and no enforcement notices issued; and his plans to tackle this. — Thomas Gould. [57483/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the take-up in each local authority in each year since 2016 to date by option (details supplied). — Richard Bruton. [57490/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of properties which are vacant for longer than a transitional period which might become the target of policies to tackle vacancy. — Richard Bruton. [57491/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and aggregate area of vacant sites registered on the vacant sites register in each local authority; and the estimated liability and collection of revenue from the levy. — Richard Bruton. [57492/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities that have reported that they have a full-time vacant property officer in place. — Richard Bruton. [57493/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the most recent data from each local authority on the number of voids within their housing stock; and the average time

which elapses between a home being vacated and a new tenant being placed in each authority. — Richard Bruton. [57494/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of successful applications made under the improvement works in lieu scheme in each of the past three years by local authority; the amount expended on the scheme on the same basis; if he plans to amend the terms of the scheme to broaden its appeal as a solution to issues of substandard housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57535/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the eligibility for the community monument fund (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57621/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of inspections to examine the standards of rental accommodation undertaken by Westmeath County Council in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of improvement notices issued in each year as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [57623/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of inspections to examine the standards of rental accommodation undertaken by Longford County Council in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of improvement notices issued in each year as a result; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [57624/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of long-term leases approved by Westmeath County Council to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [57625/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of long-term leases approved by Longford County Council to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [57626/21]

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

*307. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to the Maritime Jurisdiction Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [57403/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 439 of 9 September 2021, the status of the application for the foreign birth registration of a person (details supplied); the expected timeframe in which this application will be processed; if the original documentation can be returned to the person given the lengthy wait; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56885/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56945/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a first-time passport will be dispatched to a person (details supplied) given that it was lodged with the Passport Office on 21 August 2021 and it has passed the estimated issue date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56960/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding first-time passport applications for persons (details supplied) given that these applications were received by the Passport Office on 6 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56967/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the current situation in Sudan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57056/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a foreign birth registration will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57089/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in time for intended travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57093/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the roll-out of vaccines to third-world countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57100/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the level of support being provided to persons facing extreme food scarcity in Madagascar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57117/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will expedite the return of documents to a person (details supplied) which were attached to a passport application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57153/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to issues faced by persons (details supplied) planning to enter Ireland via Belfast or Derry given the UK passenger locator form that does not allow for further travel; and if he will work to ensure the matter is addressed. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57252/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason an adult passport application by a person (details supplied) that is with the passport office for over 42-working days has still not been dispatched considering that it is urgently required for travel on 25 November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57280/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagement with both Presidents Herzog and Abbas on Israel's designation of six Palestinian non-governmental organisations as terrorist organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57344/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the situation in Ethiopia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57345/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for the long delay in the issuing of a passport in the case of a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [57404/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 413 of 9 September 2021, if he will report on the progress on allocation of further resources to reduce the processing times for applications to the foreign births register; the number of applications on the foreign births register system currently awaiting processing; the current processing time for

applications; if applications by expectant parents will be prioritised given the potential impact on their children's citizenship in cases in which a parent is not registered prior to the birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [57499/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the funding provided to organisations (details supplied) from 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57533/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason an online adult passport application by a person (details supplied) took 57 working days to be checked by the Passport Office; the way in which this application can be progressed in view of the circumstances in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57630/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*326. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason the transportation service to hospital appointments for persons with no transportation options which was being provided by voluntary organisations such as the Civil Defence was recently discontinued given the high and rising Covid-19 incidence rate and that fact that the majority of the persons using this service were elderly and therefore at high risk from Covid-19; his plans to reintroduce this service now that it has been felt necessary to reintroduce some restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [57423/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will review a service for a person (details supplied); if this service will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56910/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Defence if there has been a change in policy regarding the Civil Defence being deployed to transport vulnerable persons to health appointments in situations in which the next of kin are front-line health workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [56965/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Defence the targets the Defence Forces have for reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 and 2050. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57076/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*330. To ask the Minister for Education the process in relation to the return of testing and tracing within the education system and the way that will impact on the school environment both in primary and secondary educational facilities; if testing and tracing will be reinstated for those who are close contacts of positive cases within the school environment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [57037/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education if she will make arrangements for a hybrid examination for the leaving certificate in 2022 mirroring the approach which was taken in 2021 in view of the continuing anxiety and disruption to study through student or teacher absences. — Richard Bruton. [56892/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [56906/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education the number of new schools established in each county in each of the past ten years in tabular form; the number that opened in temporary accommodation on a temporary site; the number in which permanent sites have since been identified and secured; the number that are now located on a permanent site in temporary and permanent accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56922/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education the measures in place to accommodate pupils of a school (details supplied) in the short term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [56936/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education the plans and schedules in place to ensure second-level capacity in Trim, County Meath matches the primary-level capacity in order to eliminate the lack of second-level places for pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [56937/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education the circumstances under which her Department funds new school halls in primary schools; if an application was received and considered from a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [56940/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the difficulties faced by leaving certificate 2022 students due to Covid-19 when planning for this exam; if an advisory group on planning for State examinations 2022 will be put in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [56949/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the growing lack of secondary school places in south County Kildare; her plans to address this problem; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56951/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education the number of secondary school places available for the school year commencing 2022; the number of those that are special school places in an ASD unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56952/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education the number of meetings she or her officials have had with school principals and or boards of management in south County Kildare regarding the lack and provision of secondary school places. — Duncan Smith. [56953/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the provision of a school (details supplied); the timelines involved for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56954/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the provision of a new secondary school for the Curragh, County Kildare; and the timelines involved in construction once the project begins. — Duncan Smith. [56955/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the recent announcements on extensions to secondary schools in south County Kildare; the timelines involved in completion; and the number of school places this will create. — Duncan Smith. [56956/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD units in secondary schools in south County Kildare; the location of each; the number of proposed ASD units in the pipeline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56957/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to offer students sitting the leaving certificate in 2022 the option to sit a written exam or get an accredited grade from the State Examination Commission or both given the disruption to their studies over the past two years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56958/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education if further consideration will be given to extending the age permitted for bus drivers and the school transport scheme to above 70 years of age given the acute shortage of drivers in the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [56963/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education the catchment area for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57068/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the minimum 12 week wait for teachers providing additional tuition through the summer provision before they receive payment; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that when payment is received in cases in which they are paid and not paid under primary teachers employment, they are subjected to higher taxation; if her Department has plans to correct this issue given there is already a shortage of teachers wanting to participate in the scheme; and if her Department will improve conditions ensuring these teachers are paid on time and under the correct classification. — Paul Murphy. [57074/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 302 of 11 November 2021, the terms of reference within the review of the education provision in special classes and special schools given the fact that the National Council for Special Education has been requested to develop policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [57080/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider a special arrangement for current leaving certificate students for 2022, for example, accredited grades for two to three subjects to relieve some of the pressure given the disruptions they have experienced to their education due to Covid-19. — Paul Murphy. [57081/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to address the lack of substitute teachers at primary level; the measures being taken to ensure students do not miss out on teaching due to a shortage of substitute teachers; the way in which this will be evaluated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [57087/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she will take to ensure that the leaving certificate 2022 will take into account the disruption and loss of learning caused by Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [57090/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to school place shortages in a school (details supplied); and if she has plans to address the situation. — Louise O'Reilly. [57146/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education the status of school secretaries pay (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [57165/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport is returning to 100% capacity. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57186/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated weekly, monthly and annual cost of providing an antigen test daily to each teacher at primary and secondary level in the State. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57196/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated weekly, monthly and annual cost of providing an antigen test daily to each SNA at primary and secondary level in the State. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57197/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she is taking to address the shortage in the lack of qualified Irish Sign Language interpreters in the classroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48513/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education the current position in regard to the provision of replacement and extended facilities at a school (details supplied); the length of time this particular project has been in the process; the reason for the delays; when the school will be completed and ready for occupation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57223/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that there is enough capacity in PPLI to meet the demand to sit leaving certificate Mandarin. — Richard Bruton. [57237/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education if a teaching council number will be issued to a person (details supplied) without further delay. — Robert Troy. [57238/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education the current and or expected position in relation to the various school building projects at primary and second-level in respect of Celbridge, County Kildare; the precise position in respect of the various planning stages for each project; the current position in regard to the various developments; the extent to which any or all are interdependent on external issues; when she expects the requirements current or expected to be met in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57249/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education the current school building project and requirements advised to her office by the various primary and second-level school authorities at Naas, County Kildare; her proposed response in respect of each case; the reason some projects have been delayed; when she expects all of the projects concerned and alerted to her Department to be advanced in line with their urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57250/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will examine the situation whereby students suffering an epileptic seizure by their nature without warning prior to a leaving certificate exam cannot sit the paper in question and are required to wait and resit the exams the following year; if an appropriate accommodation could be established that would allow students experiencing seizures before an exam to sit the relevant paper and complete the examination process in the original year without the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [57352/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the capital funding allocation for education within the National Development Plan 2021-2030; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [57301/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the lack of primary school places for children with autism in west County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [48668/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education when antigen tests will be rolled out for classroom close contacts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [57375/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education if the recent new Covid-19 restrictions will further impact the supply of school substitute teachers; the mitigation that is being applied in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [57376/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education when the protocols will be finalised to establish a programme of rapid antigen testing of close contacts in school settings in response to positive Covid-19 cases. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57382/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education when a programme for rapid antigen testing will be operational to test close contacts in school settings in response to positive Covid-19 cases. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57383/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education the details of distribution of Co2 monitors to primary and secondary schools in an area (details supplied) in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57384/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education the work that has been undertaken to date by Departmental officials with schools in an area (details supplied) regarding ventilation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57385/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to support the roll-out of computer science as a leaving certificate subject. — Holly Cairns. [57391/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the discrepancy by which persons over 70 years of age cannot drive school buses but the same persons are permitted to drive private coaches. — Holly Cairns. [57397/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education if a site has been secured for a new school (details supplied) at a location in County Cork; the next steps to be taken with regard to provision of a school on this site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [57409/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is considering reforms of the leaving certificate for the future in view of the Covid-19 impact on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [57410/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 346 of 16 November 2021, the considerations her Department has made in relation to the school’s accommodation needs for the 2022-2023 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [57441/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education the plans she has to review the rates awarded for assistive technology in view of the Departmental cap on funding for laptops; if consideration is given to the

need to ensure funding is provided for laptops that support the possible future software needs of students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52517/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the construction of a new school on a site (details supplied) in Dublin 13 which already has planning permission for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [57459/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on progress in relation to the issue of the terms and conditions of school secretaries and caretakers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [57461/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education the position in relation to planning for the 2022 State exams; if consideration has been given to providing a predictive grades option; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [57462/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children that are currently awaiting assistive technology from 0 to 6, 6 to 12, 12 to 18 and more than 18 months by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57467/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to adapt or alter the 2022 leaving certificate exam grading options in view of the previous disruptions experienced throughout their senior cycle and which is still ongoing (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57486/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to bus drivers’ concerns in relation to 100% capacity on school buses given the increase in transmission of Covid-19; if additional resources will be put in place to support and protect bus drivers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57496/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education when the National Council for Special Education is expected to issue a decision on an application to establishment of an ASD classroom at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57517/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education the policy of her Department in relation to classroom size in primary schools; the minimum size of classroom permitted relative to the number of students in the class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57536/21]

*387. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cathain a chuirfidh sí tús leis an athbhreithniú ar an gcóras nua díolúintí ó staidéar na Gaeilge a gealladh tar éis dhá bhliain d’fheidhmiú an chórais sin i scoileanna; cé mhéad díolúine a ceadáíodh sna blianta 2020, 2019 agus 2018; an dtabharfadh sí eolas ar na cúiseanna a bronnadh na díolúintí sin; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57569/21]

*388. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cé mhéad ball foirne breise atá sí le cur ar fáil chun an beartas oideachais lán-Ghaeilge a chur le chéile; an féidir léi a dheimhniú nach mbeidh cur i bhfeidhm an bheartais oideachais sa Ghaeltacht thíos leis ó thaobh acmhainní foirne agus acmhainní eile de, agus a Roinn ag tabhairt faoin mbeartas oideachais lán-Ghaeilge a chur le chéile; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57570/21]

*389. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cathain a chuirfidh sí tús le comhairliúchán chun beartas iomlán maidir leis an nGaeilge ón réamhscoil go dtí an tríú leibhéal a chur le chéile, faoi

mar a gheall a páirtí féin i rith an olltoghcháin in 2020 agus faoi mar atá luaite sa Chlár Rialtais; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57571/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education the current and or expected position in relation to the various school building projects at primary and second-level in respect of Maynooth, County Kildare; the precise position in respect of the various planning stages for each project; the current position in regard to the various developments; the extent to which any or all are interdependent on external issues; when she expects the requirements current or expected to be met in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57575/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education the current and or expected position in relation to the various school building projects at primary and second-level in respect of Kilcock, County Kildare; the precise position in respect of the various planning stages for each project; the current position in regard to the various developments; the extent to which any or all are interdependent on external issues; when she expects the requirements current or expected to be met in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57576/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education the current and or expected position in relation to the various school building projects at primary and second-level in respect of Leixlip, County Kildare; the precise position in respect of the various planning stages for each project; the current position in regard to the various developments; the extent to which any or all are interdependent on external issues; when she expects the requirements current or expected to be met in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57577/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains satisfied that children and teachers are safely and adequately protected from Covid-19 throughout the winter months; the extent to which air purification can be used throughout schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57578/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which her Department continues to respond expeditiously to requests for new schools or extensions to existing schools at primary and second-level throughout the country including County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57579/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which special needs placements remain available at primary and post-primary schools throughout County Kildare; the adequacy of such provision at the present time; the extent to which she anticipates an increase in the level of such places in the course of 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57580/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which special needs requirements as set out by the relevant school authorities continue to be met in full at primary and second-level schools throughout the country including County Kildare; if particular delays are being experienced in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57581/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which provision continues to be made to ensure the viability of smaller and denominational rural or urban schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57582/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which progress continues to be made towards permanent accommodation for a Gaelcholáiste in Maynooth, County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57583/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education the time schedule for the provision of new second-level facilities at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57584/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education the current and anticipated status of a large-scale capital project at a school (details supplied) the expected date for delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57585/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education the current and anticipated status of a large-scale capital project at a school (details supplied); the expected final delivery date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57586/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education the current and anticipated status of a large-scale capital project at a school (details supplied); the expected final delivery date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57587/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education the current and anticipated status of a large-scale capital project at a school (details supplied); the expected final delivery date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57588/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education the current and anticipated status of a large-scale capital project at a school (details supplied); the expected final delivery date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57589/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education the ongoing projects underway in County Kildare as part of the Additional Accommodation Programme at primary and post-primary level; the status of each project; the expected progress in the coming months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57590/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the enrolment process at primary school level remains amenable to most families throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57591/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date or in hand in meeting the school place, replacement of facilities, new school requirements and special needs provision in respect of each school project at primary and post-primary levels in Clane, County Kildare; the extent to which each project is on target in line with projections notwithstanding the imprecise previous reply in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57592/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which adequate provision for early years education remains an integral part of her Department's objectives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57593/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teachers currently employed at primary level throughout the country; the extent to which this meets requirements at the present time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57594/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she remains satisfied regarding the adequacy of the number of special needs teachers and SNAs in all primary and second-level schools throughout County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57595/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she is determined to improve pupil-teacher ratios in all primary and second-level schools throughout the country; the progress anticipated in this regard in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57596/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education the number of appeals made monthly by schools who were refused the number of SNA or resource hours applied for regarding children and young persons with special needs between 1 September 2020 and 30 October 2021; the number of appeals which were successful; the number of appeals which were upheld; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [57614/21]

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

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter in relation to the community employment scheme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [56826/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider the request by an organisation (details supplied) to make provision for free travel passes to be allocated to persons diagnosed with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56871/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the carer's allowance entitlement is affected by taking up the role of a census enumerator given it does not have prescribed hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56899/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56961/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if contributions can be considered for an alternative year instead of the previous tax year with regard to self-employed persons retiring and moving to the benefit for person over 65 years of age in 2021, in recognition of the fact that many businesses were heavily impacted by Covid-19 which in turn affected their contributions and resulting benefit payment rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57005/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a carer's benefit application by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57020/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57053/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57054/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average turnaround time from when a review with new medical evidence is sent to a medical assessor to when the opinion of the medical assessor is sent to a deciding officer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57070/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the grade that must be held to qualify for the role of deciding officer; the training provided on appointment to this role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57071/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the decision will be made on an application for the old age pension (contributory) by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [57139/21]

*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Civil Registration Service will be able to accept posted paper registrations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [57142/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the means testing requirement to qualify for the one parent family payment; if exceptions are made for household income such as savings which are intended for the purpose of supporting children such as purchasing a home or paying for college costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57154/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a birth registration application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57194/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a birth registration application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57195/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received for the Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit from January 2021 to date; the number awarded by month in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57349/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average waiting time from application to approval for the Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit by month since January 2021 to date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57350/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes to the process for the Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit given the updated public health guidelines requiring entire households to isolate for five days if a member of the household has Covid-19; if she plans to scale up her Department's ability to process these payments in expectation that these guidelines will increase the need for the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57351/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for the registration of the birth of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57364/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for the State pension (contributory) by a person (details supplied) will be determined in view of the fact that it has been

ongoing since October 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57379/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a self-employed person can maintain their pandemic unemployment payment if they undertake three days employment and are paid as a PAYE worker for those three days but remain under the €960 over eight weeks threshold; and if not, the reason for the rescinding of the pandemic unemployment payment in these circumstances. — Emer Higgins. [57380/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [57402/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to implement the commitment in the Programme for Government to increase the availability of activation schemes, including those run by the local employment services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57419/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting a long time for an increase in family income support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57460/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider awarding the fuel allowance to recipients of the half-rate carer's allowance in cases in which the customer has another social welfare payment but no other source of income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [57641/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of talks with community employment supervisors in relation to their pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57642/21]

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

*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding capital funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [56948/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the HSE, Tusla or his Department can assist a person (details supplied) in County Kildare with an update on information they have requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56959/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made by his Department in advancing a national strategy on autism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [57097/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way housing will be provided for asylum seekers (details supplied) given the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57098/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his offices have been in contact with a person (details supplied) regarding their work to help an Afghan family who are under threat of death from the Taliban as a result of the family's work on women's rights in Afghanistan. — Louise O'Reilly. [57102/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on his recent visit to Jordan. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57346/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons including children seeking international protection who have been required to quarantine in hotels on arrival in Ireland from 1 October 2021 to date in November 2021; the number of persons that have been required to quarantine beyond 14 days; if those who receive a negative PCR test no earlier than five days after arrival are permitted to exit quarantine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57411/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to centralise and streamline processes with the early years hive, Pobal and Tusla to avoid situations which have arisen in a service provider (details supplied). — Ivana Bacik. [57481/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding provided to organisations (details supplied) from 2011 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57534/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a vacancy exists for an inspector of preschools and crèche in south County Tipperary; and if so, the length of time that vacancy has existed. — Martin Browne. [57567/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of preschool and crèche inspections that have taken place in south County Tipperary in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021. — Martin Browne. [57568/21]

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

*450. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will meet with fifth year students when he is visiting a school (details supplied); if so, the date he plans to visit the school; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [56904/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons who completed an apprenticeship and became fully qualified tradespersons in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56974/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the provision of a borrowing framework for the technological universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56975/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider continuing to extend the SUSI maintenance grant to persons being transferred from the jobseeker's transition payment to the back to education allowance as a result their child

turning 14 years of age and instead continue to provide a maintenance grant even though typically the back to education allowance would not be a compatible payment until the recipient completes their education course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56976/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of parents who lose the SUSI maintenance grant as a result of being transferred from the jobseeker's transition payment to the back to education allowance due to their child turning 14 years of age; if his Department has conducted research into the effect this has or will have on the completion rate of education courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56977/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will bring forward an updated Higher Education System Performance Framework given the current framework was only intended to continue until the end of 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56979/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that tutors in institutes of technology are not eligible for the single public service pension scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56992/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if lecturers in universities are eligible for the single public service pension scheme; if so, the conditions of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56993/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a change from institute of technology status to technological university status affects pension entitlements for tutors in those universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56994/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the suggestion that Dundalk Institute of Technology can achieve university designation as a standalone institute outside the framework of the Technological Universities Act 2018 given that the institute is not partnered with another institute of technology or technological university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [57033/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged with Trinity College in respect of the return to in-class lessons for nursing students (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [57078/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if it is planned to proceed with in-person exams in December 2021 in third-level institutions. — Sean Sherlock. [57444/21]

*462. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a mature student grant applicant (details supplied) in County Kerry who has established independent residency has had their application disallowed; if this decision will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57516/21]

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

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Covid-19 cases reported in each of the prisons here in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of Covid-19 related hospitalisations that occurred in respect of each of the prisons in the same period; the number of Covid-19 related deaths that occurred in respect of each of the prisons in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56911/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice the alternative temporary location for Roscommon District Court; when it is envisaged that the relocation will take place; the reason this has not happened to date; when works will commence on the refurbishment of the courthouse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56946/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will review the need for pre-arrest diversions to psychiatric services for persons with mental health illnesses as recommended in a recent report (details supplied). — Francis Noel Duffy. [56971/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a citizenship application in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application will be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57086/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice when the scoping exercise into the death of a person (details supplied) will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57088/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that members of the public who travelled abroad during lockdown for essential medical treatment are now being issued with fines by An Garda Síochána for non-essential travel (details supplied); if there is an appeals process available to these persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [57140/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason there is a 60-day waiting period when renewing a lottery licence for community organisations, sports clubs and charities. — Cathal Crowe. [57160/21]

*470. To ask the Minister for Justice if organisations will be losing out in 60 days trading due to the waiting period for renewing their lottery licence. — Cathal Crowe. [57161/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Justice the way in which the new rule in relation to a lottery licence was communicated to organisations. — Cathal Crowe. [57162/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has plans to increase staff levels at the Burgh Quay Registration Office to help speed up appointments for persons that have been trying for months to get an appointment for a stamp 4 visa; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57168/21]

*473. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to reform personal insolvency legislation around the position for a person's credit rating when they exit a personal insolvency arrangement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57191/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons currently on the deportation list. — Robert Troy. [57242/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of asylum seekers currently being processed that will benefit from the amnesty for the undocumented. — Robert Troy. [57243/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will publish all details regarding the imminent investment programme for the past ten years including the individuals involved; the investment projects funded and all other relevant detail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [57405/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been secured in 2022 for the purchase of additional dogs for the Garda dog unit and additional horses for the Garda mounted unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57424/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and motorcycles attached to Donegal roads policing unit as of 31 December 2020 and 12 November 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57425/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in DMR north Garda division that have taken basic or refresher public order training in the years of 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; if new public order training course for this division will occur before the end of the year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57426/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been secured for the purchase of additional Garda public order unit vans in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57428/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to Kerry Garda division as of 1 January 2021 and 15 November 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57429/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been secured for the issuing of tasers to front-line gardaí; if not, the reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57430/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to H district drugs unit as of 1 January 2021 and 15 November 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57431/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to community policing unit at Coolock Garda station in each of the past five years in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57432/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to purchase high powered unmarked motorcycles for Garda roads policing unit teams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57433/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to Clare drugs unit in each of the past three years in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57434/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department's regularisation scheme is on track to be delivered in November 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [57440/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to improve the registration system at The Garda National Immigration Bureau, Burgh Quay Office given there have been reports that it is not possible to make an appointment currently. — Paul Murphy. [57458/21]

*489. 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. [57518/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Justice if persons who do not register their seaweed harvesting rights established by long usage will lose those rights if they are not registered under the Land and Conveyancing Law Reform Act 2009 by 30 November 2021. — Holly Cairns. [57617/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*491. To ask the Minister for Health if a Covid-19 Recovery Certificate is required to travel within the European Union if the person who has recovered from Covid-19 is also fully vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [57248/21]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent mental health nurses attached to each prison here in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; if this number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57427/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health the reason cancer patients at St. James's Hospital were asked to attend the hospital recently for a Covid-19 booster vaccination but instead received an additional vaccination (details supplied) and were informed that they would be invited back in six months for a booster shot; the reason they received a vaccination card which showed that they had received an additional Covid-19 vaccination dose while the Covid-19 booster dose box was left unchecked; the difference between these two categories; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this has caused a level of confusion and anxiety amongst vulnerable patients; if another layer of treatment has been introduced; the reason there appears to be no information available on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56824/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health when he last met the National Immunisation Advisory Committee in relation to advice regarding a widespread booster campaign; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [56827/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting on a psychology service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56829/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health the number of interventions a child will have received since their initial intervention in cases in which a child is identified as needing a psychology service following a completion of an assessment of need in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56830/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are currently waiting for appointments for a psychology service; the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56831/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are waiting on an occupational therapy service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56832/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received by a child after the completion of an assessment of needs in cases in which they are identified as needing an occupational therapy service from their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56833/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently waiting for occupational therapy appointments; the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56834/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are waiting on a speech and language therapy service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56835/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received by a child after the completion of an assessment of needs in cases in which they are identified as needing a speech and language therapy service from their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56836/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently waiting for appointments in speech and language therapy; the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56837/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are waiting on a physiotherapy service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56838/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received by a child after the completion of an assessment of needs in cases in which they are identified as needing physiotherapy from their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56839/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently waiting for appointments in physiotherapy; the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56840/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are waiting on a CAMHS psychiatry service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56842/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently waiting for appointments in a CAMHS psychiatry service; the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56843/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are waiting on a paediatric service in hospital or in the community; the average waiting time after completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56844/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received by a child after the completion of an assessment of needs in cases in which they are identified as needing a paediatric service in hospital or in the community from their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56845/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently waiting for paediatric appointments in hospital or in the community; the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56846/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a social work service; the average waiting time after completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56847/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health the number of interventions received on average after a child is identified as needing a social work service after completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56848/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments for a social work service: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56849/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a dietetics service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56850/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the number of interventions received on average after a child is identified as needing a dietetics service after the completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56851/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments for a dietetics service: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56852/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a general health service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56853/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the number of interventions received on average after a child is identified as needing a general health service after completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56854/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments in general health services: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56855/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on an audiology service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56856/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received after a child is identified as needing an audiology service after completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56857/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments for an audiology service: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56858/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a pre-school support service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56859/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received after a child is identified as needing a pre-school support service after the completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56860/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments in pre-school support services: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56861/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a home support service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56862/21]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received after a child is identified as needing a home support service after completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56863/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments in home support services: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56864/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on an ophthalmology service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56865/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received after a child is identified as needing an ophthalmology service after completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56866/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments in ophthalmology: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56867/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a complementary and play therapy service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56868/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received after a child is identified as needing a complementary and play therapy service after completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56869/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments in complementary and play therapy: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56870/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a nursing service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56872/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health the number of interventions received on average after a child is identified as needing a nursing service after the completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56873/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments in nursing: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56874/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a hospital-based medical or surgical service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56875/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received after a child is identified as needing a hospital-based medical or surgical service after completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56876/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments for a hospital-based medical or surgical service: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56877/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a dentistry service; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56878/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received after a child is identified as needing a dentistry service after completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56879/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments in dentistry: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56880/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting on a service for the deaf and hard of hearing; the average waiting time after the completion of an assessment of needs by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56881/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of interventions received after a child is identified as needing a service for the deaf and hard of hearing after completion of an assessment of needs since their initial intervention in the first 12 months by CHO area in the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56882/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children waiting for appointments in services for the deaf and hard of hearing: the average waiting times by CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [56883/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in correspondence in relation to obtaining a vaccine certificate (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56884/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56886/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that young persons turning 18 years have seamless access to specialist prescriptions for medications such as ritalin given that the adult waiting list can be up to three years in which persons are then without vital medications due to the fact that general practitioners cannot prescribe same; if he will address the planning situation for these prescriptions in north County Kildare specifically; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [56893/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to update the EU Digital COVID Certificate to include proof of booster vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56894/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the number of Covid-19 deaths per day in Ireland is no longer being publicised by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [56896/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider adding capacity to walk in Covid-19 test centres given many are lacking in appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56898/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be issued with a hoist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56900/21]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health when audiology services will be made available at Tuam primary care centre, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56901/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be given a date for an assessment by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56902/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department or the HSE provide funding to an organisation (details supplied); if there are formal agreements in place with the organisation; if he plans to enhance collaboration between the health services and the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56905/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [56907/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health the status of day care centres; and when a centre (details supplied) will reopen. — Sean Sherlock. [56908/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health when work on the delivery of 26 new ICU beds at St. James's Hospital will commence; the level of funding that has been allocated for this project; when these beds are expected to be opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56909/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on a first appointment to the outpatients' diabetes clinic in the UL hospital group aged 18 to 24, 25 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64 and over 65 years of age in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56913/21]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on a first appointment to the outpatients' diabetes clinic in the UL hospital group for 24 months or more aged 18 to 24, 25 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64 and over 65 years of age in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56914/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on a first appointment to the outpatients' diabetes clinic in the UL hospital group that have type 1 diabetes, type 2 diabetes or other forms of diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56915/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delays in recruiting the four diabetes clinical nurse specialist posts, the three dietitian posts and the additional two consultant endocrinologist posts for University Hospital Limerick some of which were approved in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56916/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the University of Limerick hospital group will be included in the remaining six diabetes centres acquiring dose adjusting for normal eating licences in 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56917/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions through the University of Limerick hospital group accident and emergency department or the acute medical assessment unit due to diabetic ketoacidosis or to severe hypoglycaemia in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56918/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons over the age of 18 that were admitted through the University of Limerick hospital group accident and emergency department or the acute

medical assessment unit due to diabetic ketoacidosis or to severe hypoglycaemia in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56919/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the necessary funding for the resumption of the national diabetes register Sláintecare project as a priority; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that approximately 10% of the HSE annual budget is spent on diabetes care (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56920/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health if a device will be granted to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56921/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential service providers that have established family forums under the Terms of Reference for Family Forums 2018 (details supplied); the steps taken by his Department and the HSE to support the establishment of these forums; the effects the establishment of these forums had on the quality of life of residents, their families and service users in the designated centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56924/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a query in relation to the provision of an EU Digital COVID Certificate to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56926/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRI machines located in public and voluntary hospitals; the number operating on a 24-hour basis; and the number operating seven days a week. — Peadar Tóibín. [56927/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operating theatres in public and voluntary hospitals; the number that are closed currently; the number that are operating on an 8, 16 or a 24-hour basis; and the number operating on a seven day a week basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56928/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRI machines and theatres that have not been used at all in the past six months; the locations of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56929/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the level of staffing and beds that would need to be mobilised to allow for theatres and MRI machines to be used on a 24-hour basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56930/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce activity related funding to fund the HSE in future to ensure that hospitals get paid for the work they do and to encourage more outputs. — Peadar Tóibín. [56931/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospitals that have had lean performance analysis in terms of their throughput of patients most especially surgical patients in the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [56932/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health the ratio of management to patients in the public and voluntary hospitals; and the way this compares to private hospitals. — Peadar Tóibín. [56933/21]

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*579. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage increase in cost to the State on average in the delay of scoliosis operations on an annual basis. — Peadar Tóibín. [56934/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if he will introduce universal healthcare for children. — Peadar Tóibín. [56935/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health if hormone treatments which are considered high-tech scripts will be covered either by the medical card or drug payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56939/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered sending each household a set of antigen tests and face masks that meet European standards due to the rising case numbers of Covid-19 at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56947/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if a provision will be introduced for those who could not receive their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine for medical reasons due to a reaction to the first dose to receive access to indoor dining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56966/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the consent guidelines for Covid-19 vaccinations for persons over 18 years of age diagnosed with non-verbal autism or other forms of intellectual disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [56969/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that heavily pregnant women who have tested positive for Covid-19 and require medical attention are left in Covid-19 ward waiting rooms for ten hours; if there are HSE guidelines for medical care specifically for pregnant women who have contracted Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [56970/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the total allocation and expenditure of the Health Research Board since 2006, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56978/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health when the group home for persons with physical and sensory disabilities in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56986/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health if it will be ensured that the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital will be expanded to operate on a 24 hour seven days per week basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56987/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time equivalent nurses in each hospital, former LHO or smallest geographic unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56997/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time equivalent nurses in Cavan General Hospital in each of the years 2009 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56998/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of his Department's spending on health and social care in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57025/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of healthcare expenditure which was generated by private, voluntary and out-of-pocket contributions in each of the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57026/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the funding drawn down by the National Treatment Purchase Fund in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; the amount of funding in each year spent on procuring services from private healthcare providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57027/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the whole-time equivalent number of bank or agency staff contracted to the HSE by staff group in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57028/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the homecare staffing crisis; his views on whether home carers should be included in the critical skills exemption for non-EEA employment permits; if his Department recommended removal of this profession from the ineligible occupations list during the recent review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57034/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address challenges in the homecare sector such as contracts on offer and employment terms and conditions which were identified as recruitment barriers in the recent occupational lists review; the engagements he has had with the sector and union representatives since the most recent review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57035/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health if a generator will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57055/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) who is a patient in University Hospital Kerry will be urgently transferred to Children's Health Ireland, Crumlin for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57057/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health when a booster programme will be available for those who have received a single vaccination jab and who need to travel within the European Union given that the Austrian authorities have now stated that a single vaccination with a vaccine (details supplied) will only be recognised until 3 January 2022 and after that date a booster is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [57061/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment from the early intervention team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57062/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the reason there is no active haematology department in University Hospital Kerry; his plans to have this department fully operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57083/21]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide resources to increase the number of palliative care beds in the Midland Regional Hospital Mullingar by four beds and increase a second hospice bed at St. Joseph's, Longford (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [57096/21]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding medical centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57115/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health the number of incidents of needle spiking that have been treated in Irish hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57116/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of vaccination type of patients currently hospitalised with Covid-19 who have previously been vaccinated against the virus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57118/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health the level of subsidy on antigen tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57119/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if he is engaging with private hospitals in the context of rising Covid-19 hospitalisations and ICU capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57122/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the level of Covid-19 vaccine stockpiles currently available to Ireland for each vaccine in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57123/21]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of devices for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57128/21]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health if Beaumont Hospital is short five neurology nurse specialists (details supplied); the efforts that are being made to fill these posts; when the posts will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57150/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the FEMPI and PPE supply related issues following the release of figures (details supplied) which show that two thirds of dentists have left the medical card scheme in counties Louth and Meath since 2019, that are referred to as a major stumbling block in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [57152/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health if a Covid-19 test centre will be opened for the Drogheda urban, rural and east County Meath local electoral areas in view of the increasing and very significant level of Covid-19 positive cases reported in one of the largest population densities in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [57159/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide weekly statistical updates to Deputies on the Covid-19 virus (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [57163/21]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting for an orthodontic appointment. — Niamh Smyth. [57167/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional permanent critical care ICU beds that will be delivered as part of the winter planning within the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57169/21]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to increase permanent critical care ICU bed capacity from the current level of 6.5 beds per 100,000 persons to a minimum of the European Union average of 11.5 beds per 100,000 persons on a yearly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57170/21]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the action he is taking to provide 100 additional neurology nurse specialists across Ireland; his plans to add eight extra nurses for the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital in which the numbers fall short of current international guidelines of 14 and patients are waiting longer for diagnosis and treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57177/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment for orthopaedic surgery. — Barry Cowen. [57184/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an ophthalmology appointment. — Barry Cowen. [57185/21]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health if he has examined additional pathways to care through the use of Nenagh Hospital in order to alleviate the demand on University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [57188/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to a letter from an organisation (details supplied) regarding the poor treatment of student nurses and midwives during the Covid-19 pandemic (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57192/21]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health the situation with respect to the operation of the Progressive Disability Services Programme in the Cork region; if he is satisfied that children attending special schools in the region are receiving adequate supports and services under the programme especially in relation to the central Cork disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [57251/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 562 of 16 November 2021, if the three-year review must be initiated or completed by January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57255/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health when a report on the death of a person (details supplied) will be published. — Sean Sherlock. [57256/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional ICU beds that have been added to the health system since 1 March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [57270/21]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute beds that have been added to the health system since 1 March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [57271/21]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional ICU beds that will be added to the health system between now and 1 September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [57272/21]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute beds that will be added to the health system between now and 1 September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [57273/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if the weekly data collected and reported by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre on the epidemiology of Covid-19 outbreaks and clusters is accurate; if so, if it is taken into account by the National Public Health Emergency Team and the Government when considering restrictions and measures relevant to the control of the spread of Covid-19; if so, the way he can reconcile the focus on hospitality after midnight (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [57274/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health if the epidemiological data on outbreaks and clusters as collected and published by the Health Protection Surveillance Centre is inaccurate and or is not taken into account and followed by National Public Health Emergency Team and the Government in setting and implementing measures and restrictions to control the spread of Covid-19; and the tangible purpose and justification for the Health Protection Surveillance Centre work in this area. — Marc MacSharry. [57275/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health when it was decided to administer Covid-19 booster shots given the waning of the antibody within the vaccines administered; to whom it was decided to administer booster shots; the person or body that decided same; the reason it was not decided and commenced to give booster shots earlier; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [57276/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the cohort that has received a Covid-19 vaccination booster to date; the number of persons that have received same to date; the percentage of each of the demographic cohorts; the plans to accelerate the roll-out of booster shots to all persons who received a Covid-19 vaccine after a six-month period has elapsed when it appears that the efficacy wanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [57277/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all ICU admissions in relation to Covid-19 from 1 September to 12 November 2021, inclusive; the age profile and the existence of underlying conditions of persons admitted to hospital; the underlying conditions of such persons; if they came from a nursing home, residential or hospital setting in the first instance; the setting in which they originally contracted the Covid-19 virus in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [57278/21]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of all Covid-19 deaths that occurred between 1 September and 12 November 2021, inclusive; the age profile and the existence or non-existence of an underlying condition of the persons admitted to hospital; the underlying condition; the location in which it is believed the deceased person contracted the virus in the first instance in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [57279/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health if provision has been built into the plan for rapid antigen testing to provide for persons who hold a medical card or a long-term illness card who are deemed medically vulnerable and or who are experiencing financial hardship. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57359/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health when the plan to subsidise rapid antigen testing will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57360/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new residential places that will be provided in 2022 excluding those who have a residential service already and are transferring to a better living situation; his plans to deal with the urgent needs of the 800 persons who are currently waiting new residential places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [57361/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons under 65 years of age inappropriately placed in nursing homes that will be supported to leave nursing homes using the €5.5 million funding allocated in Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [57362/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health when the Budget 2022 changes to the thresholds for the drug payments scheme are expected to take effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [57367/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health when the details of a Covid-19 booster vaccine will be reflected on a person's EU Digital COVID Certificate particularly to allow international travel to countries that are requiring proof of booster vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [57370/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position with regard to the east Meath primary care centre; when it will be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [57371/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners currently practising in Laytown, Bettystown, Mornington and Donacorney, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [57372/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the planned number of general practitioners who are to be based at the east Meath primary care centre when it is operational; the number of general practitioners planned for the centre who will be in addition to the general practitioners already based in Laytown, Bettystown, Mornington and Donacorney, County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [57373/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health when antigen test subsidies will be introduced; the level of subsidy that will be in place; when there will be a public information campaign on antigen testing and on its application; if there will be a roll-out of a central system to record results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [57377/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that a stroke discharge plan is put in place for each person who has suffered a stroke leaving an acute hospital setting. — Holly Cairns. [57393/21]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address the recommendations of the National Ambulance Service emergency service baseline and capacity review. — Holly Cairns. [57394/21]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting a long time for an ophthalmology operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57398/21]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the location of the site in Ratoath, County Meath purchased by the HSE with a view to building a primary care centre; the status of plans to deliver a primary care centre on this site; if the HSE will engage with the local community with a view to allowing the use of the space as public greenspace in the meantime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57400/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 951 of 2 November 2021, if in each case in which a baby survived the abortion procedure medical assistance or palliative care was given to the baby; if the baby was entitled to or issued with a death certificate and if an inquest was held into their death; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57401/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health if he will he consider making a statement and taking questions in Dáil Eireann on the contract issued by his Department to a company (details supplied) given the clear concerns that have arisen around the miscategorisation of statements made by members of the Houses of the Oireachtas with respect to Covid-19, vaccines and Government policy in this area more generally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57408/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting list numbers in Cork University Hospital transferring from paediatric diabetes care to adult diabetes care. — Sean Sherlock. [57412/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultants needed in order to assure sufficient care for all diabetics in Cork University Hospital. — Sean Sherlock. [57413/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to launch a national recruitment strategy for general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57420/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health if the capacity for MRI diagnostics and treatments for public patients is short of what is needed; if he has plans for new investment in capacity or initiating new operating protocols; and the way such extra capacity, when planned, is allocated between different regional hospital groups. — Richard Bruton. [57421/21]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 551 of 16 November 2021, if he will provide the details of the notifications to date in 2021 given that he has advised that a notification of each termination of pregnancy carried out under the legislation must be notified to him within 28 days of it being carried out. — Paul Murphy. [57446/21]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 562 of 9 November 2021, the model of care, clinical pathways or guidelines the National Clinical Programme plans to create to address as per its remit (details supplied) given that insulin pump uptake is extremely low with only 15 of the 31 acute diabetes services providing insulin pump initiation and or follow-up to patients using insulin pumps and the fact that diabetes teams need specialist training. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57447/21]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 655 of 16 November 2021, his plans to carry out or commission a national audit to determine the number of stroke survivors in Ireland particularly in view of the fact that the most recent estimation of this kind was undertaken in 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57454/21]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to reduce drug misuse in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56743/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the current capacity for PCR testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57463/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the scalability of PCR testing within the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57464/21]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the consideration given to the number of staff that will be needed to increase PCR testing capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57465/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if medical card holders must pay for blood tests carried out at their general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [57472/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health the circumstances by which there was a power outage at Tallaght Hospital on 17 November 2021; and the impact the outage had on the services provided at the hospital. — Paul Murphy. [57473/21]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time that children who are involuntary admitted to adult mental health units spend in such units; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57474/21]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health if routine phlebotomy services are free to holders of medical cards and general practitioner visit cards given that there are a number of cases in which holders of such cards have been charged for routine phlebotomy services by their general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [57477/21]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 868 of 28 April 2021, the status of the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [57478/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he plans to take to reduce carbon emissions in the healthcare supply chain. — Ivana Bacik. [57480/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health when he plans to bring forward new legislation on organ donation. — Cormac Devlin. [57484/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be made available as a matter of urgency for a family (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [57485/21]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time it took to recruit and fill a post for each staff group grade group in the HSE in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [57488/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of advertised posts for recruitment for each staff group grade group in the HSE currently in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [57489/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to publicly promote the Covid-19 vaccination booster campaign in order to tackle the lower levels of uptake of the booster vaccine particularly in the older age groups and those with underlying health conditions both of which would be considered higher risk categories; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57495/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the dates of the administration of the first dose Covid-19 vaccines to CHO 4 mental health service administration and management staff in the Model Business Park, Cork; the number of staff at this location vaccinated to date; and the grades of staff. — Neasa Hourigan. [57497/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the dates of the scheduled administration of the first dose Covid-19 vaccines to long-stay patients aged 65 years plus to long-stay patients under 65 years of age and to acute patients in St. Stephen's Hospital, Glanmire, County Cork, respectively; and the dates of the scheduled administration of the first dose Covid-19 vaccines to nursing staff of St. Stephen's Hospital. — Neasa Hourigan. [57498/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €31 million announced in Budget 2022 for women's health will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within the new measures grouping in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57502/21]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €30 million announced in Budget 2022 for national strategies will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping, in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57503/21]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €10 million announced in Budget 2022 for critical care will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57504/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €30 million announced in Budget 2022 for new drugs will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57505/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €55 million announced in Budget 2022 for disabilities will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping, in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures

funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57506/21]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €24 million announced in Budget 2022 for mental health will be allocated; if this allocation relates to the reclassification of available historic development funding of €24 million or if these are separate; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping, in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57507/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €45 million announced in Budget 2022 for affordability will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57508/21]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €22 million announced in Budget 2022 for workforce measures will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57509/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €30 million announced in Budget 2022 for older persons will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57510/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €8 million announced in Budget 2022 for the national ambulance service will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57511/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €6 million announced in Budget 2022 for the national drugs strategy will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57512/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €7 million announced in Budget 2022 for other will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57513/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the way the €6 million announced in Budget 2022 for Healthy Ireland Sláintecare integration fund will be allocated; the sub-allocation to measures within this new measures grouping in tabular form; the amount remaining unallocated; the amount which relates to other new measures funding group commitments; if this is included as a whole or pro-rata; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57514/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the way the remaining €7 million announced in Budget 2022 under additional resources for current expenditure which is not covered in the table of selected measures will be allocated in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57515/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital beds closed in Kerry General Hospital in each of the past ten years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [57519/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently on waiting lists for appointments at Kerry General Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [57520/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital appointments either cancelled or postponed at Kerry General Hospital since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [57521/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinicians that have left their posts by CHO area in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57525/21]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health when a service (details supplied) will be reopened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57526/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health if recruitment has begun for the dual diagnosis team in CHO3; the location in which the team will be operational; the location of same; the supports it will provide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57527/21]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if a second temporary replacement doctor will be allocated to a general practitioner practice (details supplied) from which two doctors have recently retired; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57528/21]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to instances in which general practitioners are giving blanket refusals to see medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57529/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners who have retired in County Kerry in each of the past five years and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [57530/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has a reserve of healthcare staff or professionals to assist with general practitioner clinics in instances of staff shortages or staffing emergencies arising from Covid-19; and if so, if he will provide details on such reserves. — Peadar Tóibín. [57531/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has a reserve of healthcare staff or professionals to assist with nursing homes in instances of staff shortages or staffing emergencies arising from Covid-19; if so, if he will provide detail on such reserves; and if he will outline the number of reserve staff currently available in each county. — Peadar Tóibín. [57532/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken in consultation with other relevant Departments and their agencies to ensure that the legislation in relation to the prevention of the spread of Covid-19 are adhered to particularly in retail, hospitality, work places and so on in view

of the rapid increase in Covid-19 numbers; the response he has received from these agencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57538/21]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health if provisions will be made for the flu jab to be given for free to all medical card holders under 65 years of age; if not, the reason those on low incomes will not be eligible for free vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57566/21]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider accelerating and directing additional resources into the booster vaccine roll-out in order to mitigate the need for further lockdowns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57572/21]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the point at which a person will be considered unvaccinated in circumstances in which they receive two vaccines and do not receive the third vaccine; if they can continue to use a Covid-19 pass; the point at which these passes will expire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [57573/21]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018 is implemented ensuring that children are protected from alcohol marketing particularly the broadcast watershed under section 19 which removes alcohol advertising from television until 9pm and the content of advertisements under section 13 which if enacted ensures all self-regulatory and voluntary codes administered by the Advertising Standards Authority of Ireland would become redundant and replaced by a statutory code (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [57597/21]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the cause of the recent power outage at University Hospital Tallaght, leading to the cancellation of all scheduled out-patient and day appointments; and the measures that will be put in place to ensure that it does not occur again. — Seán Crowe. [57618/21]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [57622/21]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health if a site (details supplied) is in the ownership of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [57631/21]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 843 of 27 January 2021, the status of plans by the HSE to provide a new base for the ambulance service in Drogheda, County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [57632/21]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to provide a facility in Drogheda, County Louth to ensure the swift roll-out of Covid-19 booster shots to the population in Drogheda, south Louth and east Meath; when such a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [57633/21]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will provide for a permanent Covid-19 testing centre in Drogheda, County Louth given the high levels of infection in the community and the fact that the area frequently features in the list of areas affected by higher-than-average rates of infection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [57634/21]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter regarding neurology nurses in Cork University Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57637/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish a health and social care advisory unit within his Department; if so, the timescale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57638/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to correspondence from a representative organisation (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing a substantive reply; if he plans to meet with the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57639/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57643/21]

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

*715. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to assistance and help being sought from the grassroots of Irish racing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57418/21]

*716. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tagging requirements of sheep; the details of the tracking system or central register for identification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56887/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to reintroduce the sheep EID tag subsidy scheme or similar schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56888/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if membership of a domestic scheme run by a semi-State body (details supplied) will be a requirement for entry in the Suckler Carbon Efficiency Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56903/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the application to the European Union for protected geographical indication status for Irish beef; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56983/21]

*720. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the deadline for the submission of dung samples for faecal egg count testing as a part of the BEEP scheme is one month earlier in 2021 compared to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56988/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered extending the deadline on the submission of dung samples for faecal egg count testing as a part of the BEEP scheme by one month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56989/21]

*722. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has given consideration to reducing the number of dung samples for faecal egg count testing as a part of the BEEP scheme in order to prevent unnecessary duplicate sampling and testing with regard to farmers who have less than ten cattle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56990/21]

*723. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of penalty interest that has been applied to farmers who did not avail of a deferral regarding the BEAM scheme; the

number of such farmers by county; the average penalty incurred by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56991/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of all official engagements and meetings that he has attended with specific regard to farm safety since assuming office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56999/21]

*725. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of all official engagements and meetings attended by the Minister of State with responsibility for Farm Safety at his Department since assuming office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57000/21]

*726. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the heading and subheadings in the Revised Estimates which regard the allocation of funding for fisheries; the purpose of each allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57001/21]

*727. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the heading and subheadings in the Revised Estimates which regard the allocation of funding for land use and biodiversity; the purpose of each allocation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57002/21]

*728. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 774 of 5 October 2021, the counties that have more than eight controlled finishing units; the number of controlled finishing units in those counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [57003/21]

*729. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when an appeal by a person (details supplied) will be heard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [57006/21]

*730. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to review the Control of Horses Act 1996; if he further plans to introduce legislation amending the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [57049/21]

*731. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason there is a delay in having passports for foals issued; and the actions he plans to take to address same. — Cathal Crowe. [57069/21]

*732. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a single farm payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57072/21]

*733. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a GLAS payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57082/21]

*734. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding consideration of the funding request put forward to his Department by an association (details supplied); the position regarding the consideration of legislation to place harness racing on an equal footing with the greyhound and sports horse industry as a beneficiary on a pro rata basis

of the horse and greyhound fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [57103/21]

*735. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57124/21]

*736. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a 2021 GLAS payment will issue to a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57138/21]

*737. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the fact that since the introduction of S.I. No. 681/2019 - Animal Health and Welfare (Sale or Supply of Pet Animals) Regulations 2019, there is no enforcement cases have been brought by his Department to date; if a commitment will be given to establish a traceability and verification system to back-up the regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [57174/21]

*738. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the support available to landowners who have suspected or confirmed Dutch elm disease. — Holly Cairns. [57387/21]

*739. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the support available to landowners who have suspected or confirmed ash dieback disease. — Holly Cairns. [57388/21]

*740. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure that inshore fishers are eligible for the tie-up scheme. — Holly Cairns. [57389/21]

*741. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter regarding direct payments for suckler farmers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57415/21]

*742. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the provisions of regulation Statutory Instrument S.I. 538/2001 are active and applicable to all current proposed afforestation applications. — Marian Harkin. [57416/21]

*743. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for making membership of An Bord Bia's sustainable beef and lamb assurance scheme mandatory for those wishing to participate in the proposed new suckler carbon efficiency scheme; if he will consider removing this compulsory element for participation of the suckler efficiency scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57443/21]

*744. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the recent reports of avian flu on the island of Ireland; if he has spoken with his counterparts in the Northern Ireland on this issue; if he will ensure that they all work closely together on monitoring same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57565/21]

*745. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of approvals for forest road licences that have issued to date in 2021; the number of those licences that issued to Coillte; the number that issued to private owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [57612/21]

*746. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he is taking to ensure that the final version of CAP payments include recognition of hedgerow quality as a potent means of capitalising on the carbon and biodiversity values of these landscape features. — Holly Cairns. [57613/21]

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

*747. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding strands available to a family resource centre (details supplied) in order to maintain the work it undertakes in the community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56897/21]

*748. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way an allocation of local improvement scheme funding was spent by Mayo County Council (details supplied); the details of the road this funding was spent on; the scheme road number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57099/21]

*749. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of a project (details supplied); when the project is likely to proceed to construction and the associated timeline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [57417/21]

*750. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if LEADER funding is available to cover a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57439/21]

*751. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if financial supports are available to a not-for-profit community sports club (details supplied) to assist with running costs such as rent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57500/21]

*752. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress made in implementing the undertaking in the Programme for Government to deliver a rural development programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57563/21]

*753. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total allocation to the LEADER programme for the last two CAP periods; the proposed allocation for the forthcoming CAP period; the years covered by each programme; the date on which each programme commenced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57564/21]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57208/21]