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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Alan Kelly. [54411/21]
2. 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]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [57047/21]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Mick Barry. [57285/21]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55666/21]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Alan Kelly. [55857/21]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mick Barry. [57286/21]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57323/21]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [57326/21]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57354/21]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health is next due to meet. — Niamh Smyth. [57355/21]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline the key policy achievements of his Department since June 2020. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54364/21]
13. To ask the Taoiseach the key policy achievements of his Department since June 2020. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57324/21]

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

15. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

21. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

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

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

35. 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]

36. 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]

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

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

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*39. To ask the Taoiseach if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence. — Carol Nolan. [57907/21]

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

*40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57896/21]

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

*41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider intensifying the current laws in place against littering and dumping, in particular with the use of

CCTV for the gathering of evidence and if local authorities are entitled to use this in court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57863/21]

*42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has considered, or plans to consider, the use of biofuels in home heating (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [57697/21]

*43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will request that National Broadband Ireland to escalate the required survey for fibre broadband delivery for homes serviced by the R51 R647, R51 X326 and R51 RX90 roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57714/21]

*44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57897/21]

*45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the development of the new policy and regulatory framework for inland fisheries in Ireland; the way in which stakeholders and the wider public will be involved in developing this framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [58021/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*46. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fines that were issued for persons parking illegally in disability parking bays in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of fines that were issued in each of these years that were paid; the number of fines that were issued in each of these years that were not paid; the number of court proceedings that were commenced in each of these years against persons who did not pay the fines that they were issued with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [57773/21]

*47. To ask the Minister for Transport the expenditure by his Department on providing private security for public transport by year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [57954/21]

*48. To ask the Minister for Transport the areas in which the €360 million in active travel funding will be spent in 2022 in tabular form; the amount from each Department that makes up the funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57665/21]

*49. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to legislate for the ban on the registration of fossil fuelled cars and light vehicles from 2030 as per the Programme for Government commitment; the timeline for each of the steps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57666/21]

*50. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Government has notified the EU of its intention to ban fossil fuelled cars and light vehicles; if the Government is seeking a derogation under EU law to this effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [57667/21]

*51. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for enhanced safety measures for the N8 lower Glanmire Road and Tivoli flyover in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [57683/21]

*52. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given by the Road Safety Authority regarding the suspension of in person vehicle and technical inspections of transport operators or businesses in view of concerns from some operators that this may increase the risk of acquiring Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57711/21]

*53. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which work will commence on the Leixlip to Maynooth section of greenway in view of the fact that it was due to commence in Q4 2021 and the estimated duration to completion and opening. — Catherine Murphy. [57840/21]

*54. To ask the Minister for Transport if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57909/21]

*55. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the NTA requires taxi owners to remove the protective screening recommended by Covid-19 public health measures before they can pass the taxi suitability test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [57910/21]

*56. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that are being taken to make the system for a person renewing their driver licence more user friendly; if there are plans to have this done online instead of the person having to present themselves to an NDLS centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57940/21]

*57. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps his Department is taking to tackle antisocial behaviour on public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [58033/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*58. To ask the Minister for Finance the total tax take on the purchase of a standard one litre petrol driven car retailing at €20,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57765/21]

*59. To ask the Minister for Finance the total tax take on the purchase of a standard one litre diesel driven car retailing at €20,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57766/21]

*60. To ask the Minister for Finance the total tax take on the purchase of a standard one litre LPG driven car retailing at €20,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57767/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for Finance the total tax take on the purchase of a standard 1.6 litre petrol driven car retailing at €33,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57768/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for Finance the total tax take on the purchase of a standard 1.6 litre diesel driven car retailing at €33,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57769/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for Finance the total tax take on the purchase of a standard 1.6 litre electric driven car retailing at €33,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57771/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding insurance for outdoor equestrian pursuits including horse racing and point-to-point racing; if there are other insurance companies in the market willing to provide cover for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [57797/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are exemptions for a farmer who has zoned land from the proposed levy under the Finance Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57858/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for Finance if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57898/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to concerns of customers of some financial institutions that were mis-sold mortgages and the failure of the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman to pursue legitimate complaints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [57959/21]

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 78 of 10 November 2021 and 172 of 18 November 2021, the projected revenue raised from legislated increases in the carbon tax in each year from 2021 to 2030 relative to the rate of €26 per tonne in 2020, in accordance with the emissions targets within the Climate Action Plan, of emissions reductions of 51% relative to 2018 levels such as the revenue raised from the new rate of carbon tax in 2026 relative to a rate of €26 per tonne, reflecting the emissions targets set out in the Climate Action Plan to 2026. — Pearse Doherty. [57960/21]

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

*69. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57904/21]

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

*70. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if guidance has issued to cinemas and theatres regarding accepting certain forms of the EU Digital Covid Certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [57719/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she plans to develop a strategy to maximise the tourist potential for cruise tourism in Ireland and in particular in Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [57857/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if personnel in her Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57908/21]

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

*73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if provision is being made or will be made for compensation to be provided to farmers or landowners impacted by having land or property designated under the National Parks and Wildlife Service farm plan scheme; the number of farmers currently taking part in the scheme by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57712/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the implementation of each of the 101 recommendations of the 2016 Report Organisational Review of An Bord Pleanála in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57726/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties (details supplied) that have applied to each local authority for planning permission in 2020 and to date in 2021; the number of these planning applications that have been granted by each local authority in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57794/21]

*76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposed new legislation regarding properties (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57795/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is currently reviewing the build-to-rent guidelines; if so, the stage this review is at; the person or body conducting the review; and the terms of reference of same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57805/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount collected under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 as amended by each local authority in 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [57847/21]

*79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of compulsory purchase orders undertaken under the Derelict Sites Act 1990 as amended by each local authority in 2018, 2019 and 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [57848/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the programme board established to oversee the 32 recommendations of the 2019 Expert Review Group on Traveller Accommodation has recommended the creation at national level of a Traveller accommodation strategic policy committee in every city and county council; if so, when the recommendation will

be implemented; and if not, when it will be discussed as part of the 32 recommendations. — Joan Collins. [57859/21]

*81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57902/21]

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

*82. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason breastfeeding does not constitute emergency medical grounds for a passport to be issued to an infant (details supplied) whose parent needs to travel to undergo surgery abroad. — Sean Sherlock. [57688/21]

*83. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application of a person (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [57692/21]

*84. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo on time for their travel plans in view of the fact that the estimated issue date has been reached. — Michael Ring. [57809/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo on time for their travel plans in view of the fact that this application was received in the Passport Office on 11 September 2021. — Michael Ring. [57810/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions the Government is taking to raise the plight of religious and ethnic minorities in Afghanistan, in light of a recent USCIRF report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57887/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the assessment the Government has made of the recent reports from an independent NGO (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57888/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government intends to raise the recent and ongoing destruction of places of religious worship by the military in Myanmar, as evidenced by recent media reports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57889/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57899/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*90. To ask the Minister for Defence if the report of the Military Court of enquiry into an armed raid (details supplied) is available for perusal by FCA personnel who gave evidence in the military archives or his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [57751/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Civil Defence has ceased the practice of transporting elderly persons to hospital appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [57792/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Defence if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57894/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*93. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide assurances to parents of children with special needs that special needs classes will remain open and that these parents will not face the devastating impact of school and class closures in coming weeks and months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57647/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a planning application by a school (details supplied); the delays preventing the planning application from being granted; and if the timeline for completion of works is still in place. — Emer Higgins. [57679/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education if the planned return to 100% capacity on school transport on 29 November 2021 will be postponed due to the escalation in Covid-19 numbers and the resulting health and safety risks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57724/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Education if a school transport route could be reviewed for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [57757/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Education further to a letter from your office (details supplied) if a review has taken place; the outcome of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [57759/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education if a decision has been made regarding leaving certificate 2022; and if students will have the option of predictive grading or sitting the exams given that students and teachers are anxious to know. — Mattie McGrath. [57839/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications received for SNA support in County Donegal in 2021; the number of successful and unsuccessful applications, respectively in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57845/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria currently governing the retention of teachers at primary level; the number of schools which closed in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 as a result of the loss of a teacher in tabular form; the corresponding counties in which such closures took place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57846/21]

*101. To ask the Minister for Education if the attention of her Department has been drawn to waiting lists for first year post-primary school places for the 2022-2023 school term in schools in Wexford Town; if an assurance can be provided that there are sufficient places for all children within the catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57849/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be awarded to a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57851/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the antigen testing process for junior infant, senior infant, 1st and 2nd classes that do not operate in pods. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57867/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education the role the HSE and school specific public health teams will play in schools given the new announcements that place an onus on the principal to complete contact tracing. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57868/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education if school staff will receive antigen tests and if so, the circumstances that will permit same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57869/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she is taking to ensure that parents of school age children receive an antigen tests as rapidly as possible in the post. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57870/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education if a process of antigen testing is being rolled out in secondary schools; if antigen testing in secondary schools has been examined; and if not, the reason therefor. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57871/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider, in view of the severe shortage of substitute teachers available, putting forward members of the inspectorate as well as teachers currently in seconded positions for the next three months as members of the substitute panel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [57881/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education if personnel in her Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57895/21]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the shortage of SNAs in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57911/21]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to expand the school bus transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [57912/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education the services that are provided to children at a school (details supplied); and the facilities that are in place for the children in attendance. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57941/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a student who attends a school (details supplied) was refused school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57958/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding school bus capacity reverting to 100% in view of the increase in Covid-19 cases in school children (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [57961/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the lack of substitute teachers in schools; if it is possible to bring trainee teachers in to relieve the issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [58028/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for the commencement of the energy retrofit for schools built prior to 2008 to deliver on the Climate Action 2030 targets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [58029/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will review the guidelines for pregnant teachers and SNAs who are working in the classroom given that the children they are teaching partially at primary level will be largely unvaccinated; if this review will take into account the increased Covid-19 case numbers and the increased risk pregnant women have of developing serious illness and health complications from a Covid-19 infection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [58052/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct her Department to arrange supply of ventilation and HEPA filtration equipment to ensure safe air quality standards in every school classroom and staff room; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [58055/21]

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

*119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to include closed community employment schemes in the ex-gratia package (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57691/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 152 of 20 October 2021, if Turas Nua will provide a person (details supplied) in County Kerry with funding for training to secure a heavy goods vehicle licence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57718/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of appeals received to the Social Welfare Appeals Office in each of the years 2016 to 2020; the percentage of those which were successful in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57723/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a domiciliary care allowance appeal in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57725/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any further consideration has been given to extending time allowed on the back to work enterprise allowance for current participants given that they have been unable to avail of the advantages of the scheme due to Covid-19 and have therefore lost out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57729/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the mechanisms in place to support medical assessment of chronic pain conditions as part of applications for disability allowance such as endometriosis which is a condition that experiences large diagnostic delays despite sufferers experiencing chronic pain which would prevent them from working on a longer-term basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57803/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider amending the Gender Recognition Act 2015 to include the option of identifying as male, female or non-binary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57884/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to provide dedicated supports and to expand illness benefit for persons experiencing illness as a result of menopausal symptoms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57886/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if personnel in her Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57906/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the review of the pilot protocol agreed by her Department and Tusla in August 2020 to make rent supplement more easily accessible to victims of domestic violence; her plans for the continuation of this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [58024/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the payments administered by her Department which can be accessed without having a public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [58025/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to commission an independent review of the roll-out to date of the public services card; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [58026/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider removing the means tests for the blind pension and the disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [58031/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider relaxing the three-year rule and allow community employment participants remain with a scheme longer and continue the invaluable work being provided in communities. — Sorca Clarke. [58032/21]

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

*133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to claims regarding alleged sexual assaults being perpetrated against residents of direct provision centres and International Protection Appeals Tribunal run accommodation (details supplied); the number of such alleged claims that have been reported to his Department from 1 January 2000 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57756/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57893/21]

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

*135. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline all current the Nearly Zero Energy Building courses such as NZEB the Fundamental Awareness course; the number of persons currently enrolled on such courses; the total that graduated from each course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57752/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current drop-out rate of craft apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57754/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans that are in place to ensure that third-level institutions are prepared and capable of providing alternative assessments for students that do not wish to sit in person exams or for students that are unable to attend due to a requirement to restrict their movement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57755/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the level of direct Exchequer funding being provided to deliver the new building to expand Dublin City University capacity in key STEM areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57778/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the level of direct Exchequer funding that is being provided to deliver the upgrading of the Tyndall National Institute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57779/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the need to incentivise Irish universities and institutes of technology to offer physician associate courses in view of the plan in the UK to have 6,000 physician associate graduates by 2023 to meet demand in its primary care system and its offer of £5,000 grants to students taking the courses as an incentive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [57785/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57900/21]

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

*142. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects the Garda training college in Templemore to intake its next group of recruits. — Cathal Crowe. [57699/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consult with the Garda Commissioner on any plans for ex-Garda reserves to receive a commemorative medal in 2022 for the centenary anniversary of the foundation of An Garda Síochána as many ex-reserves have given years of voluntary service to the State and regular ex-gardaí are receiving one; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57715/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Justice the change in the rate of drug offences recorded in the Dublin metropolitan area in the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [57742/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Justice the change in the rate of theft offences in the Dublin metropolitan area in the past five years; the change in the rate of detection of such crimes over the period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [57743/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered introducing a new offence of dog theft; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57786/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Justice the engagement her Department has had with the Department of Health and the HSE to ensure the booster vaccine roll-out includes the prison population given the nature of the congregated setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57787/21]

*148. 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. [57789/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Justice the expected timeline for completion of the new Limerick women's prison; if it will remain a medium security prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [57854/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of visits to prisons that took place with a child present in 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [57855/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of disciplinary proceedings taken against individual members of An Garda Síochána in 2018, 2019 and 2020; the number of these cases which are currently pending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57862/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Afghan nationals that have been granted political asylum here to date since the fall of the democratically-elected Government in Afghanistan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57872/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Irish prisons that do not currently have comprehensive hepatitis C treatment programmes in place for which prisoners can receive treatment within the prison facility and without having to attend a hospital setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57873/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Justice the programme the Government is developing to have a structure in place for dealing with hepatitis C and infectious diseases amongst the prison population and within the clinic setting in the prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57874/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of the review by her Department of the impact of the Community Service (Amendment) Act 2011 in addition to the use of short custodial sentences; when the publication of the findings of this review can be expected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57882/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Justice when the 2020 report of the Self-Harm Assessment and Data Analysis Project will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57883/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Justice if personnel in her Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57903/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of the funding her Department has provided to rape crisis support centres across the country since 2016, in tabular form; if there are plans to provide ring-fenced funding to these organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [57955/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Justice the financial supports her Department offers to an association (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [57956/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons in the State who have been arrested under section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act 1984 since 2016. — Martin Kenny. [57957/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the promised Afghan Admission Programme; the details of the eligibility criteria; when the programme will be open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [58036/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*162. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government has considered the key issues identified in an assessment by a company (details supplied) of the reimbursement of medicines for rare diseases process which hinder access to rare disease medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57864/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government will consider the reimbursement of orphan medicinal products to feature as part of the work programme of his Department for 2022; if he will consider Rare Disease Day 2022, which is the week starting 28 February, as an optimal time for a discussion and renewed focus on the topic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57865/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the review of the governance structures regarding the HSE drug reimbursement process by a company (details supplied) still remains under consideration by his Department despite being submitted to his Department in January 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57866/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health if support will be considered for additional expenses such as accommodation for the family of patients who have to travel for treatment under the cross-Border directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [57645/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ICU nurses trained in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57646/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that day services are protected for users in facilities and receive great care such as Cashel na Cor in Buncrana, County Donegal in order to ensure that both the user and families/carers have security in advance in order to pre-plan and prepare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [57648/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health when early treatments for Covid-19 patients will be made available to Irish citizens; if the Department will run an awareness campaign in relation to the importance of vitamin D and other health measures that citizens can take to improve their health during the winter period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [57649/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health if he can confirm reports that the Covid programme office at St James' Hospital sent a text message to staff on 15 November instructing that all staff that are household close contacts may attend work if they are fully vaccinated and remain asymptomatic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57650/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health the action he or his Department is taking following an email the Minister received dated 23 July 2021 from a person (details supplied) regarding the treatment of a patient / family of a patient in St Vincent's Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [57651/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the backlog for assessment of needs; the reason for the current backlog; the estimated timeframe to address the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57652/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies in Children's Disability Services; the plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57653/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in the recruitment of 85 WTE posts for Children's Disability Network Teams announced in June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57654/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health if all CHO areas now have a Children Disability Network Team in place; the staffing contingent of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57655/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting lists for children's access to speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy for each CHO area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57656/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assessment of needs that resulted in a diagnostic assessment in the past year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57657/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the €7.8 million provided to address the overdue assessment of need in August 2020; the amount spent on private providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57658/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has had negotiations with HIQA with regard to HIQA standards as they relate to staffing schedules in publicly-funded services and specifically with regard to current recruitment difficulties and current Covid-19-related recruitment difficulties

and the possibility of relaxation of these standards by agreement in certain circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [57678/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the matter of special leave for a HSE nurse (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [57687/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department sought access for employment permits to address the critical shortage of skills as part of the recruitment resolution to delivering home care support services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [57700/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health the way a person can currently access the civil registration service in County Wicklow; the opening times of same; when a walk-in service will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [57705/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties that persons are having getting in contact with the civil registration service to register a birth, death or marriage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [57706/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of the booster vaccine for persons over the age of 18 with medical vulnerabilities; if there is an ordered list in terms of priority for receipt of the booster vaccine; and if so, if he will publish details of same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [57710/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health if a series of matters in relation to the non-checking of Covid-19 certificates in a premises (details supplied) will be investigated. — Joan Collins. [57730/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update the current list of medical conditions to include all long-term chronic illnesses covered under the long-term illness benefit scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57732/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure to update the list of medical conditions covered under the long-term illness benefit scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57733/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to overhaul the current long-term illness benefit scheme and establish a new scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57734/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds Peamount Hospital has for continuing care for neurological illness or acquired brain injury; if all beds are currently staffed full-time and open; and the number of vacancies for medical staff are currently unfilled at the hospital. — Seán Crowe. [57749/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Covid-19 recovery certificate only remains valid for 180 days after the day of the positive test when a certificate of vaccination has no such limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [57758/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 492 of 12 October 2021, the details of persons identified as people of trust to act as ambassadors for the vaccine; the numbers of ambassadors identified; the names of all ambassadors; if these ambassadors received

payment from either the HSE, his Department or a company (details supplied) on behalf of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [57760/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 492 of 12 October 2021, the exact date that his Department engaged a company (details supplied); if he will provide all documentation in relation to the contract; the reason it was not possible to put this contract out to tender given that Ireland was at least 10 months into the Covid-19 pandemic and the sense of urgency was not; the number of weekly meetings held; if the minutes of all meetings can be made available particularly in circumstances in which Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas were mentioned; the reason this contract was on 8 October 2021; the details of the final engagement with the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [57761/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists with medical card contracts in each of the CHO 4 sub sections in each of the years 2016 to 2021, respectively in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [57762/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration has been given to requiring Covid certificates (details supplied) for entry into retail outlets of sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57763/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in feedback to an organisation (details supplied); when there will be a resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57772/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite services in each CHO which are currently closed; the county within each CHO in which the services that are closed operate; the length of time each of these services have been closed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [57774/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses employed in each hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57780/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement his Department has had with the Department of Justice and the HSE to ensure the booster vaccine roll-out includes the prison population given the nature of the congregated setting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57788/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to introduce a redress scheme to support healthcare staff who have suffered adverse reactions following vaccination or who have suffered from Covid-19 and who have been left unable to work; the avenues of support that are available to such staff; the number of staff that have been redeployed to other services due to being unable to carry out their usual duties due to health concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [57796/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Kerry will receive a date for an assessment by CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57804/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the impact of the current Covid-19 surge on outpatient waiting lists; and the way he plans to tackle same. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57806/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [57807/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of complaints received in which a person is dissatisfied with an assessment of needs and a lack of follow-up service in circumstances in which an assessment of needs has been completed and the assessment identifies the need for the provision of a service in each year from 2016 to date, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57808/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health if an application has been received by the HSE to register a product as an exempt medicinal product (details supplied); when a decision on reimbursement will be made on this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57841/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed legislative amendment which will allow cannabis based-products available in the UK to be considered for inclusion on the Medical Cannabis Access Programme (details supplied); when he expects this legislation to be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57842/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health if the position regarding frontline healthcare workers who are household close contacts will be clarified; if they need to restrict movements, that is, stay at home until they have three negative antigen test results within five days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57843/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to calls for a new coordinator to be appointed in a facility (details supplied); if a timeline and hiring process can be outlined for this vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [57844/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the National Gender Service multidisciplinary team; when it will become operational; and the approximate timeframe expected to get an appointment for a 16-year-old based in County Wicklow, first referred to a similar service in the United Kingdom in August 2020 by CAMHS. — Steven Matthews. [57852/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the campaign and recent results of a survey published by a group (details supplied) seeking amongst other things a ban on alcohol advertising prior to the watershed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [57853/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the overall number of persons in Ireland that have been diagnosed with Covid-19 to date; the percentage of the population this accounts for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57860/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have been diagnosed with long-Covid after contracting the virus; the main symptoms which persons are being treated for; the number of persons that suffer from each of these long-term effects in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57861/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health the number of functioning staffed ICU beds in the State for each of the past 10 years. — Peadar Tóibín. [57875/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the number of management staff working in the HSE for each of the past 10 years. — Peadar Tóibín. [57876/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health the number of administration staff in the HSE for each of the past 10 years. — Peadar Tóibín. [57877/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health the number of repeat tests undertaken by the HSE every month on the basis of the first test being inconclusive and separately after the first test is positive. — Peadar Tóibín. [57878/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vaccines wasted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57879/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Health if privately owned recreational centres that offer facilities such as a gym and sauna can request proof of a Covid-19 vaccination from potential patrons and refuse entry if it cannot be proven that the potential patron is not fully vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57880/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make it mandatory for premises to check photo identification when checking EU Digital COVID Certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57885/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Health the considerations that were made in the Covid-19 pass system for persons who are medically advised against receiving a Covid-19 vaccination. — Seán Crowe. [57890/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of COVID-19 Recovery Certificate requests that have been made from the time the application process for same began; the number that have been issued and rejected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57891/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Health if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57901/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application for a hearing aid by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57942/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding a general practitioner service in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58022/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Health the advice and the plans for the provision of Covid-19 booster vaccinations to persons in their 60s who received a vaccine (details supplied) originally; the optimum timing of these boosters; the arrangements for scheduling these appointments; the locations being used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58023/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Health if discussions are expected that persons attending the gym, hairdressers and beautician should show proof of their EU Digital COVID Certificates as many persons working in these industries are expressing concern; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [58027/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that paramedics are facilitated to both train and be stationed within the region in which they reside. — Holly Cairns. [58034/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Health the status of surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58035/21]

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

*227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding an ecology felling licence in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [57686/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the names of the factories that have been fined for excessive carcass trimming from 1 January 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57713/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of reviews or appeals sent to his Department that are successful; if the percentage of these reviews or appeals which are being decided in the client's favour has decreased in recent years; his views on whether clients seeking a review decision are having their cases reviewed in a fair and compassionate manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57720/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of appeals received by his Department in each of the years 2016 to 2020 not including appeals to the agriculture appeals office; the percentage of those which were successful in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57721/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of appeals received in the agriculture appeals office in each of the years 2016 to 2020; the percentage of those which were successful in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57722/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a felling licence for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57727/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the difference between parlour washing and soiled water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57764/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the remainder of a 2021 basic payment will issue to a farmer in County Kerry for claimed lands at a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57770/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the injuries at track scheme for greyhound racing only covers injuries sustained at official trials and not unofficial trials; and if the scheme is only open for race-ending injuries. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57798/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications for the greyhound injuries at track scheme made since the scheme commenced; and the amount paid out under the scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57799/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual breakdown of the number of greyhounds that have received money from the greyhound injuries at track scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57800/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the data collected by the control stewards and racing managers at official greyhound trials; if that data will be extended to the collection of injuries sustained at official trials; and if there are control stewards or racing managers present at unofficial greyhound trials. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57801/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if greyhound owners are charged a fee for use of the stadium at official trials and unofficial trials; and if so, if that fee is paid to Greyhound Racing Ireland or to the stadium. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57802/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if personnel in his Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57892/21]

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

*241. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports available for a newly-formed charity (details supplied); and if there is a specific start up grant for same. — Robert Troy. [57677/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if personnel in her Department have been removed from their positions, have been transferred to another role or had their employment terminated from 2011 to date due to breaches of Departmental standards or professional misconduct or incompetence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57905/21]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 25 NOVEMBER, 2021**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in County Wicklow who were in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment but who have since returned to work in some capacity and are no longer in receipt of this payment or the jobseeker's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [57935/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way she intends to fill the current gaps left as a result of those departing community employment positions, particularly with regard to community employment referrals and in circumstances in which there is difficulty replacing persons in these important roles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57828/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to providing free travel passes to persons with epilepsy who are not in receipt of a social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57991/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on changes to the carer's allowance announced in Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [57544/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce supports for persons who experience hair loss due to alopecia, cancer treatment or other similar illnesses. — Emer Higgins. [57539/21]

6. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the changes to the carer's allowance means test; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [58004/21]

7. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the approach of her Department to facilitating those pensioners without full social insurance records to increase their retirement provision by enabling them to continue to make PRSI contributions past the State pension age as per commitments in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [57407/21]

8. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reform the criteria for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57448/21]

9. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person in receipt of the carer's allowance cannot get the over 65 benefit payment and retain the half-rate carer's allowance given that when a person reaches 66 years of age they can claim the State pension and retain the half-rate carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [58051/21]

10. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that the full pandemic unemployment payment is made available for workers losing work as a result of recent Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [57936/21]

11. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of changes to the carer's allowance announced in Budget 2022. — Ciarán Cannon. [57708/21]

12. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when oral hearings as part the social welfare appeals process will be reintroduced to facilitate a more forensic evaluation of disputed decisions affecting payments to various applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57921/21]

13. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the Christmas bonus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [57543/21]

14. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will implement the increase in the means test for the fuel allowance with immediate effect as of midnight of Budget 2022. — Joan Collins. [57548/21]

15. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will engage with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to find a solution to the situation in which parents in education are seeing a substantial loss of income in cases in which they are moved from

the jobseeker's transitional payment to the back to education allowance when their child turns 14 years of age due to the impact it has on SUSI support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57970/21]

16. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of those availing of urgent needs and exceptional needs payments by the main reason from 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [58017/21]

17. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for the further expansion of parent's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57823/21]

18. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position with regard to staff currently employed in job clubs; and if they will be treated fairly and be eligible to redundancy payments when the new local employment services are established. — Marian Harkin. [50098/21]

19. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of plans to expand or decrease Citizens' Information services in County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [57744/21]

20. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the amount of time a person can stay on community employment due to the disruption of the Covid-19 pandemic over the past 18 months. — Holly Cairns. [50125/21]

21. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the outcome of the most recent actuarial review of the social insurance fund; when the next review is planned; the sustainability and eligibility issues of the social insurance funds that it raises given the current level of PRSI contributions to the fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [57406/21]

22. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to introduce further reform to the means testing regime under various social welfare schemes in the forthcoming Social Welfare Bill 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56744/21]

23. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of plans for the extension of the hot school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [57546/21]

24. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will restart the pandemic unemployment payment in view of the continued impact the Covid-19 pandemic is having on employment. — Cathal Crowe. [57695/21]

25. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the next steps with regard to the findings of the Poverty Impact Assessment on jobseeker's rates for young people; when she intends to lay the document before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57827/21]

26. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the anticipated start date for the introduction of the pensions auto-enrolment system; her plans to communicate the changes to the general public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [58010/21]

27. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the planned allocation of the additional €185 million funding announced in Budget 2022 for the implementation of the Pathways

to Work 2021-2025 national employment services strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [58012/21]

28. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons availing of the fuel allowance by main social welfare payment in tabular form; her plans to extend eligibility for the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [58005/21]

29. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the Budget 2022 allocation to her Department in view of the potential need for further pandemic unemployment payments given the changes to night-time hospitality restrictions recently announced. — Pa Daly. [57964/21]

30. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if progress has been made in relation to the establishment of a pensions auto-enrolment system, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [57603/21]

31. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure the immediate application of all fuel allowance changes announced in Budget 2022 that have not been implemented to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57930/21]

32. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which further changes in social welfare supports are needed to address issues arising from the increased incidents of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57920/21]

33. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures announced in Budget 2022 to improve employment opportunities for persons with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [58015/21]

34. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons applying for the jobseeker's benefit, jobseeker's benefit for the self-employed or jobseeker's allowance from 8 July 2021 to date who had previously been in receipt of a pandemic unemployment payment by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [58014/21]

35. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the criteria for entry to the Tús and rural social schemes in terms of restrictions on time limits, for example, a person who has completed a Tús scheme for one year cannot apply for another three years. — Marian Harkin. [50099/21]

36. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the commitment to develop a Traveller and Roma training, employment and enterprise strategy as committed to in July 2021 under Pathways to Work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [57932/21]

37. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will take on board concerns expressed by stakeholders in relation to the proposed reform of local employment services and review her plans in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57971/21]

38. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has been allocated funds seized by the Criminal Assets Bureau to reinvest in communities to build community development and resilience to criminal activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57551/21]

39. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the criteria used to develop a new model for employment services; the engagement that has taken place with existing providers of local employment services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [57693/21]

40. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase payments on the rural social scheme, community employment and Tús schemes and programmes in line with increases in the minimum wage. — Holly Cairns. [50124/21]

41. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the review her Department has carried out into extending the qualifying criteria for the payment of the fuel allowance to include all persons in receipt of the carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57987/21]

42. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase the number of places on the rural social scheme by 500 and reverse the 2016 changes to the length of time a person can remain on the scheme. — Holly Cairns. [50126/21]

43. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has enhanced the developmental capacity of the services provided by her Department so that workers displaced by Covid-19 will not experience permanent distancing from the workforce. — Richard Bruton. [57717/21]

44. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider reviewing the fact that those in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment and illness benefit are ineligible for fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57934/21]

45. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the efficacy of the increase in €20 in the fuel allowance considering recent research in relation to energy poverty that will not be introduced until January 2022 in terms of keeping persons warm this winter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57933/21]

46. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans that are in place to extend the hot school meals scheme in County Donegal; and the number of students currently availing of the scheme.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [57913/21]

47. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who no longer qualify for the fuel allowance due to their living circumstances changing as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic and relatives returning to live with them due to care services closing by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [58003/21]

48. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the changes to the carer's allowance and domiciliary care allowance announced in Budget 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57475/21]

49. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the extension of rent supplement for victims of domestic violence. — Emer Higgins. [57540/21]

50. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the added costs of living with a disability can be recognised within the social protection support system; her views on whether persons whose spouse is working can have an increased income disregard in order that they can access the

disability allowance and other services which may be available as a result; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57013/21]

51. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the next steps and timeline regarding the Report of the Commission on Pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [58016/21]

52. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the strategy for the procurement of public employment services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [58002/21]

53. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Child Maintenance Review Group is due to report on its findings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57826/21]

54. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that persons living in Ireland who were previously receiving a disability living allowance from the UK are now having the mobility component of that support withdrawn; if she plans to address this difficulty for these persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57014/21]

55. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend parent's benefit announced as part of Budget 2022; the efforts being made to ensure they take effect as planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [57702/21]

56. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on introducing a scheme that would cover the cost of burials and cremations for the families of deceased children. — Holly Cairns. [57978/21]

57. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the consideration she has given to an urgent review of the current electricity allowance under the household benefit package given the current rising energy costs; the engagement she has had with the Minister for Finance on carrying out a review of the current payment under the package in view of rising inflation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57990/21]

58. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if computer and broadband costs can be properly recognised within the farm assist process (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57015/21]

59. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagement her Department has had with other Departments on the public tendering process for local employment services. — Sean Sherlock. [50091/21]

60. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress on plans to introduce an auto-enrolment system for pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [57553/21]

61. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for the expansion of the school meals programmes, both the urban schools meals scheme and the school meals local projects scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [57602/21]

62. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons who have reached pension age can continue to meet PRSI payments to improve their pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [57996/21]

63. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes made in Budget 2022 to the eligibility for the carer's allowance; the estimated number of persons who will benefit from this change; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57202/21]

64. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of the pandemic unemployment since its introduction until its projected cessation. — Peadar Tóibín. [57982/21]

65. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for the introduction of an auto-enrolment system. — Kieran O'Donnell. [57831/21]

66. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons who work in the night-time economy who can no longer work due to the new restrictions will be intitled to the pandemic unemployment payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57550/21]

67. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the problems facing artists with disabilities as highlighted by a campaign (details supplied), arising from the means testing of the blind pension and disability allowance; and the measures she plans to introduce to ensure artists with disabilities are not forced to choose between earning from their work and maintaining their vital stable social protection support as is currently the case. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [57939/21]

68. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she expects her Department to implement reforms to the pension system following consideration of recommendations made in the report by the Commission on Pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57829/21]

69. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the specific social protection measures that will be funded in 2022 from the increase in the rate of carbon tax; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [57598/21]

70. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of pension entitlements for community employment scheme supervisors and assistant supervisors; if further discussions have taken place with unions on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [58006/21]

71. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the distributional effects of Budget 2022 and the modelled anticipated impacts on those most at risk of poverty, particularly those living alone; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [57601/21]

72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reopen the pandemic unemployment payment to new applicants in view of the fourth wave of the pandemic. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57928/21]

73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reconsider her decision to terminate the contract of her Department with the Local Employment Service in favour of introducing a private service; if she will halt the tendering process of this service until a proper engagement with

the relevant stakeholders can develop a more suitable model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [58039/21]

74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the plans to extend parents' benefit. — Joe McHugh. [57914/21]

75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the six-year limit will be removed from the rural social scheme given the disruption to community services by the removal of such participants from rural social schemes and the impact of the policy on the participants themselves, noting the challenges of progressing to further employment or upskilling after the conclusion of participants' rural social scheme terms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57966/21]

76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the current situation in which a carer whose sole income is the carer's allowance cannot access the fuel allowance; if she plans to address this anomaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57012/21]

77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will restore the pandemic unemployment payment to its original rate in view of the fourth wave of the pandemic. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57927/21]

78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to undertake an independent external analysis of the impact of the pandemic unemployment payment on different sectors, particularly the arts sector given the proposals to introduce a basic income pilot scheme in that sector and the potential relevant feedback from the experience of the pandemic unemployment payment, as a basic income guarantee for workers unable to work due to Covid-19 restrictions. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [57938/21]

79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of plans to extend parent's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [57541/21]

80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the proposals to provide additional resources to eliminate delays in the social welfare appeals process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [58040/21]

81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will halt further reductions in the pandemic unemployment payment in view of the situation regarding Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57929/21]

82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of changes to the local employment service model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [58013/21]

83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the strategies in place to increase labour market participation among groups distant from the labour market including lone parents, persons with disabilities, members of minority ethnic groups and persons who may have taken time out of the workforce and would now like to return; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [58018/21]

84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the hot school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57476/21]

85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place regarding cybersecurity including the mywelfare.ie platform at her Department given the substantial number of customers her Department has and the increasing provision of online services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57134/21]

86. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider awarding the fuel allowance to recipients of half rate carer's payments in cases in which the person has another social welfare payment but no other source of income as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [57926/21]

87. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending Tús and CES employment placements in view of interruptions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. — Cathal Crowe. [57696/21]

88. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assessments her Department has carried out in relation to available jobs within the hospitality sector; and the way they have informed the stance of her Department on the pandemic unemployment payment scheme. — Pa Daly. [57965/21]

89. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will devise a payment structure to recognise the existence of the effects of long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [57925/21]

90. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who have benefited by county from the parent's benefit since its introduction and since its expansion in April 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57133/21]

91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the work her Department has undertaken towards a proposed benchmarking system for pension rates to be benchmarked to salaries and inflation as outlined as an income smoothing proposal in the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025 in order to provide income security for older persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57600/21]

92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on the roll-out of the Work Placement Experience Programme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57931/21]

93. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of and the position regarding the changes to the carer's allowance and the domiciliary care allowance announced in Budget 2022. — Kieran O'Donnell. [57830/21]

94. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she plans to take to ensure that all available places are taken up on the community employment, Tús and rural social schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56745/21]

95. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will take measures to ensure that those who are homeless, living independently of their parents and under 25 years of age will be eligible for full unemployment payments in line with those in a similar situation but availing of the housing assistance payment or local authority housing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [57937/21]

96. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the changes to the carer's allowance and domiciliary care allowance announced as part of Budget 2022; the efforts

being made to ensure they take effect as planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [57701/21]

97. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the implementation of the hot school meal programme; her plans to extend the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [58009/21]

98. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reverse the cuts to the pandemic unemployment payment particularly for workers in sectors that continue to be subject to Covid-19-related restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57969/21]

99. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the latest views of her Department in relation to the potential legality of aligning the retirement age in employment contracts with the age at which persons become eligible for the State pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57599/21]

100. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the cost of disability report commissioned by her Department; when she expects the report to be published; the details of the engagement her Department has had with other relevant Departments in relation to the finalisation of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57986/21]

101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reinstate the pandemic unemployment payment for those workers who are affected by the restrictions of closure at midnight to the level the payment was at in March 2020. — Joan Collins. [57547/21]

102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if community welfare services are now centralised; if local decision making on community welfare matters no longer exists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [57924/21]

103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions taken to ensure Covid-19-related supports are in place and can be processed quickly and effectively for those who need them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57833/21]

104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps taken to make rent supplements accessible for victims of domestic abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57203/21]

105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to support community employment schemes during the continuing uncertainty in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Holly Cairns. [57979/21]

106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an update will be provided on the work of the Working Group on Food Poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [57822/21]

107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the new measures to assist victims of domestic violence to access the rent supplement; the number accessing same by county to date; the number of refusals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [58007/21]

108. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the strategies in place to ensure that persons can receive information regarding their insurance contributions record ahead of retirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [58019/21]

109. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the forthcoming phase two of the tender for employment services process; the expected timeline in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57825/21]

110. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if additional support will be provided to households during this energy price crisis; if so, the details of those supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57832/21]

111. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to extend the pandemic unemployment payment in view of recently announced Covid-19 measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [58011/21]

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

112. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community Gardaí in the Ballymun Garda district as of 1 November 2021 or the latest date available; the number in the 12 months previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [57943/21]

113. To ask the Minister for Justice her views in relation to the level and the trend in the detection rate for sexual offences in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [57747/21]

114. To ask the Minister for Justice the initiatives that are being taken to tackle antisocial behaviour; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [57947/21]

115. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community Gardaí in the Roscommon-Longford division; the number of community Gardaí in the Westmeath division; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [57983/21]

116. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans in place for the expansion of Garda CCTV; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [57984/21]

117. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the Afghan Admission Programme; the number of applications that have been received; the timeline for dealing with such applications; if her attention has been drawn to the urgency of many of the cases; if applications are being streamlined in terms of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57812/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the implementation of recommendations contained within a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57834/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider permitting the regularisation of fishers in the atypical scheme for non-EEA workers on stamp 4 equivalent status given the fact that those who are undocumented in the sector may be able to avail of a stamp 4 status through a scheme to

regularise undocumented status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [57952/21]

120. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Gardaí who will be recruited in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [58037/21]

121. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she will take to support the victims of crime. — Emer Higgins. [57739/21]

122. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cén fáth nach bhfuil freagra aici go fóill dom ar mo cheisteanna faoin ísliú stádais a thug sí don Ghaeilge sa Gharda Síochána, go háirithe Ceisteanna Parlaiminte uimhir 536 agus 537 a cuireadh uirthi an 9 Samhain 2021, in ainneoin go raibh an tAire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán in ann eolas a thabhairt dúinn maidir leis an gceist chéanna ina freagra ar Cheist uimhir 308, a cuireadh uirthi an lá céanna; an bhfreagróidh sí na ceisteanna sin anois; agus cén fáth a bhfuair sí réidh le riachtanas Gaeilge don Gharda Síochána agus do Choimisinéir an Gharda Síochána, tar éis di a admháil go bhfuil gá cur leis an nGaeilge san eagraíocht, tar éis gur sháraigh siad an dlí de réir tuarascála ón gCoimisinéir Teanga a leagadh faoi bhráid Thithe an Oireachtais. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [57953/21]

123. To ask the Minister for Justice her assessment of the recently published statistics for recorded crime detection in 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57997/21]

124. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents of drink spiking reported to An Garda Síochána in Cork city and county in recent months; the number of incidents reported nationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [57994/21]

125. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for the expansion of Garda CCTV in County Carlow in order to deter criminal activity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [58038/21]

126. To ask the Minister for Justice the initiatives being taken to provide greater supports to victims of crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [57975/21]

127. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking to address the recommendations concerning the international protection system in a report on the international protection process (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [57976/21]

128. To ask the Minister for Justice the time it takes to deal with immigration cases within her Department; if the Covid-19 pandemic has impacted on the dealing with cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57782/21]

129. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 339 of 11 November 2021, if she will provide figures for the number of gardaí in specialist units in the Roscommon Longford division and the Galway division, respectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57555/21]

130. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures that are being put in place to strengthen community input into policing matters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [57661/21]

131. To ask the Minister for Justice if CAB investigate criminals who do not have assets but whose lifestyle does not match their means; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [58049/21]

132. To ask the Minister for Justice her assessment of the recent rise in fraud crime. — John Lahart. [57818/21]

133. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the operation of the Personal Injuries Guidelines under the Judicial Council Act 2019; if she will consider legislative changes to monitor the passing on of benefits to consumers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57917/21]

134. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update following her meeting with the members of a campaign (details supplied); her views on whether this initiative could be rolled out in other locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57817/21]

135. To ask the Minister for Justice if she plans to review the current plans for joint policing committees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [57660/21]

136. To ask the Minister for Justice the response she plans to make to the recommendations from the inquest into the death of a person (details supplied) on the operation of coroners and the National Forensic Laboratory; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [57604/21]

137. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of An Garda Síochána and the Garda Reserve; her Department's plans to further increase the strength of An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [57949/21]

138. To ask the Minister for Justice the action being taken to deal with the increase in domestic violence during the pandemic. — John Lahart. [57819/21]

139. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in the DMR north as of 1 November 2021 or the latest date available; the number in the 12 months previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [57946/21]

140. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made to date on the implementation of the Justice Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [58053/21]

141. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on progress on a scheme to regularise undocumented persons; if she will consider time while documented as reckonable time to be eligible for the scheme; if the scheme will be subject to Ministerial discretion for regularisation of individual applications or be given as a right if criteria are met; if time while undocumented counts towards reckonable time for citizenship applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [57951/21]

142. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the third national strategy on domestic, sexual and gender-based violence; when the strategy will be published; if the strategy will include a fully costed implementation plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57989/21]

143. To ask the Minister for Justice if proposals have been made to Government to change the Occupiers' Liability Act 1995 and Civil Liability Act 2002 in order to reform the duty of care and increase protections for consumers, business, sporting clubs and community groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57916/21]

144. To ask the Minister for Justice when she last met the Garda Commissioner. — Jim O'Callaghan. [57685/21]

145. To ask the Minister for Justice the additional number of gardaí who have been allocated to special units the past three years; the activities which have been enhanced through these units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [57741/21]

146. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the work of her Department in tackling drug-related intimidation and reporting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [58050/21]

147. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the introduction of new criminal legislation to tackle domestic, sexual and gender-based violence. — Emer Higgins. [57738/21]

148. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of plans to build a new county town type courthouse in Bray, County Wicklow; the progress made to transfer the vacant former courthouse on Boghall Road, Bray; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [57736/21]

149. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí in the Blanchardstown garda district as of 1 November 2021 or the latest date available; the number in the 12 months previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [57944/21]

150. To ask the Minister for Justice the current wait time for a standard citizenship application; the steps that are being taken to reduce the wait time throughout 2022 to meet the target of a nine month wait; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57024/21]

151. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she will take to support the victims of crime going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57791/21]

152. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made with the refurbishment of the existing courthouse in Tuam, County Galway for court services; when the project will be carried out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57813/21]

153. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community Gardaí in the Clonakilty, Bandon and Bantry Garda districts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [57974/21]

154. To ask the Minister for Justice if the immigration system will be reformed to protect the victims and survivors of domestic, sexual, and gender-based violence who are placed at additional risk given their residency is based on being a dependent or due to the fact they are undocumented. — Holly Cairns. [57977/21]

155. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made in relation to the Youth Justice Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [57973/21]

156. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the introduction of new criminal legislation to tackle domestic, sexual and gender-based violence. — John Paul Phelan. [57821/21]

157. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on Operation Citizen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57746/21]

158. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the use of antisocial behaviour orders; and the purpose of same. — Mark Ward. [58048/21]

159. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures that are being taken to clear and progress the current ongoing backlog of naturalisation applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57992/21]

160. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to ensure that incidences of drink and needle spiking is being recorded and categorised on the PULSE system in order to ascertain scale of the crime; if there is flexibility in the categorisation and de-aggregation of data available from the system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57998/21]

161. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in the DMR east as of 1 November 2021 or the latest date available; the number in the past 12 months previously; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [58054/21]

162. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she has taken in relation to the abduction of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [57945/21]

163. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the introduction of new criminal legislation to tackle domestic, sexual and gender-based violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57790/21]

164. To ask the Minister for Justice the timeline for the introduction of the first round of funding under the Community Safety Innovation Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57745/21]

165. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has plans to amend the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015 to include in the Act a definition of client in order to ensure that persons adversely affected by what they consider an inadequate standard of legal services can make a complaint to the Legal Services Regulatory Authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [57605/21]

166. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions for breaches of Covid-19 regulations in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [57980/21]

167. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration is being given within her Department to a blanket amnesty for illegal immigrants; if so, the criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57783/21]

168. To ask the Minister for Justice the initiatives that are being taken to address rural crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57922/21]

169. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of plans to refurbish the vacant courthouse in Wicklow town; the timeline for work to be carried out; the details of the engagement with the OPW on plans to carry out works on the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [57735/21]

170. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the see something say something initiative following her recent fact-finding visit to Tralee, County Kerry; her views on whether the initiative could be rolled out nationwide to help tackle antisocial behaviour and other crime; the status of plans to extend the initiative to Listowel, County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57948/21]

171. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in implementing legislation arising from commitments made in the Stormont House Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [57835/21]

172. To ask the Minister for Justice the expected timeline for the introduction of the first round of funding under the community safety innovation fund. — Joe McHugh. [57915/21]

173. To ask the Minister for Justice if further legislation is being prepared by her Department to give extra powers to An Garda Síochána in relation to reducing the amount of drug related crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57468/21]

174. To ask the Minister for Justice the latest up to date position in relation to efforts to pardon a person (details supplied) who was wrongly hanged in 1895; if she will prioritise the continuation of the process already underway in order that they will be pardoned and closure can be given to their relatives; if she will provide an updated timeline regarding the future process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [58001/21]

175. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drink driving offences recorded in the Cavan Monaghan division in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of drug driving offences excluding alcohol offences over the same period. — Niamh Smyth. [57042/21]

176. To ask the Minister for Justice if the recruitment process for An Garda Síochána is open at present; the number of gardaí that are expected to be recruited in the next tranche; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57814/21]

177. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to publish a progress report on the Hickson Commission of Investigation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [57999/21]

178. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of protected disclosures her Department has received from persons who work in the Irish Prison Service. — Peadar Tóibín. [57981/21]

179. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to support policing in rural communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57554/21]

180. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the establishment of the Afghan admissions programme; the expected opening date for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57023/21]

181. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of her plans to introduce an offence of non-fatal strangulation. — John Paul Phelan. [57820/21]

182. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community Gardaí in the Tipperary division; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57923/21]

183. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community Gardaí in Ballincollig station as of 31 October 2021; the number in the Macroom Garda district on the same date; the equivalent figures for both on 31 October 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57737/21]

184. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details on the improvements being introduced at the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service; if she is giving consideration to further streamlining the granting and renewal of applications relating to healthcare workers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [57704/21]

185. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider holding an updated review of existing courthouses, including the courthouse in Tralee, County Kerry in conjunction with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. — Pa Daly. [57963/21]

186. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to address the recent Covid-19 outbreaks in the Irish Prison Service in order to mitigate against the further spread of the virus and to safeguard prisoners, prison officers and staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [57972/21]

187. To ask the Minister for Justice if an update will be provided on the commitment in the Programme for Government to prioritise visible policing in both rural and urban communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57816/21]

188. To ask the Minister for Justice her Department's plans to extend supports for adult victims of sexual offences following court proceedings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [57950/21]

189. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures being taken to combat the theft of trees to be used as Christmas trees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57131/21]

190. To ask the Minister for Justice if assessments have been carried out by a conservation architect grade 1 of the current courthouse building in Tralee, County Kerry in deciding to relocate court services from the current site. — Pa Daly. [57962/21]

191. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of drug seizures in Ireland in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57132/21]

192. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of prisoners incarcerated; the breakdown by the average length of sentence; the number of those prisoners incarcerated for the non-payment of fines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57784/21]

193. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members in An Garda Síochána at present; if it is planned to increase the strength of the force and provide the funding for same; the number of stations in the country that have less than their allocated number of Garda members attached to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56742/21]