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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to support families who are struggling to meet energy costs during winter 2021 and who are locked out of the fuel allowance given many households are not eligible for the payment and are reporting challenges with the rising cost of living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [58204/21]

2. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider ending the reduced rate of jobseeker's benefit in favour of full rate pay for those who qualify for the benefit given that the reduced rate is below the minimum social welfare rate and is penalising persons who were in low-income jobs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57011/21]

3. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reintroduce the pandemic unemployment payment for those workers who are affected by recent updates to public health guidelines; the supports that are available to those who now cannot work as a result of these guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [58205/21]

4. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of carer's allowance and carer's benefit applications made to her Department by county from 1 January 2019 to date in tabular form; the number of applications that were refused over the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [58216/21]

5. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the analysis her Department has carried out into the lessons learned from the first phase of procurement for the new Regional Employment Service model; her plans to publish this analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57995/21]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

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

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

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

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

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

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

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

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

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

117. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has plans to establish a transport police service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [58141/21]

118. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of incidents of Covid-19 in Irish prisons; the impact of Covid-19 infections on the Irish Prison Service and on the Courts Service to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [57611/21]

119. To ask the Minister for Justice the supports or assistance she or her Department gave to the holding of a conference (details supplied). — Martin Kenny. [57838/21]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

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

130. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Dlí agus Cirt cén fáth nach bhfuil freagra aici go fóill dom ar mo cheisteanna faoin íslíú stádaís 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

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

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

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

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

157. 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]

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]

162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

165. 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]

166. 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]

167. 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]

168. 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]

169. 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]

170. 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]

171. 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]

172. 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]

173. 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]

174. 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]

175. 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]

176. 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]

177. 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]

178. 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]

179. 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]

180. 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]

181. 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]

182. 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]

183. 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]

184. 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]

185. 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]

186. 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]

187. 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]

188. 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]

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

190. 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]

191. 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]

192. 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]

193. 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]

194. 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]

195. 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]

196. 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]

197. 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]

198. 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]

199. 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]

200. 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]

201. 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]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*202. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the rationale for deferring the implementation of pay increases contained in a new Employment Regulation Order for the Security Sector from 1 June until 1 September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [58095/21]

*203. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employment permits that have been processed in 2020 and to date in 2021 for non-EEA carers; the number of those that are for roles in nursing homes and hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [58108/21]

*204. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employment permit applications currently in the system being processed for non-EEA carers; the number of those that are for roles in nursing homes and hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [58109/21]

*205. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has met with an organisation (details supplied) since the postponement of the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021; if not, if a commitment will be given to hold such a meeting as part of the consultation process; if a timeline will be provided for this meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [58193/21]

*206. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider an extension for the Companies Registration Office tax returns deadline (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [58233/21]

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

*207. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of NBI broadband to Bantry, County Cork; if he will provide extra resources to advance the roll-out of NBI broadband in Bantry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [58041/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason poles were erected opposite Loughquittane Lake in Killarney by National Broadband Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58067/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has received correspondence regarding the issue of waste waivers in the past three months. — Sean Sherlock. [58075/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated amount of fines that Ireland has paid in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 for missing climate action targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [58110/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding his Department is projecting that needs to be budgeted for to meet obligations for missing Ireland's climate action targets for each year to 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [58111/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has engaged with other countries in respect of Sustainable Development Goal 3 of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58229/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the administrative process and computational method of allocating funding to specific airports with respect to €126 million aviation package announced on 12 October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [58136/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if the €126 million aviation package is for the furtherance of the ongoing capital works at Cork and Dublin airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [58137/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeline with respect to various approvals within Government Departments in respect of the current €40 million capital project being undertaken at Cork Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [58138/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if an additional bus stop in Bridgetown will be considered on the current Ballyshannon to Donegal town LocalLink route in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [58084/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if a LocalLink route between Frosses and Glenties in County Donegal will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [58085/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will liaise with the National Transport Authority in relation to the cessation of the of the 66A bus service under BusConnects (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [58086/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that cash payments are not accepted at the NDLS centre in Ennis, County Clare, given that cash payments are accepted at the motor tax office and both are under the remit of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [58103/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the lack of vehicle charging points, the lack of fast vehicle charging points and the issues regarding vehicle charging points in areas across counties Monaghan, Cavan and Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [58120/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance if correspondence (details supplied) will be reviewed; if his Department has contacted the Department of Social Protection on this matter for discussion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [58090/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide clarity as to the establishment of a review group on foot of legal advice received in relation to the primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [58045/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons that availed of the help-to-buy scheme in Cork city and county in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [58105/21]

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

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the work being carried out by his Department to investigate the way future compliance costs for failing to meet European Union climate targets can be applied to the sectors that breach their sectoral emission ceilings under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [58123/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the actions the Office of Public Works is taking to provide electric vehicle charging facilities in cases in which staff parking is provided for in buildings owned by the Office of Public Works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [58127/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has received correspondence from the National Lottery in connection with concerns expressed by the public in respect of the inordinate amount of time that the major prize has been carried over; if this is as a result of technical or other reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58172/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if concerns expressed by persons regarding the carryover of the top National Lottery prize for almost six-months warrants a review which might indicate if this is as a result of policy changes or technical issues such as hacking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58175/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount in unclaimed lotto prizes in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021; the duration of the contract and value of the contract of the independent auditor for the account in which these funds are held; the amount of interest that these funds generate; and the use that is made of accrued interest. — Catherine Murphy. [58223/21]

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

*229. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a museum, gallery or collections under her aegis or held by bodies funded by her Department hold artefacts or exhibits claimed by other nations; if so, if she will list these items; the locations in which they are held; and the nation that seeks their return. — Ivana Bacik. [58190/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding is available for essential improvement works (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [58248/21]

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

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a company (details supplied) that is leasing homes long-term to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [58195/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 362 of 28 September 2021, the status of the review of the position in relation to the filling of the post of the chief executive of Galway County Council on a permanent basis; when the review will be completed; the person or body that is carrying out the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [58061/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 364 of 28 September 2021, the status of the review by the Office of the Planning Regulator of Galway City Council; when the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [58062/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 363 of 28 September 2021, the local authorities that will be reviewed in 2022 by the Office of the Planning Regulator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [58063/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning applications submitted for each local authority area over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [58068/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the necessary resources to ensure that the Property Registration Authority of Ireland is fully resourced to carry out its duties in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [57811/21]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the new housing and assistance payments and rental accommodation scheme targets in each of the years 2022 to 2026. — Eoin Ó Broin. [58143/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost of fighting gorse and upland fires by local authority in each of the years since 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [58191/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a person can choose to enter into a mortgage to rent scheme through their local authority or through a subletting agreement through a private company. — Thomas Gould. [58196/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of long-term lease agreements entered into with a company (details supplied) by local authority in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [58198/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities report to him the number of long-term leases entered into each year; and if so, the overall number by local authority in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [58200/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the forward planning in place to prevent a future housing crisis given the recent uptake by local authorities of long-term leases; and if it is planned that local authorities will purchase these homes at the end of the leasing agreement. — Thomas Gould. [58201/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason his Department is sanctioning mortgage to rent leasing with a company (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [58202/21]

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

*244. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a passport application (details supplied) was with the passport office for 65 working days before it was checked; the reason the applicants' parents are now being informed it will be over five and half months to process this first-time application; if the passport will be returned as they require it for travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58056/21]

*245. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [58069/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason there is no provision within the Passport Office for persons with hearing difficulties or that are profoundly deaf to communicate by telephone (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [58082/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the passport application of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [58106/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the passport application of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [58107/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason an online adult passport renewal application by a person (details supplied) has been allocated an estimated issue date of 40 working days on the passport tracking service when it should be renewed within ten days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58116/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised at the European Union Foreign Affairs Council and at the United Nations the widespread concerns in relation to the military and security forces coup in Sudan and the resultant human rights issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [58230/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had recent contact with his counterparts in the Northern Ireland Executive and in the British Government in relation to the unacceptable proposal by the British Government to introduce a statute of limitations which would end all criminal investigations and prosecutions in relation to the perpetration of serious crimes during the era known as the Troubles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [57967/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*252. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Defence Forces are adequately resourced to deal with cyber-security issues in view of the dangers posed by cyber-criminals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [58222/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*253. To ask the Minister for Education the funding streams that are available for a programme (details supplied) to be able to buy a bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [58042/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on a school transport request (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [58092/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the position in relation to the type of sick leave which applies in a scenario (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [58100/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 117 of 3 November 2021, if there are plans in place for the provision of in-school teaching for children in ASD classes in mainstream schools in the event of school closures which may occur as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic; if such plans have been agreed to by all of the education partners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58121/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the planned timetable for the building of the new secondary school in Citywest, Dublin. — Paul Murphy. [58132/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to reduce capacity on school buses from 100% back to 50% in view of the rising number of Covid-19 cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [58142/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education if she has plans to address the problems faced by primary schools in securing temporary cover for teachers who may be unable to attend the classroom due to illness, close contacts to Covid-19 cases or for other reasons. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [58148/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education if the three school campuses in Buncrana, County Donegal would be suitable for an accelerated build programme in view of the long delay in securing a suitable site and the very urgent need to relocate pupils from schools (details supplied) in County Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [58149/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to issues in relation to the oversubscription in a school (details supplied) for the 2022-2023 term; if her Department is putting plans in place to provide additional accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [58154/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of one HEPA air filtration monitor. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [58155/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the number of classrooms across the State or if unavailable, the estimated number of same. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [58156/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Education the progress on a permanent school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [58192/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department her plans to install a modular building in a school (details supplied) for ASD classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [58218/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to provide a permanent structure in a school (details supplied) for ASD classes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [58219/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to increase the capacity of in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [58220/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Education the reason a person (details supplied) has been waiting a long time for an assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [58221/21]

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

*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the provision of funding he has made in the event that she is required to fund a full allowance of the pandemic unemployment payment in December 2021 and the first six months of 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [58133/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure the GRO office issue marriage paperwork to a couple (details supplied) without further delay. — Robert Troy. [58044/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the policy of her Department with regard to persons in receipt of the disability allowance whose payment is currently terminated if they study abroad; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [57676/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of discussions she has had on the issue of pensions for community employment scheme supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [55838/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons applying for assistance with energy costs under the exceptional needs payments' scheme by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [58020/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way the jobs of those currently employed by local employment service and job clubs will be safeguarded in view of the move towards a new model of local employment service delivery; the learnings that have been taken by her Department from RFT 1 in order to improve the new model of local employment and service delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [58060/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a working family payment will be reinstated immediately for a person (details supplied) based on the information provided to them by her Department. — John McGuinness. [58080/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment was open to applicants in circumstances in which the applicant was self-employed and lost their job due to the Covid-19 pandemic between 13 March 2020 and 7 July 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [58114/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the pandemic unemployment payment was open to applicants in circumstances in which the applicant was in receipt of the back to work enterprise allowance scheme and could not work due to the Covid-19 pandemic between 13 March 2020 and 7 July 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [58115/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if further medical evidence submitted with a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [58122/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has engaged with the Minister for Health and the Minister of Finance in respect of the reintroduction of the full pandemic unemployment payment in December 2021 and or the first quarter of 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [58134/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Christmas bonus will be paid to supplementary welfare recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [58151/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the degree to which the processing of various applications for social welfare payments continues to be in line with best possible waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58176/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the degree to which she and her Department continue to ensure the making of a basic payment to applicants of social welfare payments while the primary application is being processed in order to alleviate hardship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58177/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which waiting times for payments in respect of means-tested applications compare with contribution related payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58178/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the availability of exceptional needs payments in order to alleviate exceptional needs situations that have arisen in the context of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58179/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a facility can be found and arranged for expeditious oral hearings online or otherwise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58180/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the State pension (contributory) currently in hand and awaiting a decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58181/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of social welfare appeals being determined on a weekly basis; the number of appeals arising each week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58182/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the level of Covid-19 related payments has tapered off in recent weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58183/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which satisfactory provision has been made for those retiring at 65 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58184/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she and her Department have continued to monitor youth unemployment levels; the extent to which such levels have increased or otherwise in recent weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58185/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the number of applications for various social welfare payments has fluctuated over the past 12 months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58186/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she expects to be in a position to address the pensions issue for persons who have gaps in their contribution record for whatever reason with a view to ensuring the availability of a payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58187/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a list of the current average waiting times for the registration of the birth of a child in each county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [58208/21]

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

*294. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding streams that are available for a programme (details supplied) to be able to buy a bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [58043/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the six-month limit for eligibility for a payment from the mother and baby home redress scheme applies with respect to the date of an adoption order or the date of the child physically leaving the institution. — Pa Daly. [58077/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Irish citizens whose parents were also Irish citizens, that spent time in a mother and baby or county home institution in Northern Ireland (details supplied) for a significant period of time will be eligible for support under the mother and baby home payment scheme and action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [58113/21]

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

*297. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number and detail of all completed, ongoing and planned projects under the higher education strategic infrastructure fund; the level of co-financing being provided through the fund; the total cost of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [58087/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the higher education strategic infrastructure fund is exclusively for traditional universities with independent borrowing power therefore excluding technological universities and institutes of technology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [58088/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total available funding under the higher education strategic infrastructure fund; the criteria used for allocating funding under the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [58089/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the plans in place to ensure that third-level institutions are prepared and capable of providing alternative assessments for students that are deemed medically vulnerable and cannot attend on-site exams, students that are living with a medically vulnerable family member and cannot attend on-site exams and students that are required to restrict their movements as close contacts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [58093/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 164 and 165 of 17 November 2021, if the final proposal referred to in his answer will be published; and when this criterion was adopted by Solas. — Paul Murphy. [58131/21]

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

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice the next steps for a national roll-out of the Community Safety Innovation Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55552/21]

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

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will reply to correspondence from this Deputy dated 13 October and 4 November 2021. — Thomas Pringle. [58076/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will request statistical information from the Garda Commissioner on the number of instances of spiking that have taken place to date in 2021; if she will request the views of the Commissioner in this regard; if such spiking took place in the form of an injection into the body of a third-party by syringe; the number of reports that have been made of the spiking of drinks to An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [58098/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of all drug and alcohol treatment services available to prisoners in each prison in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [58144/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Justice the way drug and alcohol treatment services were provided in each prison in 2021, for example in-person, by video or by telephone; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [58145/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who availed of each drug and alcohol service provided in each prison in 2020 and to date in 2021; the range of the shortest and longest of waiting list times for accessing each service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [58146/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of all harm reduction interventions for example, naloxone distribution and needle exchange available in each prison; the number of persons who availed of each intervention in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [58147/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Justice the action being taken to combat crime levels as the festive season approaches; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58159/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of promotional positions awaiting to be filled within An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58160/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Justice the degree to which the strength of criminal gangs continues to be monitored; if a noticeable change as to the degree of their activity has been seen; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58161/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which juvenile liaison officers have been allocated to each Garda district throughout the country; the ongoing plans in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58163/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which investment in rehabilitative training within the prison system continues to be made available to first-time offenders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58164/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which racism and hate speech or hate mail continues to be targeted as an offence in need of urgent attention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58166/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which repeat offenders are being granted bail including those who are members of organised criminal gangs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58167/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which recidivism is evident in the context of various levels of offences; the groups most seriously affected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58168/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí available throughout County Kildare and the country in general to respond to any needs of the general public or emergencies arising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58169/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of usable cells in each prison and overall across the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [58189/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Justice if each call to a Garda station is logged; if not, the reason therefor and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [58231/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ICU beds in Ireland in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [58046/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the number of neurology nurse specialists working in the Mater Misericordiae Hospital; the difference in number between this number and the national and internationally recognised neurology standards; his plans to increase the neurology nurse workforce in the hospital; and when this will take place. — Duncan Smith. [58058/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the specific workforce planning that has taken place for the establishment of the new national trauma centre in the Mater Hospital; the additional recruitment that will take place; the grades for which recruitment will take place; and when this will take place. — Duncan Smith. [58059/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment in University Hospital Kerry. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58065/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the way and the place all information reported to his Department related to the operation of abortion, including incidents of adverse events, is being collated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [58066/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons over 18 years of age who are awaiting first-time intervention for occupational therapy, speech and language therapy, physiotherapy and psychotherapy in CHO8, by individual area in tabular form; and the length of time they are awaiting intervention. — Sean Sherlock. [58070/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged zero to 18 in each CHO by individual area, awaiting first-time intervention in all areas of early intervention; the number on the public list; the number on the CDNT list in each CHO in tabular form; and the length of time they are awaiting intervention by age. — Sean Sherlock. [58071/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who have completed assessment, intervention and completed therapies by age in each CHO in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [58072/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance call-outs in 2021 to date; and the average time these ambulances took to the Great Island of Cobh in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [58073/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances that left the county bounds of Cork in 2021; the distance travelled on those calls; the reasons for the calls taking the ambulance outside the county; and the number of paramedics who have to take additional leave due to such calls in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [58074/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which his officials last met formally with members of an association (details supplied); the actions agreed at the meeting; if he will provide an update on plans by his Department to agree a framework within which a potential revised dental treatment services scheme may be agreed with dental service providers; his views on whether an independent chair should be appointed to facilitate discussions between the relevant parties; if he will establish a timeframe for progress on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [58078/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a group (details supplied); his plans to meet with the group; the current actions being taken to lessen the waiting times for children awaiting surgery for spina bifida; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [58079/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applications for births, deaths and marriages that are currently waiting to be processed in County Wicklow; the average waiting time for applications to be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [58081/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days per week a radiology service is available at Donegal Community Hospital; if there are plans to increase capacity in this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [58083/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for surgery will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58094/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the number of instances of spiking of either physical spiking of a person, perhaps through syringe into a part of the body, or of spiking of a drink that have resulted in presentations at emergency departments in hospitals by hospital in tabular form; and

the presenting symptoms of the patients to emergency departments in this regard. — John Lahart. [58096/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health when there will be a full return of adult disability day services in an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [58104/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be approved under the dental treatment scheme for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [58112/21]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health the meaning of the words, requires attention at the boarding gate, and highlighted with an asterix on a passenger locator form; his views on whether the passenger is entitled to know the meaning of these words; if he will clarify this issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [58119/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the policy and practice in respect of home help and homecare workers who are not vaccinated: if clients who do not wish to have unvaccinated workers in their home and providing personal care are facilitated with alternative staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58124/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements for the provision of Covid-19 booster vaccinations to those who have received a vaccination (details supplied) in respect of the advice for these to be provided after three months of their original vaccine; the location in which these vaccinations will take place; if persons will need to register or if they will be contacted directly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58125/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the latest data in respect of persons who do not show up for appointments for Covid-19 boosters by cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58126/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the members of the climate change oversight group established in his Department; the number of times the group has met since establishment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [58128/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to prioritise groups (details supplied) for vaccine booster shots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [58129/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if patients who are in hospital and who are unable to leave hospital to go to a vaccination centre are being offered the Covid-19 vaccine in the hospital. — Paul Murphy. [58130/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter raised in Seanad Éireann on 10 November 2021 by persons (details supplied) regarding travel for the termination of pregnancy as an emergency medical service; if he has consulted with the relevant officials on the matter; if he will make changes to the relevant instruments with regard to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [58135/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health when additional capacity will be provided at a hospital (details supplied) in view of the long waiting lists for assessment and surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [58150/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health if the funding will be approved to alleviate the waiting lists at Temple Street and Crumlin Children's Hospitals as per the request by Children's Health Ireland; if so, the timeline for a decision in relation to this funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [58152/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider introducing measures to support women with the financial cost of hormone replacement therapy as a treatment for severe symptoms of the menopause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [58153/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the application by Children's Health Ireland for funding to increase capacity in Crumlin and Temple Street Hospitals; the timescale for a decision on this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58194/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of the current average waiting times to obtain a first-time birth certificate for of a child in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [58209/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health the nature of the contractual relationship between organisations (details supplied) and the HSE. — Sean Sherlock. [58210/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a development proposal by the National Orthopaedic Hospital, Cappagh for greatly expanded paediatric services which are estimated could be provided within a year in view of the excessively long children's waiting lists for surgery; if he will give urgent consideration to this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58211/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the advice for persons in each of the priority cohorts for Covid-19 boosters regarding the way they can access the vaccines; the details in respect of the pharmacies that can provide same; and the way vaccines can be accessed given official advice does not refer to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58212/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the cost to the HSE of completing an assessment of needs privately; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [58213/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assessment of needs completed privately by the HSE in each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by CHO in tabular form. — Mark Ward. [58214/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide an information campaign for migrants in respect of the Covid-19 vaccine in view of the high numbers who have not taken the vaccine to date; the other targeted actions which he will take in this respect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58215/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who have been discharged from the Meath disability team during the transition to child development networks without having received treatment; if the decision was made to remove some children from lists for example, psychology, occupational therapy and speech and language therapy on the basis that they had not been in receipt

of an intervention; the number of cases in which this occurred; the clinical basis for these decisions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [58217/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the State's progress in respect of its targets and goals set out in Sustainable Development Goal 3 of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development; if these targets and goals will to be met by their respective deadlines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58224/21]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the impact of Covid-19 on the targets and goals set out in Sustainable Development Goal 3 of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development; the steps that have been taken to mitigate against the impact of Covid-19 on Sustainable Development Goal 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58226/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has engaged with other countries in respect of Sustainable Development Goal 3 of the 2030 United Nations Agenda for Sustainable Development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58228/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the investment by the HSE through its service level agreement with a service (details supplied) for community healthcare services in CHO5 in each of the years 2017 to 2021 inclusive. — Martin Browne. [58237/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the investment by the HSE through its service level agreement with a service (details supplied) for community healthcare services in CHO3 in each of the years 2017 to 2021 inclusive. — Martin Browne. [58238/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary healthcare centres in CHO3 and CH 5 in each of years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [58239/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary healthcare centre staff employed in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, on a whole-time equivalent basis in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [58240/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that have accessed day-disability services in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021 in CHO3 and CHO5 in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [58241/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the number of services (details supplied) and locations that were operational across CHO5 in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [58242/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the number of services (details supplied) and locations that were operational across CHO3 in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [58243/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent professionals that have been working in mental health services in CHO3 and CHO5 in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [58244/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners contracted in a service (details supplied) in CHO5 in each of the years 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [58245/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the waiting list for paediatric orthopaedic care (details supplied); and the solution offered by his Department to rapidly tackle the crisis in providing paediatric care. — Paul Murphy. [58246/21]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health if the roll-out will be expedited of an enhanced media campaign and or public health messaging in respect of ventilation as a mitigation measure for Covid-19. — Catherine Murphy. [58247/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to classifying Covid-19 as a long-term medical condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [58250/21]

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

*374. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the amendments that have been made to the proposed bill to prohibit fur farming (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58064/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if snails that are used in snail farming in Ireland are classed as an animal (details supplied); if so, the reason they cannot be classed as shellfish as in other European Union countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58091/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated number of applicants for the new European Association of Guarantee Institutions who will afforest a part of their farm under the next CAP based on the GLAS and REAP schemes in the current CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [58157/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to five requests by an association (details supplied) to save Irish forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [58188/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he regards the GLAS as having been proven to complement his Department's afforestation scheme; if he will provide the metrics in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [58234/21]

*379. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the assistant secretary of his Department with responsibility for GLAS is also responsible for afforestation and forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [58235/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if afforestation and forestry is regarded as an agricultural activity in the current common agricultural policy; and if it will be regarded as same in the next CAP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [58236/21]