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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55836/21]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Alan Kelly. [57205/21]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57556/21]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Paul Murphy. [57559/21]
5. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Brendan Smith. [57728/21]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Mick Barry. [58667/21]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department on the development of the Well-being Framework. — Aindrias Moynihan. [57353/21]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public conversation on the Well-being Framework for Ireland. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57557/21]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public conversation on the Well-being Framework for Ireland. — Paul Murphy. [57560/21]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress made on the Economic Recovery Plan published by his Department in May 2021. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57558/21]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress made on the Economic Recovery Plan published by his Department in May 2021. — Paul Murphy. [57561/21]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress made on the Economic Recovery plan published by his Department in May 2021. — Mary Lou McDonald. [58384/21]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public conversation on the Well-being Framework for Ireland. — Cian O’Callaghan. [58661/21]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public conversation on the Well-being Framework for Ireland. — Alan Kelly. [58859/21]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress made on the Economic Recovery Plan published by his Department in May 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [58862/21]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public conversation on the Well-being Framework for Ireland. — Mick Barry. [59073/21]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress made on the Economic Recovery Plan published by his Department in May 2021. — Mick Barry. [59074/21]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department on the development of the Well-being Framework. — Gary Gannon. [59099/21]

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

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met. — Cian O’Callaghan. [58321/21]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [58385/21]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [58591/21]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [58593/21]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [59075/21]

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

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [58592/21]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [58594/21]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality last met. — Alan Kelly. [58858/21]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [58863/21]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on recent discussions with the President of the United States. — Brendan Smith. [57662/21]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on his recent meeting with the President of the United States. — Seán Haughey. [57663/21]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the British-Irish Council. — Mary Lou McDonald. [58383/21]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent exchange with the UK Prime Minister. — Neale Richmond. [58576/21]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit will next meet. — Neale Richmond. [58578/21]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [58549/21]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue co-ordination unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [58550/21]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress of the Strategy Statement 2021 - 2023 of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [58551/21]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*38. To ask the Taoiseach the level of peat produced in Ireland from 2016 to 2021; and the level of peat exported from Ireland from 2016 to 2021, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [59175/21]

*39. To ask the Taoiseach the level of peat imported into Ireland from 2016 to 2021, by country in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [59176/21]

*40. To ask the Taoiseach the reason for the fees to counsel in the budget of the Office of the Chief State Solicitor; and the breakdown of the fees to counsel in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [59299/21]

*41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his plans for Seanad reform. — Alan Kelly. [58861/21]

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

*42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a work permit application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [59267/21]

*43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department will expedite a decision on an application for a work permit by a person (details supplied) given the exceptional circumstances of the person concerned. — Peadar Tóibín. [59296/21]

*44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if barbers will be added to the list of occupations eligible to apply for employment permits given the difficulty to fill vacancies in the profession; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59339/21]

*45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if discretionary consideration will be given to applicants of professions not on the list of occupations eligible to apply for employment permits once the prospective employer demonstrates they have exhausted all avenues available to fill the job vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59340/21]

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason for the slow issuing of work permits for the hospitality sector seeking workers from abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [59417/21]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the new measures he will now introduce given reports (details supplied) to support the play and leisure industry which includes all indoor activity centres such as play centres, bowling alleys and so on that have experienced an overnight devastating cancellation of bookings; the assurances that he can give to help maintain viability in the industry as it attempts to trade through the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [59489/21]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures he will now take to maintain and extend support measures which are currently operational given the reports (details supplied) to support the play and leisure industry which includes all indoor activity centres such as play centres, bowling alleys and other activities that have experienced an overnight devastating cancellation of bookings; the assurances that he can give to help maintain viability in the industry as it attempts to trade through the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [59490/21]

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

*49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline for the implementation of a microgeneration scheme recently announced by him and due to be facilitated from January 2022 onwards; the details of the way the microgeneration scheme will be installed in three phases; the timeline for each phase; the rationale for implementing this in three phases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [59150/21]

*50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the long-term financial stability of each company in the consortium was assessed and or future-proofed with due diligence forecast assessed in the course of awarding the NBP contract (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [59167/21]

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied that the companies that form part of the NBP consortium will be able to provide services for the duration of the 25-year contract in the context of the NBP (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [59168/21]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason County Clare, which has a high dependency on the coal-burning ESB power station at Moneypoint has

been excluded from Just Transition supports: if he plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [59187/21]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes and business premises that have benefited from high speed fibre connection across County Meath since NBI started its contract; and the length of time it will take the remaining homes and businesses to be connected in the time ahead. — Peadar Tóibín. [59302/21]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes and business premises that have benefited from high speed fibre connection across County Cavan since NBI started its contract; and the length of time it will take the remaining homes and businesses to be connected in the time ahead. — Peadar Tóibín. [59303/21]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes and business premises that have benefited from high speed fibre connection across County Wexford since NBI started its contract; and the length of time it will take the remaining homes and businesses to be connected in the time ahead. — Peadar Tóibín. [59304/21]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of community-led renewable energy projects operational in the country; the number which come under any other State-backed scheme broken down by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [59395/21]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement he has had with National Broadband Ireland with regard to the roll-out of high speed fibre broadband in County Cork, including the off-shore islands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [59396/21]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Irish Water continues to meet its obligations under the Water Services (No. 2) Act 2013 given the fact that the dedicated team dealing with public representatives varyingly require permissions from the entity on whose behalf the enquiry is being made pursuant to GDPR legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59411/21]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the SEAI National Energy Research Development and Demonstration Funding Programme will be awarded. — Paul McAuliffe. [59486/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is planned to develop a strategy in consultation with the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine that will detail the port facilities that will be required to service the targeted offshore energy production outlined in the climate action plan; if State grants or grants under Ten-T will be used to part finance these developments; if State aid issues are likely to arise; and the dates by which this infrastructure will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59371/21]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the provision of sheltered bus stops for Belgooly and Riverstick, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [59398/21]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that will be implemented to assist businesses that are severely impacted due to supply chain issues, shipping delays resulting in the late arrival of freight, causing disruption to manufacturing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [59139/21]

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason Greystones, Skerries, Balbriggan, Kilcock, Sallins, and Kilcoole Dart stations are not included in the reduced rail fair recently announced by Transport for Ireland; if he will advocate for the inclusion of these stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [59147/21]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport if a memorandum for observations has yet been circulated to other Departments; if not, when it will be circulated; the Departments to which it will be circulated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59261/21]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport the public transport projects aside from the purchase of new buses, firmly committed to in the NDP, either partially or wholly located in, the province of Connacht; the estimated total cost of these projects; the total population of Connacht; the estimated spend per capita; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59262/21]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve the rail connectivity of Longford town with Dublin city by the provision of a dual rail line; if feasibility studies have been carried out on this project to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [59273/21]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport when the next round of funding will be announced for Greenways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [59281/21]

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport if a decision has been reached in relation to the funding application submitted for an environmental impact study for the East Coast Greenway project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [59282/21]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive an appointment at the National Driver Licencing Service centre in Ennis to renew their driving licence given its expiry date is early December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [59310/21]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the process by which persons who do not use the internet and who are isolating due to high risk to Covid-19 can apply for a driving licence through the use of phone and post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [59311/21]

*71. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of air traffic control staff that are out of work due to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [59320/21]

*72. To ask the Minister for Transport the lowest number of air traffic control staff required to operate safely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [59321/21]

*73. To ask the Minister for Transport the contingency plans if the number of air traffic control staff available falls below the threshold of safe operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [59322/21]

*74. To ask the Minister for Transport if Galway Port is eligible for either State grants or Ten-T grants to develop the harbour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59372/21]

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide additional funding for the design of a 24-hour north south and east west bus route to be included in the draft BusConnects plan for Cork ahead of the expiry deadline for public consultation. — Duncan Smith. [59414/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance the efforts he and his Department have taken to lower insurance premiums or for insurance firms to honour their pledge to reduce premiums. — Peadar Tóibín. [59173/21]

*77. To ask the Minister for Finance the level of profit from the insurance sector; the average insurance premium per type of insurance; and the level of payouts for insurance claims from 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [59174/21]

*78. To ask the Minister for Finance if capital gains tax applies on the sale of a family home in Ireland in circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [59408/21]

*79. To ask the Minister for Finance the new measures he will now introduce given reports (details supplied) to support the play and leisure industry which includes all indoor activity centres such as play centres, bowling alleys and other activities that have experienced an overnight devastating cancellation of bookings; the assurances that he can give to help maintain viability in the industry as it attempts to trade through the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [59487/21]

*80. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures he will now take to maintain and extend support measures which are currently operational given the reports (details supplied) to support the play and leisure industry which includes all indoor activity centres such as play centres, bowling alleys and other activities that have experienced an overnight devastating cancellation of bookings; the assurances that he can give to help maintain viability in the industry as it attempts to trade through the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [59488/21]

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

*81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to instances in which premiums (details supplied) for having contracted Covid-19 in the workplace were not paid to HSE staff; and if this has affected their basic pay and pension contributions. — Máiréad Farrell. [59164/21]

*82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the appeal process in regard to the application and implementation of the Sick Pay Policy S.I No. 124/2014 and SI 384/2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [59280/21]

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

*83. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 260 of 23 November 2021, if a person can qualify for a late application under the events sector covid support scheme, given that Phase 2 was open from 7 October 2021 to 21 October 2021 and was not closed on 31 August 2021 as stated in the previous response, given that this person narrowly missed the deadline as he was not aware of the second phase of the scheme opening and given the widespread cancellation of events in the past two weeks due to rising Covid-19 cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [59308/21]

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

*84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Ballincollig fire station, Cork is currently closed; if Cork City Council has sought additional funding to reopen the station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [59189/21]

*85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated cost of running Ballincollig fire station annually. — Thomas Gould. [59190/21]

*86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average cost of running a fire station annually. — Thomas Gould. [59191/21]

*87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the remedy open to ensure compliance with environmental regulations relating to water quality in which a farmer is not in receipt of CAP payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59285/21]

*88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the options for development of the proposed narrow water bridge between counties Louth and Down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [59317/21]

*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter in relation to a site in Kilmacow, County Kilkenny (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [59145/21]

*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 372 of 17 November 2020, the actions taken to date, the interim outcomes, the recommendations made and the final decision in relation to income eligibility for social housing supports in each local authority area. — Sorca Clarke. [59209/21]

*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Land Development Agency development of St. Kevin's Site in Shanakiel, Cork. — Thomas Gould. [59277/21]

*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the last date he undertook engagement with the Land Development Agency in relation to St. Kevin's Site in Shanakiel, Cork. — Thomas Gould. [59278/21]

*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social houses built in Ireland to date in 2021, by county in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [59297/21]

*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of projected social housing builds by the end of 2021, by county in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [59298/21]

*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has requested Suite C reports in respect of the application submitted by Clare County Council for a defective concrete block redress scheme in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [59323/21]

*96. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects to approve a defective concrete block remediation scheme for County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [59324/21]

*97. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an overview of additional information requests his Department officials have made to Clare County Council in respect of their application for a redress scheme for homes in County Clare constructed with defective concrete blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [59325/21]

*98. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the system for reimbursement of public representation allowances and expenses for councillors; if it is to be paid and claimed in the same way as the parliamentary standard allowance for members of the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if not, if it is to be made available by local authorities to be drawn down on an annual, monthly or quarterly basis. — Emer Higgins. [59393/21]

*99. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the necessary funding will be put in place to carry out the necessary works to comply with regulations in view of the EPA report that raised concerns regarding Kilgarvan and 11 other towns and villages in County Kerry in which wastewater treatment must improve to help protect freshwater pearl mussels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [59406/21]

*100. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he will now take to maintain and extend support measures which are currently operational by his Department given reports (details supplied) to support the play and leisure industry which includes all indoor activity centres such as play centres, bowling alleys and other activities that have experienced an overnight devastating cancellation of bookings; the assurances that he can give to help maintain viability in the industry as it attempts to trade through the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [59491/21]

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

*101. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport which was dispatched but not received by the applicant (details supplied); if the Passport Office will issue a new passport based on the information that had been provided and the fee already paid; if the Passport Office will issue a full refund in this case; if a full investigation will be carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [59143/21]

*102. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason a person (details supplied) has not received a refund for their passport application as stated in an email; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [59154/21]

*103. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo on time for their travel plans. — Michael Ring. [59260/21]

*104. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will introduce a resolution at the Human Rights Council addressing human rights violations in Bahrain; and if not, the reason therefor.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59274/21]

*105. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged with his equivalent in Bahrain in respect of matters concerning human rights violations (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [59279/21]

*106. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress that has been made during this parliamentary term on the commitment in the Good Friday Agreement to establish a bill of rights for citizens in Northern Ireland. — Patrick Costello. [59309/21]

*107. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of countries that have applied to join the European Union; the present status of their applications; the position being adapted by this country to these applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59389/21]

*108. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason it took the Passport Office 65 working days after the receipt of a passport application from a person (details supplied) to request additional documentation; if this passport will be dispatched in time for travel on 23 December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [59413/21]

*109. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport for a child (details supplied) will be dispatched in view of the fact that they are due to travel on 2 December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [59494/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*110. To ask the Minister for Defence the policy of his Department in relation to the European Union policy to grow the armaments industry across the European Union in view of Ireland's traditional view of this industry and the destruction, suffering and poverty it causes worldwide and particularly in poorer countries; the reason that he spoke at and attended an online event recently that had as its aims networking in relation to promoting the new European Union funding and technology supports for the defence and security research, innovation, development and manufacturing ecosystem in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59387/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*111. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there are no special educational needs organisers (SENO) covering south County Tipperary (details supplied); when will the National Council for Special Education appoint a dedicated SENO for south County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [59163/21]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education the status of building works taking place on a site for a school (details supplied); the projected timeline for completion of the school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [59165/21]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education her advice on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the wearing of masks in primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59186/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education if she will introduce a full trace and track procedure in place for schools in order to assist with the mitigation of Covid-19 spread in the schools system; and if she has considered advising that primary schools reintroduce a pod system for pupils in class. — Catherine Murphy. [59257/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for Education the process that will be followed in reviewing the DEIS programme; if there will be a public consultation before consultants are appointed to carry out the review; when the review will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59272/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for Education if she and her officials will examine the case of a person (details supplied) for Covid-19 leave; and if she will intervene on their behalf. — Cathal Crowe. [59295/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for Education the funding streams available for the running of primary schools; the dates in which these funds are forwarded to individual schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [59326/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for Education if she is considering providing access to either funding or a procurement scheme for the purchase of HEPA filters for classrooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59333/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the wearing of Covid-19-related masks is having a significantly adverse impact on the ability of deaf and hard of hearing children to lip-read and that such masking further prolongs speech development delay and social isolation; the measures she is taking to address this within education settings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [59402/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a lack of secondary school places in the Glanmire area of Cork. — Thomas Gould. [59410/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that parents are expressing concerns in relation to the mental health impact that the wearing of masks will have on children and the future impact it will have on society (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [59416/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the heating issue currently facing schools by providing air filtration for schools given windows are being left open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [59512/21]

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

*123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the gender recognition certificate; if there is a timeframe for when persons aged 16 years of age and above can obtain the certificate with family support without requiring a reference from a general practitioner and a consultant psychiatrist; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [59192/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the entitlements available for a person who has class S self-employment contributions who is medically certified as currently unavailable for work due to a work related injury; the entitlements under the social welfare code for this person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [59293/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if INTREO front and back office set-ups established in response to Covid-19 have been reviewed; if she will advise on when front and back office set-ups will return to normal office set-ups following the lifting of certain public health guidelines particularly in consideration of the impact that prolonged front-back INTREO office set-ups may have on client-facing services and securing appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59344/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is flexibility in which a person (details supplied) has the required number of PRSI contributions but not at the necessary class for the invalidity pension given that through no fault of their own they had paid a WOPS stamp during their early years at work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59366/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing time of paternity benefit applications since being introduced. — Sorca Clarke. [59368/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if it is obligatory for persons in receipt of social welfare payments including job seeker's benefit to have a valid public services card issued by her Department; the reason for this rule; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59382/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will agree to reinstate an invalidity pension to a person (details supplied) in view of the changed circumstance involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59412/21]

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

*130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a number of childcare facilities that have closed down in County Wicklow due to reduced numbers attending pre-school; the efforts he is taking to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [59148/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there have been developments, additional supports or funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) following the publication of a report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [59155/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the name and professional position that is, secretary general, principal officer and so on, of those members of the interdepartmental committee involved in the preparation of the Mother and Baby Home redress package; the basis of the exclusion of children less than six months in such institutions; if any form of acknowledgment, State apology and redress will be offered to the boarded out children; if he plans to make a statement on the plight of such former children who are now elderly survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [59166/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to increase core funding for family resource centres; if funding can be increased by a centre (details supplied) in County Galway to allow it to recruit a third-staff member given the complex needs of the local community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [59404/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department holds responsibility for the daily expenses allowance. — Gary Gannon. [59513/21]

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

*135. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if it is planned to introduce health regulations in relation to the holding of in-person third-level examinations between the end of November and Christmas 2021 in view of the risk that they might become super-spreader events and cause Covid-19 to be reintroduced by students returning home for Christmas to households throughout the country including parents, vulnerable family members and grandparents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59380/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a project (details supplied) and the fact that an arts programme is now at risk with the recruitment process happening for a new manager and community education facilitator for the centre with no mention of the arts programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [59495/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason the job description for the community education facilitator position to manage a centre (details supplied) was advertised without mention of one of the central parts of that person's and the centre's work, namely the performing arts programme including the theatre; and the reason no mention was made of the need for it being desirable for an applicant for the post to have appropriate skills in the arts. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [59497/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason a job description for the community education facilitator position to manage a centre (details supplied) was advertised without taking into account one of the key aspects of the region, the adjacent Gaeltacht region and therefore the need for an applicant for the position to have proficiency in Gaelge to enable them to communicate with and deliver for the Gaeltacht community. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [59499/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Bord Oideachais agus Oiliúna Chiarraí has advertised for a manager and facilitator for a centre (details supplied) without specifying that the person appointed would have any responsibility for ensuring an arts programme is provided as set down when the funding of his Department was used to restore the old school in 2006, including the

provision of a 99-seat theatre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [59501/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason the advertisement for a manager and community education facilitator for a centre (details supplied) left ealaíona pobail nó as Béarla community arts out of the title of the centre; if it was, deliberate as a sign of what is to come; if not, if it was in error; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [59503/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons that achieved a QQI level 5 qualification, or higher in childcare or early childhood education and care or montessori in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Jennifer Whitmore. [59140/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the practice of third-level institutions passing on student debt arising from unpaid fees to debt collectors; if he will introduce regulations to prevent the practice and to prevent the selling on of such debt to third-parties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [59213/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the efforts being made by his Department to increase the number of apprenticeship places in higher education institutes to allow persons in an apprenticeship to complete their off-the-job college training and development in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [59276/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 135 of 24 November 2021, the time duration of the each Nearly Zero Energy Building Standard (NZEB) course (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59334/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 297, 298, 299 of 25 November 2021, the overall cost of the extension to the central campus EO1 project at Sligo IT; and if it is contained in the Investment Programme Tracker October 2021 which was released as part of the NDP launch; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59335/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Higher Education Strategic Infrastructure Fund has concluded or if additional calls will be made in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59336/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding allocated and spent under the Infrastructure Upgrade and Refurbishment Programme; the details of each project in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59337/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding allocated and spent under the Energy Efficiency and Decarbonisation Pathfinder Programme; the details of each project in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59338/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the anticipated capital expenditure for higher education and the capital project expenditure to date; the anticipated capital project investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59341/21]

*150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he remains committed to the Project Ireland 2040 commitment of Exchequer investment of €2.2 billion in Ireland's higher education infrastructure over the period to 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59342/21]

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

*151. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of overall asylum spaces that have been granted to refugees in Ireland in each of the years from 2015 to date; the average length of time the asylum application takes; and the breakdown of country of origin for successful applications on a yearly basis for the time period specified. — Patrick Costello. [59170/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for Justice when she will review the actions committed to within her Department's implementation plan for the Review of Protections for Vulnerable Witnesses in the Investigation and Prosecution of Sexual Offences; and if she plans to publish a bi-annual progress report of the plan. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59144/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to introduce legislation that will provide for an enhanced and more transparent process in respect of the way in which criminal defence solicitors are selected. — Catherine Murphy. [59263/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of liquor licences for pubs and restaurants revoked or not renewed for breach of Covid-19 guidelines in 2020 and to date in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [59300/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí currently employed by the State by county in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [59301/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 274 of 23 November 2021, if the report has been completed; and if so, if it will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [59319/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for Justice when she plans to sign the commencement order in relation to the extension of the time period to three years for clinical negligence actions which is provided for in the Legal Services Regulation Act 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59386/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of stamp 4 in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [59399/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for Justice his plans to raise the retirement age for gardaí from 60; if she has had discussions with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [59403/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department's regularisation scheme will be delivered by the end of 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [59405/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for Justice if Irish citizens in receipt of disability allowance are required to provide evidence of cumulative income of at least €40,000 over and above any State benefits in the three years prior to sponsoring a visa application for a non-EEA national spouse. — Ivana Bacik. [59493/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*162. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on plans to establish a Special Joint Oireachtas Committee on international surrogacy; when she expects this Committee to commence its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59367/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health when his attention was drawn by NPHET to the fact that it was proposing to make mask-wearing for children in schools and other settings a recommendation; his response to this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [59401/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that that non-Irish citizens living in the State that were vaccinated in the North are excluded from applying for an EU Digital Covid Certificate when they do not hold an Irish passport; his plans to change this anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [59141/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health if he received a submission for a specialist centre for intestinal failure; if he plans to deliver a specialist centre at St James's Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [59142/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health when section 12, 13, 18 and 19 of the Public Health Alcohol Act 2018 will be enacted which includes labelling of alcohol products, content of advertisements, advertisements in publications and the broadcast watershed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [59151/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the strategy he is undertaking to ensure that migrant communities messaging in relation to Covid-19 vaccination is done in a culturally sensitive manner; the way that he is encouraging communities to take up the vaccine; when he plans to do same; the specific funding that is being applied to ensure this is the case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [59152/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health the available neurology services in St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin; the current number of neurology nurses in the hospital; the current list of vacancies in this service; the status of recruitment for vacancies; and if additional neurology nurses will be recruited to reach the international guidelines' recommendation of 22 neurology nurse specialists. — Jennifer Whitmore. [59153/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health the additional supports that will be put in place to ensure quick and local access to PCR testing given the level of additional needs of the service users of a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [59156/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health if the unavailability of PCR testing is attributable to supply shortages. — Peadar Kirby. [59157/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health if a timeline for Covid-19 booster jabs for each age group has been approved; and if so, the timeline for booster jabs. — Peadar Tóibín. [59158/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria for cancer patients to qualify for a medical card; and if there are plans to amend the criteria to expand eligibility for cancer patients. — Peadar Tóibín. [59159/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated level of staffing, funding and resources that would need to be mobilised to allow for PCR testing centres to operate on a 24-hour basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [59160/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the maximum testing capacity for PCR testing and antigen testing of the health service; and if there are plans to expand this capacity. — Peadar Tóibín. [59161/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to instances in which dentists are blanket refusing to see medical card patients; and the efforts his Department is undertaking to solve this problem. — Peadar Tóibín. [59162/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that pre-legislative scrutiny has been waived in relation to Covid-19 related legislation; the legislation for which this waiver was requested; and the reason for each requested waiver for pre-legislative scrutiny. — Peadar Tóibín. [59172/21]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health if the Health Research Board LINK system National drug Treatment Recording System is used by regional drugs and alcohol task forces to make decisions on funding; if this is a policy that is being driven by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [59181/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to merge the east coast regional drug and alcohol task force with another task force or to abolish it (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [59182/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health when confirmation of funding for 2022 will be given to drug and alcohol task forces; the criteria used for the funding recommendation and the allocation made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [59183/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health the differences between regional drugs and alcohol task forces, for example the way a service can be meeting all the criteria in one task force area and not in another; if the criteria used is the same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [59184/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to a centre (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [59185/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the number of persons who have been fully vaccinated but have subsequently been diagnosed with Covid-19 from June 2021 to date; the breakdown of the confirmed cases by the vaccine with which persons were inoculated with in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [59208/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the national maternity hospital.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59210/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to abortion law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59212/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether there is an urgent need to increase the number of neurology nurses in the State in order to bring the numbers up to international standards (details supplied); if he will provide funding for at least an additional 16 neurology nurses for Cork University Hospital as part of 100 additional neurology nurses across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [59214/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to put the infrastructure in place to administer a third dose of Covid-19 vaccines to all age groups following the advice of the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control on third doses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [59215/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty some elderly medical card holders are having receiving chiropodist care due to the additional cost on top of their medical card that they have to pay (details supplied); and if the scheme will be reviewed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [59258/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the number of PCR test appointments available to book for the past month given the current delays for people accessing PCR test appointments. — Paul Murphy. [59265/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 178 of 24 November 2021, if he has raised with HIQA the issue of the challenge facing health service providers including in particular disability services in reopening facilities given the difficulty in complying with HIQA standards particularly around staffing levels; his views on whether there are grounds for reconsidering these on an interim basis given that the alternative is a total denial of service which is causing severe difficulty in many individual service user cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [59266/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made with regard to the allocation of the €500,000 to address the crack cocaine crisis announced as part of Budget 2022; if not, when this decision will be made in order that community drugs projects that are struggling to maintain services will have clarity on available funding from 1 January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [59275/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the matter of funding for the Parkinson's Association and the need for specialist nurses to be put in place throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [59283/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a funding mechanism for healthcare assistants currently employed by the HSE for emergency medical technician courses run by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [59294/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeframe the substantive review of the dental treatment services scheme will take place; the immediate issues of concern; the measures taken to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [59313/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements he has had with an association (detail supplied) regarding the dental treatment services scheme; the content of these discussions, detailing any future planned engagements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [59314/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed expected timeframe in relation to the issuing of certificates for booster doses; if he will detail the technical specifications being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [59315/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting lists for paediatric orthopaedic care by CHO; the plans in place to tackle these extensive waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [59316/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to a query (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [59343/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds available in Galway University Hospital, Newcastle Road and Galway University Hospital, Merlin Park respectively; the number of these occupied at the latest record of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59373/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to reopening the Covid-19 testing centre in Athlone, County Westmeath to save persons from having to travel long distances for a Covid-19 test given the current difficulties for persons seeking a PCR test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59381/21]

*200. To ask the Minister for Health the studies that have been carried out in relation to the possible erosion of fundamental rights of assembly and protest for a wide variety of reasons and causes, including industrial disputes, funerals and other events by the introduction of the proposed The Safe Access to Termination of Pregnancy Services Bill 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59388/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Health if funding of €5.1 million will be provided annually to Cappagh Hospital in order that it can increase surgical activity by at least 400% and relieve significant pressure on orthopaedic paediatric waiting lists. — Alan Kelly. [59391/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the cancellation and no-show rates for PCR tests. — Emer Higgins. [59392/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make available the advice provided to government from NPHEH justifying its Covid-19 related proposal to have primary school age children wear a mask; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [59400/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that parents are expressing concerns in relation to the mental health impact the wearing of masks will have on children and the future impact it will have on society (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [59415/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health when payroll arrears dating back to 2016 will be paid to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry following an increase in pay grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59418/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health when the new 33 extra beds in St. Michael's unit in South Tipperary Hospital will be put in place. — Alan Kelly. [59483/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health the measures being considered in relation to current difficulties of those in need of homecare packages; the engagement he has had to date with the relevant stakeholders on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [59484/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the implementation of the new public health model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [59485/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health the status of operations at a respite facility (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [59492/21]

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

*210. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports available for rewilding and wilding of land; and the current level of take-up for these supports in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [59177/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts he has undertaken to reinstate the European Commission derogation for Ireland in relation to weigh fish once they have been transported to the factory. — Peadar Tóibín. [59178/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of fish caught in Irish waters from 2016 to 2021 by species of fish and by the nationality of fishing trawlers in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [59179/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the value of cross-Border agriculture trade in 2020 and 2021; and the measures being considered to boost cross-Border agricultural trade both to and from the North of Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [59180/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [59259/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific actions his Department is taking to support the fishing industry and ensure that they have adequate supply to sell to maintain their incomes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59268/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific actions his Department is taking to mitigate the negative impact of Brexit on the fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59269/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the proposed €66 million decommissioning scheme following Brexit's shrinking of Irish fishing quotas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59270/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific action his Department is taking to ensure that there is an adequate supply of fish in shops to support retail outlets and small businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59271/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the livestock schemes proposed in the CAP Strategic Plan that will require Bord Bia Quality Assurance membership; the ones that will not; the justification for inclusion and not inclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59284/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the remedy open to ensure compliance with environmental regulations relating to air quality in which a farmer is not in receipt of CAP payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59285/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the statutory instrument which facilitates his Department to imposing penalties on payments relating to Pillar 1 payments of the Common Agricultural Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59286/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Baccalauréat Professionnel level 4 on the European Qualifications Framework is recognised as fulfilling the need for a Green Certificate level 5 Quality and Qualifications Ireland in relation to requirements to participate in departmental schemes; the reason for such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59287/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of seed potato produced in the State; the amount imported to the State from Scotland by year in each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59288/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the increased resources provided to his Departments seed certification team in order to increase domestic capacity to produce seed potato in response to Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59289/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding allocated for young farmers under Pillar 1 of the CAP in each of the years 2016 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59290/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to resume convergence in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59291/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the allocation to offset the additional cost to farmers resulting from mandatory EID tagging of cattle is intended to fully or partially offset the cost for those farmers who do not reach the schemes cap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59292/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will give favourable consideration to the issues detailed in correspondence concerning the need to improve the conditions

of a Department scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [59312/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of forestry planting licences issued by his Department in 2021; the total number of hectares involved; the total number of planting licences issued in 2020; and the total number of hectares involved; the steps he will take to expedite the issuing of planting licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59383/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of forestry felling licences issued in 2021 by his Department; the total number of cubic metres involved; the total number of felling licences issued in 2020; and the number of cubic metres involved; the steps he will take to expedite the issuing of felling licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59384/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated number of cubic metres of raw timber imported for processing in sawmills in the State in 2020 and 2021, respectively; the jurisdictions the timber is coming from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59385/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the review by his Department of the 2011 and 2017 European Impact Assessment Regulations (Agriculture) and their implementation is internal or external in nature; if the terms of reference of same will be made available to the public; and current the timescales for this review. — Holly Cairns. [59394/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that are being taken to address the issues in his Department in dealing with forestry applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [59409/21]