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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress of the Strategy Statement 2021-2023 of his Department. — Alan Kelly. [60111/21]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress of his Department's Strategy Statement 2021-2023. — Cathal Crowe. [60574/21]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress of the Strategy Statement 2021-2023 of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [61415/21]
5. To ask the Taoiseach he will report on the progress of the Strategy Statement 2021-2023 of his Department. — Mick Barry. [61471/21]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress of the Strategy Statement 2021-2023. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61735/21]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government information service unit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59968/21]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service unit. — Cathal Crowe. [61363/21]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service unit. — Alan Kelly. [61497/21]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the newly-published Response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2021. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [60208/21]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the newly-published Response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2021. — Paul Murphy. [60211/21]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the newly published Response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2021. — Mick Barry. [61472/21]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the newly-published Response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2021. — Alan Kelly. [61499/21]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Government's Response to Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2021. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61495/21]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [60209/21]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Paul Murphy. [60212/21]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit in his Department. — Mick Barry. [61473/21]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the parliamentary liaison unit. — Alan Kelly. [61498/21]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent conversations with the First and Deputy First Ministers of Northern Ireland. — Neale Richmond. [60572/21]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meetings with leaders of the political parties in Northern Ireland. — Neale Richmond. [61418/21]

21. To ask the Taoiseach the recent engagement he has had with the First Minister and Deputy First Minister of Northern Ireland. — Seán Haughey. [61489/21]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination last met and will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61312/21]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the National Risk Assessment published by his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [61416/21]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the first year of the shared island initiative. — Neale Richmond. [61417/21]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to the new German Chancellor. — Seán Haughey. [61488/21]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on discussions with the CSO with regard to the 2022 Census. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [60670/21]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

27. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions he will take to reduce energy bills for households this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [61986/21]

28. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way the addition of 2GW of gas-fired power will affect Ireland's carbon emissions and reduction targets;

if the policy is driven by the needs of energy intensive industry, such data centres as suggested by the CEO of EirGrid in recent comments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61539/21]

29. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address the issues raised recently in articles (details supplied) in relation to the National Broadband Plan including National Broadband Ireland's corporate structure, financial arrangements, long-term viability and ability to deliver on the National Broadband Plan. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61987/21]

30. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the detail of the discussions he has had with the Just Transition Commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61989/21]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

31. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has had engagement with stakeholders including other Departments and energy suppliers regarding the cost of utility bills for consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61261/21]

32. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps being taken by his Department to ensure security of electricity supply this winter and beyond; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [61273/21]

33. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he considers non-fracked liquified natural gas to be a transition fuel to guarantee energy security during the transition to a decarbonised future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61549/21]

34. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a national retrofitting plan will be accompanied by additional supports in order to assist households with the cost of retrofitting their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61308/21]

35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the recently published Teagasc report on farm sustainability which found that greenhouse gas emissions from dairy farming rose in 2020 largely due to an increase in the average herd size; the way he plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61542/21]

36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position on a national retrofitting plan for households, particularly older housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61550/21]

37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration has been given to converting oil heating systems to eco-friendly biofuel HVO instead of kerosene and other fossil fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61338/21]

38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address the issues raised in articles (details supplied) in relation to the National Broadband Plan including National Broadband Ireland's corporate structure, financial arrangements, long-term viability and ability to deliver on the National Broadband Plan. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61546/21]

39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will expedite legislation to amend the Litter Pollution Act 1997 and the Waste Management Act 1996 to provide a lawful basis for local authorities to use CCTV to detect and prosecute illegal dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61339/21]

40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if local authorities will receive support in 2021 and 2022 to help fund anti-dumping initiatives. — Emer Higgins. [61307/21]

41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way he plans to respond to the recent EPA Report on Waste 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61540/21]

42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the report by an advisory body (details supplied) regarding the implementation gap between climate action policy and action. — Holly Cairns. [61537/21]

43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the owner or shareholders of National Broadband Ireland have the ability to sell the business and assets of National Broadband Ireland after or before full deployment of the network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [61547/21]

44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the discussions with key energy sector stakeholders which have taken place to date to try and reduce the very high current cost of energy utilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [61264/21]

45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the cost within the National Broadband Plan for the use of the infrastructure of Eir over the duration of the contract. — Brian Stanley. [61451/21]

46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the deposit return scheme will be in operation on-time; if glass will be included in the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [61425/21]

47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the involvement he or his Department has had in the development of planned legislation in relation to marine protected areas; his views on the progress of maritime planning in the absence of these protected areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61541/21]

48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to maximise the benefit from the supply chain opportunity for offshore wind in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61484/21]

49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to introduce legislation or other measures from an environmental protection perspective to improve

air and dust quality around quarries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61493/21]

50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the work undertaken by his Department in conjunction with other relevant bodies in enabling the use of CCTV to combat dumping particularly in environmentally sensitive areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [61490/21]

51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number or percentage of households and premises which have yet to receive high speed fibre power broadband; and if he will provide an update on the roll-out of broadband across the country. — Peadar Tóibín. [61414/21]

52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to support the development of at least 30GW of offshore wind energy in the long term; his plans to give greater certainty that there will be a potential route to market for this amount of offshore wind energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [61481/21]

53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to improve cybersecurity in the public sector in the aftermath of the cyber-attack on the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61430/21]

54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the safeguards that he will put in place to ensure that communities can access supports for community renewable energy projects and to avoid supporting developers attempting to develop projects through a back door; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61483/21]

55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated output of installed capacity of renewable energy available to the national grid by province; the steps he intends taking in ensuring that all areas of the country and their coastlines contribute equally to this national effort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61408/21]

56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he will take to reduce the level of single use disposable food containers and coffee cups in Ireland. — Steven Matthews. [61412/21]

57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will expedite the preparation of a national hydrogen strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [61422/21]

58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way he plans to roll-out district heating on a large scale; if legislative change will be required to achieve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [61423/21]

59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline for the publication of the finalised terms of reference for the Renewable Electricity Support Scheme (ORESS 1); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61485/21]

60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if natural gas will be considered as a transition fuel to help ensure energy security as part of the transition to a low carbon future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [61274/21]

61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that will be passed by National Broadband Ireland by 31 December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61145/21]

62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the Climate Action Fund and the inclusion of nature-based projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [61340/21]

63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will include a curb or ban on car idling in the new national clean air strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [61344/21]

64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of premises passed to date by the National Broadband Scheme; the number that had been predicted in the contract for the end of 2021; the steps he is taking to ensure the roll-out of the scheme is significantly accelerated in 2022; the estimated number to be passed by the end of 2022; the expected date for the completion of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61407/21]

65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will publish the annual transition statement for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [61470/21]

66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of connections that the National Broadband Plan has made in total; and the total projected connections by December 2022. — Brian Stanley. [61450/21]

67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to develop a hydrogen strategy for Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [61482/21]

68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the State is on track to meet the carbon reduction targets set out in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [61413/21]

69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will commission a full independent analysis of the feasibility and costs of developing the north-south interconnector via undergrounding technology. — Matt Carthy. [61475/21]

70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the implementation of the National Broadband Plan in an area (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [61428/21]

71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of premises connected in County Mayo as part of the National Broadband Plan; the efforts being undertaken to ramp-up the speed of the roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61492/21]

72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions being undertaken by his Department to address the scourge of illegal dumping. — Thomas Gould. [61429/21]

73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he expects the use of CCTV to be authorised to combat illegal dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [61263/21]

74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the National Broadband Plan will be rolled out across County Donegal by townland and yearly quarter; the number of premises connected under the plan to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61503/21]

75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount in the Climate Action Fund; if the recently announced reduction in the National Oil Reserves Agency levy will reduce projected revenues raised for the Fund; if so, the extent to which; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [61421/21]

76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current status of Ireland's first clean air strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61144/21]

77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way his Department will support persons with long-term incontinence with respect to the disposal of medical incontinence wear; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61536/21]

78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a progress update on the implementation of a new microgeneration scheme to enable selling of electricity back to the grid by domestic, public and private producers including farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [61342/21]

79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date in achieving emission reduction targets in line with the Programme for Government whilst at the same time protecting economic progress in the agri-food business or other sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61426/21]

80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures he will take to ensure that the targets set to be missed as documented in the Climate Change Advisory Council's review of the year will be met in particular the lack of a long term emissions reduction strategy, a failure to meet the target of a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions for 2020 and the delayed measures for transport and heating in the Climate Action plan 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [61469/21]

81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the role of advisors (details supplied) in the ownership structure of National Broadband Ireland and its role in the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61548/21]

82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the ownership structure of National Broadband Ireland and a company (details supplied) respectively with regard

to the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [61538/21]

83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding and equity committed to National Broadband Ireland and the National Broadband Plan by its investors; the corresponding funding and equity committed to the National Broadband Plan by the State to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61504/21]

84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the initiatives that his Department has delivered in order to tackle rubbish, illegal dumping and fly-tipping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61519/21]

85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has had discussions with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to staffing to tackle litter; if local authorities have adequate resources to tackle fly-tipping and illegal dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61518/21]

86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the impact that building up to seven new gas power stations will have on Ireland's ability to meet climate action targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [61343/21]

87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 33 of 4 November 2021, the status of the review of the security of energy supply of Ireland's electricity and gas systems; the timeline for the public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61486/21]

88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the development of the Celtic Interconnector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [61491/21]

89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan with specifics in relation to premises passed, connections made and if the 60,000 premises passed target for the end of January will be made. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61545/21]

90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement he has had with National Broadband Ireland and other relevant stakeholders to ensure that current delays to the roll-out will be resolved; the measures being considered to improve on the current projected delivery dates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [61452/21]

91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funds withdrawn or recouped from National Broadband Ireland – National Broadband Plan; and the resulting impact this may have on roll-out targets. — Matt Carthy. [61474/21]

92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if local authorities will receive support in 2021 and 2022 to help fund anti-dumping initiatives particularly regarding the Dublin mountains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61262/21]

93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he will take to ensure citizen engagement with offshore wind energy projects in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [61411/21]

94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which his Department continues to monitor the progress in the delivery of broadband in urban and rural areas throughout the country having particular regard to the increased reliance on electronic communications given the necessity to work from home; if he is satisfied that the progress to date is adequate; if he plans specific measures to accelerate the roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61427/21]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*95. To ask the Taoiseach the main policy achievements and initiatives undertaken by his Department during 2021; and his main priorities for 2022. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [62205/21]

*96. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 113 of 7 December 2021, if he will provide an additional schedule that sets out all energy costs associated with ICT hardware in his Department, that is, servers and so on in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [60948/21]

*97. To ask the Taoiseach the amount his Department spent on Covid-19-related advertising in the period from 1 January 2020 to 30 November 2021. — Michael McNamara. [60986/21]

*98. To ask the Taoiseach further to Parliamentary Question No. 133 of 30 November 2021, if peat transported from this State to Northern Ireland is included in export figures cited; and if so, the quantities of same for each of the years 2016 to 2020 and to date in 2021. — Matt Carthy. [61448/21]

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

*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will seek to have the Trips Waiver at the WTO lifted which will increase the production of generic Covid-19 vaccines and greatly improve access to Covid-19 vaccines to persons all across the developing world. — Seán Canney. [61670/21]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when a work permit will issue in the case of a person (details supplied) whose approval is urgent given the timeframe for their required skills for their employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61120/21]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the action his Department is taking to help businesses decarbonise and prepare for a greener future in particular for smaller and medium enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [61143/21]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the consultation with retired workers' organisations in relation to the Industrial Relations (Provisions in Respect of Pension Entitlements of Retired Workers) Bill 2021; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that to date retired workers have been excluded from the process of engagement between sponsoring employers of occupational pension schemes and trade unions when changes to a scheme are proposed even when retired workers will be adversely affected by those changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61228/21]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention or that of his officials has been drawn to formal notice of redundancies and or employment termination at a hotel (details supplied) in County Kildare; if so, the date the notice to his Department was received; the maximum time period permitted from the notice of redundancy to payment of statutory and enhanced packages to be paid; and if his attention has been further drawn to the situation in which staff surrendered State income support based on formal notice issuing to them. — Catherine Murphy. [61246/21]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will grant a work permit extension to workers who are temporarily laid off due to Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [61254/21]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has examined a report by an organisation (details supplied) with regard to policies acting as disincentives to work for moderate to lower paid employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61270/21]

*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a work permit for a person (details supplied) given the urgency outlined in correspondence from the nursing home that is experiencing staff shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [61431/21]

*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the pandemic unemployment payment is being restored to €350 level then should the employment wage subsidy scheme rates increase back to 4 tier rates of €350, €300, €203 and €151.50 to encourage employers to retain staff rather than laying them off; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61657/21]

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will ensure that computer equipment being used by a group (details supplied) which is due to close shortly can be repurposed within the local community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61692/21]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on whether retired persons who are members of occupational pension schemes should be granted access to the industrial relations machinery of the State in order that they are given a voice in industrial relations processes with regard to matters affecting occupational pensions and other issues; if he has consulted with the Departments of Social Protection and Public Expenditure and Reform together with trade unions, employers and industrial relations bodies on these issues; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that former workers of State and semi-State organisations are unhappy that they have not received increases in their pensions in recent years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [61744/21]

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on Ireland's Competitiveness Challenge 2021. — Brendan Smith. [61365/21]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that as a result of Brexit persons living in Northern Ireland cannot be a director of a company in Ireland; if his attention has been drawn to the impact this is having on small companies; if he is taking steps to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61980/21]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the options open to persons in cases in which they have an employment permit which is due to expire in the short-term in view of the fact that persons with expired workplace permits are not permitted to work as in the case of a person (details supplied); if the renewal will be expedited given their employer is experiencing a staff shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [62006/21]

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

*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress being made with the National Cyber Security Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61673/21]

*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action that will be taken to address spiralling energy prices. — Patricia Ryan. [61687/21]

*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider in the absence of a reduction in VAT on domestic energy sources including electricity, a discount scheme for low and middle income households that would then be reimbursed to providers in a similar manner to the operation of the free electricity allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61995/21]

*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that will be retrofitted in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61990/21]

*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the announced review of the north-south interconnector will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61151/21]

*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to tackle the rise in illegal dumping; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61189/21]

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the correct contact details for TDs and Senators to use in order to contact An Post on behalf of persons who have complaints and concerns that are not being addressed via the usual channels of communication with An Post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [61194/21]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide information on an offshore petroleum exploration licence (details supplied); if the licence remains in operation; if consented or permitted activities remain underway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [61207/21]

*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports or grants in place for hotels converting heating systems to CHP boilers to become more energy efficient. — Holly Cairns. [61237/21]

*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the future direction for the State to ensure that Ireland's connected future is safe; and if the State has plans to develop its cyber-security capabilities in this regard. — Louise O'Reilly. [61244/21]

*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the safeguards that are in place in respect of the National Broadband Plan to protect the State from liability and or risk posed by the make-up and investor entities in National Broadband Ireland. — Catherine Murphy. [61370/21]

*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has been notified by National Broadband Ireland of the amount in loans made available to same by a company (details supplied) that holds a five per cent interest in National Broadband Ireland. — Catherine Murphy. [61371/21]

*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps National Broadband Ireland must take in advance of the inclusion of new investors or excluding investor entities in its corporate structure; and if he can veto changes to the corporate structure. — Catherine Murphy. [61372/21]

*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he is taking to limit waste from fast fashion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61458/21]

*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the work by his Department in conjunction with other relevant State bodies in enabling the use of CCTV to combat dumping, particularly in environmentally sensitive areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [61515/21]

*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps taken to ensure security of electricity supply for the forthcoming winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [61516/21]

*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the modelling that was used by the Government to calculate the emission reduction targets under the 2021 Climate Action Plan; if it was the same as those used in the Climate Change Advisory Council's Carbon Budget technical report. — Darren O'Rourke. [61522/21]

*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected emissions reductions by 2030 from the Government's plan to deliver the equivalent of 500,000 homes retrofitted to a BER of B2 cost optimal or carbon equivalent and to install 600,000 heat pumps in residential buildings in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [61523/21]

*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected emissions reduction from the National Retrofit Plan by 2030. — Darren O'Rourke. [61524/21]

*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected emissions reduction from the National Retrofit Plan and the annual breakdown in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [61525/21]

*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of the Energy Transformation Programme that was allocated to decarbonising electricity in Budget 2021 and 2022, respectively; and the breakdown across each programme subhead by current and capital funding in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [61526/21]

*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown of the €2.7 billion investment contained within the National Development Plan to deliver on the National Broadband Plan through National Broadband Ireland including the financial years that this investment corresponds. — Darren O'Rourke. [61531/21]

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of residential and commercial connections delivered under the National Broadband Plan to date by the location of connections and on a quarterly basis in which they were completed tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [61532/21]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that will be taken to achieve the targets agreed at the COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54701/21]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps Ireland will take to achieve the targets agreed at the COP 26 United Nations Climate Change Conference. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54702/21]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of commissions of investigation currently ongoing under the remit of his Department; the duration of each commission of investigation; the deadline for each commission of investigation; and the actual and projected cost of each commission of investigation. — Peadar Tóibín. [54098/21]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to develop clear pathways for the latest research to provide an evidence base for the National Dialogue on Climate Action and the Interdepartmental Working Group in order to drive sectoral demand shifts, behavioural change and policy input as outlined in the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [58649/21]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to help support the offshore and ocean energy research and innovation as outlined in the Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [58650/21]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he and or his predecessor have taken to ensure that equity has been lodged and accounted for from the contract winner in the context of the National Broadband Plan; if he will provide a schedule of the equity received; the amount the State has provided to date; and the amount provided by the contract holder in working capital. — Catherine Murphy. [61575/21]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of instances in which the State has relied on legal enforcement of the National Broadband Plan contract since it was signed to date. — Catherine Murphy. [61576/21]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the identity of the majority shareholder in the National Broadband Ireland; the amount the consortium of investors has contributed to date; and the amount recouped. — Catherine Murphy. [61577/21]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention and or that of his officials was drawn to the involvement of a company (details supplied) in the context of it being an entity owned by another company; and if he will clarify the role of the company in the National Broadband Plan; the date on which the matter was notified to him; and the steps he took on receiving notice. — Catherine Murphy. [61578/21]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied that no change in ownership or amendments to same have been made in respect of the ownership structure of National Broadband Ireland since its formation. — Catherine Murphy. [61579/21]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the costs pertaining to his Department and An Bord Pleanála and the Department's agencies in respect of all appeal and judicial review applications instituted against his Department and or An Bord Pleanála by case in each of the years since January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61742/21]

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to offer zero-interest green loans to homeowners and renters to retrofit their residences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61828/21]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are grants available for the purchase of a generator (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [61855/21]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total spend by the SEAI on the retrofitting and renovation of housing in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020; the share of that total spend that is attributable to labour costs; the average spend per unit of housing in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020; the share of that spend that is attributable to labour costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61876/21]

*150. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Comhshaoil, Aeráide agus Cumarsáide an bhfuil sé i gceist aige reachtaíocht a thabhairt isteach a chuirfeadh iachall ar An Post a chinntiú go mbeadh gach stampa a d'eiseofaí ar a laghad dhátheangach agus an oiread céanna Gaeilge agus Béarla, nó Gaeilge amháin, orthu, ag tógáil san áireamh gurb í an Ghaeilge an teanga náisiúnta; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61925/21]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress in the development of high speed, high quality broadband in all areas throughout the country, urban and or rural; if he has proposals to accelerate the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61936/21]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which he continues to propose and pursue eco-friendly policies with a positive impact on the environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61940/21]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he expects to meet carbon reduction targets without impacting on the food production sector given the likelihood of a strained food supply chain in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61941/21]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which he expects to maximise carbon reduction efforts and at the same time ensure that the agri-food sector does not become a victim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61942/21]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which his Department's proposals for carbon reduction here continue to align with the efforts of other European countries both within and without the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61943/21]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which all trees, hedgerows and undergrowth are used in the calculation of Ireland's plan to meet carbon reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61944/21]

*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which sufficient credit is given to the business and farming sector in respect of their efforts to meet carbon reduction targets; if new incentives are under consideration in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61945/21]

*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he and his Department remain satisfied regarding the progress towards achieving best practice in terms of provisions made or in course thereof in the context of climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61946/21]

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when it might be determined that the National Broadband Plan will be developed to the extent anticipated at this stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61947/21]

*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which he and his Department continue to examine policies to mitigate the impact of climate change on the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61948/21]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the parts of the country that have yet to gain access to modern, updated broadband service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61949/21]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which his Department can look forward to achieving a higher than anticipated carbon reduction measures without negatively impacting on the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61950/21]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which waste to energy enterprises are currently in operation and are anticipated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61951/21]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent of wind-driven electricity generation to develop to the level anticipated in the course of the next ten years; if this is to include on or offshore proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61953/21]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which all areas throughout the country can expect to rely on a modern and or updated mobile telephone service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61954/21]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the efforts being made to ensure the provision of reliable high speed broadband to industrial hubs throughout the country in order to address communication deficiencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61955/21]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of broadband connection points installed in County Kildare in the past two years to date; the number of installations planned over the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61956/21]

*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which broadband blackspots throughout County Kildare have been identified and remedied over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61957/21]

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which electricity generation and production costs here are in line with those in other EU member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61958/21]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of plans to fast-track the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61965/21]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that will be retrofitted in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61966/21]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the discussions which he has had with the Just Transition Commissioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61967/21]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if clarity will be provided on the National Broadband Plan including investors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61977/21]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the low-cost loan scheme for retrofitting residential homes is open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61978/21]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding the review commissioned by his Department in respect of the proposed north-south interconnector project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62008/21]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the widespread concerns of communities in counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath are taken into account in decisions regarding the proposed north-south interconnector project; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that local authorities, reflective of the views of local communities are very strongly of the opinion that undergrounding is the only acceptable way that this project can be delivered as outlined in correspondence to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62009/21]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine an issue regarding the pension scheme for drivers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [61665/21]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason prison records of ex-prisoners that come under the Good Friday Agreement are being used to refuse employment by Bus Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [61136/21]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide additional economic support to the aviation sector and those who are employed in it given the recent introduction of new Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61174/21]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of and reasons for the major overrun of costs in the M7 widening, Sallins bypass, Osberstown interchange to date (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [61200/21]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to increase transport accessibility in public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61241/21]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he will take to resolve the situation in relation to driving instructors who are being denied access to basic facilities such as toilets and sanitation for a second year (details supplied) given that they are providing a vital service dealing with the current backlog of persons waiting for driving tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [61245/21]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of income that was taken in by the National Transport Authority from public transport providers (details supplied) in 2020 as compared with 2021; and the amount of subvention that was required to sustain same. — John Lahart. [61260/21]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the use which is made of surplus fares paid on Dublin Bus and public transport in general; and the amount of surplus fares that was paid by consumers to transport providers by individual operator from 2016 to 2020, in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61267/21]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the income derived in tolls from the M50 toll bridge from 2016 to 2020, inclusive; and if information in relation to a series of matters (details supplied) will be provided in relation to same in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61269/21]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some RSA national test centres do not provide toilet or sanitation facilities for driving instructors; if he will take steps to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61299/21]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a document prepared by Iarnród Éireann which states that Iarnród Éireann could return the Wexford-Waterford rail line for approximately €12 to €15 million; the plans that are in place for the use of the rail line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [61315/21]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocation for public transport in Budget 2021 and Budget 2022, respectively by current and capital funding in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [61527/21]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the total allocation for public transport in Budget 2022, by current and capital funding; and the accompanying project list to which these allocations are assigned in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [61528/21]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost and timeframe for delivery regarding the replacement of the Dublin Belfast Enterprise train fleet. — Darren O'Rourke. [61529/21]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the total allocation for electric vehicles in Budget 2021 and Budget 2022, respectively by current and capital funding in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [61530/21]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the works contained in respect of the completion of investments at Dublin Port, the Port of Cork and Shannon Foynes Port as contained in the National Development Plan; the funding allocated to such works; and the years that this investment is to be delivered upon in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [61533/21]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered the recommendations made by the Pensions Authority regarding the pension scheme for Dublin Bus drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61646/21]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or Transport Infrastructure Ireland are taking over the completion or progression of a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61749/21]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 183 of 7 December 2021, the expected deliver date for the DART extension to Drogheda; and if he will provide an approximate timeline for the project. — Imelda Munster. [61842/21]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine the current costs incurred by citizens over the age of 70 in renewing their driving licence for a three year period (details supplied); if he will consider a reduction in the licence fee for over 70s given the frequency with which they must renew and give consideration to the additional medical expenses which must be met as part of the renewal process. — Robert Troy. [61853/21]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the way the members of the steering committee on the Strategic Rail Review were selected; the name and occupation of the chair; and the members of the committee. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61923/21]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if a commitment will be made to implement the full plan on BusConnects and in particular the infrastructure for connectivity of Chapelizod village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61933/21]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the National Transport Authority Connecting Ireland plan provides no public transport on R392 between Ballymahon, County Longford and Mullingar, County Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61979/21]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance if dental services are still VAT exempt including the costs of facilities and infrastructure incurred by a principal dentist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61175/21]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reassess his views on the employment wage subsidy scheme rates and revert to those rates of November 2021 in view of the impact of the CMO statements, of NPHET recommendations and subsequent Government restrictions and their consequences on November and December bookings and business in the hospitality, events and entertainment industry and as a consequence on the taxi and events related services and transport sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [61178/21]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance the gender diversity and make-up of the panel undertaking the recently announced retail banking review within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61198/21]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised from the eight-year deemed disposal rule from 2016 to 2020, in tabular form; the expected annual cost of discontinuing the eight-year deemed disposal rule on collective investment funds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [61218/21]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the concerns expressed by a person (details supplied) relating to the eight-year deemed disposal rule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [61219/21]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering the reintroduction of the employee wage subsidy scheme in view of the current restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61226/21]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the eligibility criteria for entry to the employment wage subsidy scheme for businesses that started in late 2019 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61242/21]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if additional supports will be provided to those within the hospitality sector; if he and his colleagues in the appropriate Departments will consider measures (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [61248/21]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has examined the report by an organisation (details supplied) with regard to policies acting as disincentives to work for moderate to lower paid employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61268/21]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance if funding will be made available in 2022 to purchase extra dogs for the dog unit of the Revenue Commissioners. — Catherine Murphy. [61287/21]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to expanding the home carer tax allowance in limited circumstances (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61366/21]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if employment wage subsidy scheme employment supports will be restored for hospitality businesses to November 2021 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61557/21]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance if hospitality businesses will be eligible in December 2021 to be given the opportunity to requalify for the employment wage subsidy scheme supports in January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61558/21]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will permit automatic qualification for the Covid restrictions support scheme in cases in which hospitality businesses qualify for the employment wage subsidy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61559/21]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will apply a 30% revenue drop threshold for the Covid restrictions support scheme supports for hospitality businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61560/21]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will set the weekly cap on the Covid restrictions support scheme payments at €25,000 in order to ensure larger hospitality businesses are not disadvantaged by the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61561/21]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the proposed review of the primary medical certificate system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61617/21]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance if the employment wage subsidy eligibility criteria for Q1 2022 should compare projected turnover against quarter 1 2019 and not 2021 versus 2019; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that cognisance should be made of the different set of circumstances that pertained in 2021; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that quarter 1 is always the most difficult time of the year even in good trading times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61656/21]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance if the employment wage subsidy scheme is not restored to pre-December 2021 rates or eligibility criteria are not changed, his views on whether a percentage of the employment wage subsidy scheme receipts from 2021 should be set against quarter 1 2022 to finance the increased labour costs being incurred (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61658/21]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will remove the Covid restrictions support scheme limit of €5,000 per week; if the basis of calculation is 12% of 2019 turnover, then that full amount

should be allowed given larger properties also incur larger costs and should therefore not have a limit imposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61659/21]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to apply a zero VAT rate on journalistic publications following the adoption of amendments to the European Union VAT directive at the December 2021 ECOFIN meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [61660/21]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reinstate the employment wage subsidy scheme on full rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61686/21]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has read the recently published report by the Ombudsman entitled Grounded: Unequal access for people with disabilities to personal transport schemes, a commentary by the Ombudsman; his plans to address the issues raised in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61689/21]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance the total corporation tax receipts and the total tax receipts under all headings for each of the years 2010 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61731/21]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance if a portion of corporation tax receipts was ring-fenced for capital expenditure for 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61732/21]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated proportion of corporation tax receipts which was spent on capital expenditure for 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61733/21]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance if correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to VAT in an area will be reviewed; the action his Department is taking to reduce VAT in relation to the matter raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61826/21]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 332 of 15 June 2021, if the recent agreement at European Council level on new VAT rules would, when implemented, allow for zero rating on the rental of disability aids. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61843/21]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional flexibilities, including options to zero rate goods and services that serve a social purpose, the recent agreement at European Council level on new VAT rules would, when implemented, allow for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61844/21]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance when Dáil Éireann will be updated with full details of the extension following his recent announcement that the temporary Covid-19 waiver on trans-Border workers relief will be extended. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61890/21]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Revenue Commissioners will issue updated guidance to trans-Border workers relief following his announcement that the temporary Covid-19 waiver would be extended. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61891/21]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance when Dáil Éireann will be updated on his recently announced extension to the temporary Covid-19 waiver on trans-Border workers relief and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61892/21]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to implement recommendations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61900/21]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance further to the recent report by the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council, the way he intends to address the Government's continued over-reliance on corporation tax receipts, in which one in five euro of tax receipts were from corporation tax in 2020 and more than half of those receipts were from ten corporate groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61904/21]

*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to heed the advice of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council with regard to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61905/21]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider in the absence of a reduction in VAT on domestic energy sources including gas and home heating oil, a discount scheme for low and middle income households that would then be reimbursed to providers in a similar manner to the operation of the free electricity allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61995/21]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if he discussed the rising price of energy at the recent meeting of the Eurogroup; if he has analysed the support package announced by the Italian Government in September 2021 to support households from rising energy prices and the funds allocated to extend that protection into 2022; if he discussed those measures with his Italian counterpart; if he will consider delivering a similar package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61996/21]

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

*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the process underway by the Office of Government Procurement in relation to a new framework for the procurement of cloud video conference services; the expected date for the publication of this framework; the timelines for premarket engagement and evaluation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61231/21]

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans and proposals to ensure that farmers receive direct funding from the Brexit Adjustment Reserve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61322/21]

*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason he is discontinuing funding to an organisation (details supplied); if he will reconsider the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61678/21]

*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of a tender issued for the provision of chairpersons of Government initiated reviews or bodies. — Bríd Smith. [61700/21]

*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to implement recommendations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61901/21]

*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way major budgetary commitments in relation to Sláintecare fit into his plans for future public expenditure given Sláintecare costings have not been updated since 2017; the projected future costings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61902/21]

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way budgetary commitments in relation to climate actions fit into his plans for future public expenditure given there is no estimate for the budgetary cost of implementing the Climate Action Plan as indicated by the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61903/21]

*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the process by which changes to remuneration for those employed under the scheme for secretarial assistance is decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [61934/21]

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

*245. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the financial supports offered to SMEs in the hospitality and events sector will also apply to travel SMEs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [61183/21]

*246. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to statistical information in relation to live performers (details supplied); the measures she is putting in place to support this sector following the latest round of restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61335/21]

*247. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of an application by a club (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61369/21]

*248. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if further consideration has been given to proposals made in 2016 for tax breaks to companies that support international athletes that work full-time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61434/21]

*249. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if members of the artistic community in receipt of social welfare payments will be eligible for the forthcoming basic income guarantee pilot scheme for the arts and cultural sectors. — Niamh Smyth. [61463/21]

*250. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when all applicants to the Sports Capital Programme will be informed of the outcome of the assessment of their applications. — Holly Cairns. [61563/21]

*251. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports Fáilte Ireland will have in place for coach operators for 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61959/21]

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

*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total State expenditure on HAP in each of the years 2015 to 2020. — Francis Noel Duffy. [61858/21]

*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which measures for the removal of plastic from the seas surrounding Ireland are in hand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61952/21]

*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the work being done to date to implement a Programme for Government commitment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [61132/21]

*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of assaults that were recorded on firefighters from 2015 to date in 2021, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61186/21]

*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a local community park (details supplied) is shut to the public during Covid-19 to allow a barbaric and cruel activity such as hare coursing. — Paul Murphy. [61190/21]

*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authority tenants living in Part 5 housing can avail of the proposed new tenant purchase scheme; when the new tenant purchase scheme will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [61193/21]

*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the temporary provision regarding exempted development in SI No. 30 of 2018, which is due to expire at the end of 2021 will be extended; his plans in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [61221/21]

*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the development of the site of St. Kevin's Hospital, Cork; the number of units of housing that will be delivered on the site; the number of these that will be social; the number that will be cost rental; the number that will be affordable purchase; if the average purchase cost and rental price for the affordable rental and affordable purchase can also be outlined; and the timeline for delivery. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61224/21]

*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which his Department has realised the 18 of the 32 recommendations contained in the Traveller accommodation expert review report and set out as a work plan by the Programme Board for 2021; his plans in 2022 to realise the outstanding recommendations in particular the replacement of local Traveller accommodation consultative committees by Traveller accommodation strategic policy committees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61249/21]

*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to a campaign by several disability organisations (details supplied) in relation to Part M (Access and Use) of the 2010 building regulations; if he will have a time-limited review of Part M of the regulations with a view to changing the regulations in order that they support the construction of new homes that are wheelchair liveable rather than merely wheelchair visitable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61298/21]

*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a county council must erect site notices, display pending documents and applications on their websites for section 254 licences and allow observations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61313/21]

*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans under the MICA redress scheme for houses that are classed as holiday homes but are a semi-detached to a house that is a family home and a principal residence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61354/21]

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the rent pressure zones to include electoral areas in County Donegal to reflect the recent sharp increases in rent in some areas of the county and the knock-on impact of the MICA defective concrete block crisis. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61373/21]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the Housing Agency is not being given responsibility for the delivery of the MICA and pyrite defective block redress scheme in the west of Ireland from start to finish as it has been with the pyrite remediation scheme. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61374/21]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter (details supplied) with reference to European Court of Justice case C-247/85, *Commission v. Belgium*, 1985. — Louise O'Reilly. [61376/21]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) with reference to European Court of Justice case C-247/85, *Commission v. Belgium*, 1985. — Louise O'Reilly. [61377/21]

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service are primarily responsible for ensuring that the State is compliant with the EU Habitats Directive and the EU Birds Directive in particular the Habitats Directive Articles 2 and 16.1.a, .b and .c and the Birds Directive Articles 2 and 9.1.a. — Louise O'Reilly. [61378/21]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to annual wild birds' derogation declarations. — Louise O'Reilly. [61379/21]

*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether high density European herring gull colonies have been enabled to proliferate exponentially in urban areas as policy under legal protection administered by his Department and without being subject to management and control in view of the results of the National Survey of Urban Gulls commissioned in May to July 2021 by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. — Louise O'Reilly. [61380/21]

*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether freely proliferating high density European herring gull colonies are impacting negatively and seriously on communities in ways that are egregiously antisocial (details supplied); his views on the supporting evidence held by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service on each of these serious concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [61381/21]

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters in relation to the Birds Directive (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [61382/21]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the meaning of adapt the population in Article 1 of the Birds Directive in the contexts set out in Article 16.1.c of the Habitats Directive and Article 2 of the Birds Directive; and if this legal responsibility placed on member states by the European Commission in the directives includes upwards and downwards adaptation of population numbers as appropriate within the law and prevailing circumstances. — Louise O'Reilly. [61383/21]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the meaning of, in the interests of public health and public safety, or for other imperative reasons of overriding public interest, including those of a social or economic nature, in Article 16.1.c of the Habitats Directive; and if he is satisfied that his Department is properly meeting its responsibilities in each of these regards in relation to high density urban seagull colonies. — Louise O'Reilly. [61384/21]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when his Department or the National Parks and Wildlife Service will publish the report of the 2021 National Survey of Urban Gulls commissioned in the period May to June 2021. — Louise O'Reilly. [61385/21]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department or the National Parks and Wildlife Service will publish the analysis of the results of the 2021 National Survey of Urban Gulls that it commissioned in the period May to June 2021 in time for its customary annual public consultation on derogation declarations for the 2021-2022 declarations in order that contributors to the public consultation who live in areas impacted by high density urban seagull colonies may be fully informed of the survey results and of derogation options; and if his Department or the National Parks and Wildlife Service will ensure that its analysis of the survey results includes substantive correlation to the first interim and minority reports submitted in April 2020 and the recommendations of the consultative committee on urban seagulls in particular but not exclusively the reports' recommendations regarding the interests of public health and safety. — Louise O'Reilly. [61386/21]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service will ensure when publishing its analysis of the National Survey of Urban Gulls that it commissioned in the period May to June 2021 that it includes in its analysis particular reference to the evidence it holds on the negative impacts on communities from proliferating high density seagull colonies, the expert advices that it has received via the consultative committee on urban seagulls since 2019, including legal advices and the legitimate interests of public health and safety which can be addressed in derogation declarations. — Louise O'Reilly. [61387/21]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to the results of the National Survey of Urban Gulls commissioned in the period May to June 2021. — Louise O'Reilly. [61388/21]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to the results of the National Survey of Urban Gulls commissioned in the period May to June 2021. — Louise O'Reilly. [61389/21]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) with reference to the 2021 National Survey of Urban Seagulls commissioned by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. — Louise O'Reilly. [61390/21]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) with reference to the 2021 National Survey of Urban Seagulls commissioned by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. — Louise O'Reilly. [61391/21]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) with reference to the 2021 National Survey of Urban Seagulls commissioned by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Seabird 2000 Census Report 2002. — Louise O'Reilly. [61392/21]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) with reference to the 2021 National Survey of Urban Seagulls commissioned by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Seabird 2000 Census Report 2002. — Louise O'Reilly. [61393/21]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) with reference to the 2021 National Survey of Urban Seagulls commissioned by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [61394/21]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether it is now essential to urgently implement recommendation 8 of the report of his predecessor's consultative committee on urban seagulls of 17 April 2020 in the interests of public health and safety in line with emphatic legal advices provided to him via the committee in August 2020 and February 2021 and thereby to modify and extend the now five-year-old pilot Balbriggan derogation declaration to other impacted towns and communities in order to legally and properly protect the interests of public health and safety as catered for under Article 9.1.a of the 1979 Birds Directive and Article 16.1.c of the Habitats Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [61395/21]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Dublin survey only covered a limited number of areas with reference to the National Survey of Urban Gulls commissioned by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service; and the names of Dublin city districts and suburbs that were actually included in the national survey and the apparently occupied nest totals for each surveyed location. — Louise O'Reilly. [61396/21]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the locations and suburbs in Dublin that yielded the total of 770 apparently occupied nests with reference to the National Survey of Urban Gulls commissioned by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service and with particular reference to the survey results for Dublin; and if these were actual nest sightings. — Louise O'Reilly. [61397/21]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) with reference to the 2021 National Survey of Urban Seagulls commissioned by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service. — Louise O'Reilly. [61398/21]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series on matters in relation to the urban gull population (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [61399/21]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a series on matters in relation to the urban gull population (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [61400/21]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he plans to take to protect schools, school children, school staff and school property in the areas in which high density colonies are freely proliferating, for example, Balbriggan, Skerries, Howth and Drogheda as shown in the National Survey of Urban Gulls commissioned by his Department and the National Parks and Wildlife Service in May to June 2021 (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [61401/21]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if applicants to the Rebuilding Ireland home loan are required to wait until three months after their last employment wage subsidy scheme payment until they can be approved for a mortgage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61455/21]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the annual statutory summary of social housing assessments will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61462/21]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will update housing circular 41 of 2012 to reflect the relevant changes in Irish immigration law such as SI No. 548/2015 - European Communities (Free Movement of Persons) Regulations 2015. and relevant case law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61562/21]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Electoral Reform Bill 2020 will be enacted in time to carry out the functions currently assigned to a constituency commission under the Electoral Act 1997 following the completion of the Census in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61566/21]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Electoral Reform Bill 2020 will be enacted in time to carry out the functions currently assigned to local electoral boundary committees under the Local Government Act 1991 following the completion of the Census in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61567/21]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to conduct a review of local electoral areas in advance of the next local government elections expected in 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61568/21]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the new electoral Commission will have the remit to carry out reviews of Dáil Éireann and European Parliament boundaries in addition to local electoral boundaries alongside each other following the conclusion of the 2022 census; and if not, if the processes that would be conducted separately. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61569/21]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there have been discussions in relation to or the likely terms of reference for a local government boundary review to be conducted prior to the expected local elections in 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61570/21]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the publication of the revised wind energy development guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61571/21]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline for the publication of the national coastal change management strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61572/21]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of build-to-rent planning permissions approved in County Cork in 2021; and the number of units this equates to. — Thomas Gould. [61582/21]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 16 of 11 November 2021, the payments that were made by county in 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61619/21]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the disabled persons strategy as announced in the Housing for All policy; if it is still due to be published in Q4 2021 as committed to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61621/21]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if research has been done into the move away from Traveller specific accommodation as a first-choice preference for young Travellers; his views on whether this is owing to the fact that Traveller specific accommodation is harder to secure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61622/21]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has considered transient sites and service areas for Travellers that would be a coordinated approach between local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61623/21]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the exact item which must be proven by the IS:465 assessment in order for sampling to confirm the presence of said material and to be included in the scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61624/21]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether there is an issue of discrepancies in testing regimes if local authorities have to foot the bill for testing for deleterious materials themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61625/21]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that across media channels the defective block grant scheme is repeatedly mooted as a MICA redress scheme and that this is impacting very negatively on persons in County Clare who are of the view that they will be excluded from the prospective scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61626/21]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the precise technical data that is being sought at present from Clare County Council in order to determine if the deleterious material is present in block in homes in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61627/21]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that no Clare representative was present on the working group despite commitments to include homeowners from all affected regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61633/21]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the payments drawn down by each local authority to date in 2021 in terms of progressing their homeless action teams and services in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61635/21]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if homeowners in County Clare affected by the material pyrite are eligible for the local property tax exemption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61636/21]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the decisions made at the recent meeting with Clare County Council in relation to the eligibility of Clare homeowners in the defective block redress scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61637/21]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the expected date for the launch of the affordable purchase shared equity scheme; when further details of the scheme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [61714/21]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legal costs pertaining to his Department and An Bord Pleanála and their related agencies in respect of all legal services provided in all appeal and judicial review applications instituted against his Department and or An Bord Pleanála by case in each of the years since January 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61741/21]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend the targeted commercial rates waiver scheme to other targeted businesses including hospitality reliant businesses such as dry cleaning which have been more severely impacted than the businesses currently included in the waiver scheme; if he will consider the fact that these hospitality reliant businesses have been devastated in a downturn in the hospitality sector due to wedding and restaurant cancelations and to the prevalence of online meetings and the practice of working from home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [61746/21]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to amend planning laws to address the planting of non-native leylandii in urban areas. — Ivana Bacik. [61867/21]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total spend by his Department by approved housing bodies and by each of the local authorities on the construction of new housing in 2018, 2019 and 2020; the share of that spend that is attributable to labour costs; the average spend per unit of housing in the same period; the share of that spend that is attributable to labour costs in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61874/21]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total spend by his Department, by approved housing bodies and by each of the local authorities on the retrofitting and renovation of social housing in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and the share of that total spend that is attributable to labour costs; the average spend per unit of housing in each of the years 2018, 2019 and 2020; the share of that spend that is attributable to labour costs in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61875/21]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing projects for which each of the local authorities and approved housing bodies availed of support services on procurement from the Housing Agency projects and procurement department in 2018, 2019 and 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61877/21]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way the Housing Agency projects and procurement department approaches advising local authorities and approved housing bodies on questions of labour availability and the associated cost as part of the procurement process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61878/21]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new regulations for the affordable housing schemes will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61893/21]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new rural planning guidelines will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61894/21]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new guidelines for local authorities on residential densities will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61895/21]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing units completed to date in 2021; and the breakdown by SHIP construction, SHIP turnkey, CALF construction, CALF turnkey, CAS construction, CAS turnkey, Part V purchase, Part V lease, PPP and other. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61896/21]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of social housing tenancies created to date in 2021 under the long-term leasing scheme, HAP and RAS. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61897/21]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new mortgage to rent tenancies funded by his Department from the start of 2021 to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61898/21]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable homes delivered to date in 2021 under the affordable housing fund and the cost rental equity loan providing the locations and prices of the homes to rent and buy. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61899/21]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process to establish an approved housing body; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [61913/21]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of all approved housing bodies in the State; the number of social, affordable and other type of housing units analysed by local authority area under their ownership and or management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [61914/21]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons working on the review by his Department of the planning system; the number of these who are external to his Department; and the cost to his Department of the work of these persons on the planning system review. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61921/21]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the growing number of judicial reviews of residential developments being lost by An Bord Pleanála and the rising cost to the State of these court decisions finding against the Board; if concerns have been raised in this regard; and the action he plans to take to ensure an improvement in the legal basis of the decisions by the Board and improved cost controls to reduce the growing cost of lost judicial reviews by the Board. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61922/21]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities that do not have a permanent CEO at present; the length of time this vacancy is open in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61926/21]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when all present vacancies for the position of CEO with local authorities will be filled; the details of the local authority involved in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61927/21]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress that has been made on the Oireachtas Report into Future Funding of Domestic Water Services and the recommendations specifically in relation to private well owners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [61981/21]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of plans for the regeneration of Pearse House and Pearse Grove in Dublin 2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [61994/21]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that will be implemented at an early date to progress the proposal to extend the Shannon navigation from Lough Allen, County Leitrim to Dowra, County Cavan in view of the substantial preparatory work carried out on the project some years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62010/21]

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

*339. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be processed on time to travel home to see family members. — Michael Ring. [61137/21]

*340. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be processed on time for an applicant in order that they can travel with their family. — Michael Ring. [61138/21]

*341. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of his Department's strategy to increase the number of persons working in European Union institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61179/21]

*342. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress to date in the determination of an application for dual citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61192/21]

*343. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to visit Canada early in 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [61293/21]

*344. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [61321/21]

*345. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the recommendations presented by a person (details supplied) to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on the Implementation of the Good Friday Agreement in June 2019 were implemented. — Pauline Tully. [61196/21]

*346. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 2 December 2021, if his attention has been drawn to a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to the policy of the handing of names of human rights activists to the Chinese government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61324/21]

*347. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 2 December 2021, if he can provide evidence to support his response that the policy changed in 2015; if he or his Department ever requested evidence from UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in relation to whether there has been a change in policy in view of the contradictory public positions and documented instances of diplomats being told untruths in relation to this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61325/21]

*348. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 2 December 2021, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the United Nations found a person guilty of misconduct for unauthorized communications with external parties in relation to issues concerning the official activities of the United Nations which communications consisted entirely of reporting this policy to member states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61326/21]

*349. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 2 December 2021, his views on the opinion expressed by the United Nations that a person committed misconduct by reporting this policy and should have remained silent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61327/21]

*350. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 2 December 2021, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a person revealed the identity of the whistle-blower directly to the Chief of the Human Rights Council Branch of UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in 2016; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the whistle-blower reported a significant increase in the retaliation against them following that event; if it is the policy of the Government to reveal the identity of United Nations whistle-blowers to the very person they accuse of misconduct; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61328/21]

*351. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 2 December 2021, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a person requested that the Government send an observer to their court hearings in June 2019, at which the United Nations position is that this policy continues; the basis for refusing that request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61329/21]

*352. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 2 December 2021, the actions that were taken by his Department or by the Government after being informed by a person of the intention by management at the United Nations to dismiss them despite being formally recognised as a whistle-blower who was at risk of retaliatory dismissal since July 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61330/21]

*353. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 2 December 2021, if his attention has been drawn to the fact that in 2021 alone the Government donated almost €3 million to UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in voluntary contributions on top of its assessed contributions; the amount that is not earmarked; the measures his Department takes to ensure none of the funding is used for the purpose of retaliatory investigations against whistle-blowers or for defending this policy before United Nations tribunals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61331/21]

*354. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 2 December 2021, if he will request an independent, external investigation of this policy and of the retaliation against the whistle-blower who reported same; if will meet with the person as they have requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61332/21]

*355. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the supports his Department will provide for Irish tourists that may have either a positive antigen or PCR test for Covid-19 within a 72 or 48 hour timeframe of their scheduled return to Ireland and will not be able to travel home in such circumstances. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61513/21]

*356. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the passport office will return to normal processing times following the decision not to deem the passport office as an essential service and to suspend the production of passports during the lockdown (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [61573/21]

*357. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the current political situation in Myanmar and in particular the jailing of a person (details supplied) for incitement and breaching Covid-19 rules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [61745/21]

*358. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position in relation to Irish citizens in Australia who are currently on bridging visas while they wait for issue of a temporary visa otherwise referred to as a Covid visa particularly as applicants are unable to travel home to Ireland during this period which can take up to 18 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [61747/21]

*359. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to a new requirement for EU citizens living in Ireland to fill in an Electronic Travel Authorisation (ETA) if they are travelling to Northern Ireland; if he has spoken to UK officials regarding this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61756/21]

*360. 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. [61757/21]

*361. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government intends to participate in the diplomatic boycott of the upcoming Winter Olympics in China, in view of the credible evidence presented by international human rights groups that the actions of the Chinese Government against Uyghur Muslims in Xinjiang amount to crimes against humanity (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61862/21]

*362. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the assessment the Government has made of a recent independent report (details supplied) which revealed that the number of states in which the recruitment of children by armies and armed groups occurs is at its highest level globally in three decades; if the Government intends to raise this issue at the United Nations Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61863/21]

*363. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the humanitarian assistance the Government is providing to the people of Somalia at present to address the severe food and water shortages facing 2.3 million residents there as recently reported by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61864/21]

*364. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions his Department will take to support the humanitarian effort in Yemen. — Ivana Bacik. [61866/21]

*365. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with his Polish counterpart to discuss the current situation at the Polish-Belarussian border. — Ivana Bacik. [61872/21]

*366. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has plans to reduce the timeframe for documents to be uploaded by the passport service to applications considering that the delays between documents being submitted and uploaded can extend application processing times significantly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61964/21]

*367. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has engaged with bodies regarding the development of a United Nations binding treaty on business and human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61974/21]

*368. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to bring forward gender responsive human rights and environmental due diligence legislation to ensure businesses respect human rights across their activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61975/21]

*369. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a report has been completed on whether the voluntary guidelines in Ireland's National Plan on Business and Human Rights has had an impact on improving respect for human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61976/21]

*370. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there has been an audit or review carried out or commissioned by his Department into service user interaction with the Passport Office; the analysis that has been undertaken by his Department into the efficacy of communications between

the passport service and the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61997/21]

*371. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland has supported the call for the TRIPS waiver at the World Trade Organisation to be waived to ensure that Covid-19 vaccines and treatments are made more available particularly in developing countries; the steps he has taken to pursue same particularly at European Union and United Nations Security Council level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62422/21]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*372. To ask the Minister for Defence if the contract has been signed for the construction of a new cadet school in the Defence Forces training centre, Curragh, County Kildare; and the duration of this project. — Catherine Murphy. [61277/21]

*373. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Naval Service made similar requests in relation to compliance with the European Union Common Fisheries Policy to the skippers of fishing vessels of other European Union member states that were fishing in the same area off the south coast of Ireland as an Irish registered fishing vessel (details supplied) when they were requested to return to harbour by the Naval Service on 30 November 2021; and if not, the reason. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61348/21]

*374. To ask the Minister for Defence the mandatory retirement age for serving privates and non-commissioned officers in the Defence Forces; the age that such members become eligible for an Army pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61508/21]

*375. To ask the Minister for Defence the proposed arrangements for carrying out a review of wages and salaries of enlisted members of the Defence Forces; if an organisation (details supplied) will be consulted in relation to these arrangements before they are finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61511/21]

*376. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces of all ranks who have been selected for mandatory overseas duty in each of the past five years; the number of appeals that were made; the number of appeals that were successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [61584/21]

*377. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress to date on the report of Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces; the date the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [61587/21]

*378. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Air Corps is contracting senior aircraft inspectors from a company (details supplied) to supervise and sign off on maintenance being performed by Air Corps technicians; the cost of this; the reason it is not being performed by Air Corps personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61674/21]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*379. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that have been granted to schools (details supplied) in relation to measures seeking to prevent the spread of Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [61127/21]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which adequate staff and relief staff remains available in schools throughout County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61152/21]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education if a means has been found to address the issue of shortages of relief staff within schools throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61153/21]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of the schools that have and do not have HEPA filters. — Paul Murphy. [61165/21]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 377 of 23 November 2021, the options her Department has considered; if her Department has liaised with the school's patron; if not, when this will be done; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61191/21]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education if clarity will be provided in relation to the position of children with dyslexia (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [61223/21]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education if she will work with a school (details supplied) to ensure it can expand its intake of students for 2022-2023 given that there is a significant number of children whose principle private residence is in the local catchment area and who are attending the local schools have not received a place in the school. — Louise O'Reilly. [61232/21]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the planning of a new building for a school in (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [61236/21]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education the person or body that made the decision to close schools in County Meath due to a Met Éireann orange warning; the number of orange warnings that have been issued by Met Éireann in each of the past five years; and the number of times in the past the Minister for Education has closed schools on orange warnings. — Peadar Tóibín. [61243/21]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education when the appropriate level of capital funding will be provided to facilitate the building of a new school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [61252/21]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education the amount spent on projects carried out under the emergency works scheme in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61279/21]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the case of a school (details supplied); if she will make arrangements to support Cork County Council with funding to address the safety issues identified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [61294/21]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education if the Gaeltacht component of primary teacher training will go ahead as normal in January 2022 under current guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61316/21]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education if she will have regard to correspondence from a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [61334/21]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the delivery of a new school building for a school (details supplied). — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [61336/21]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the unsafe conditions for students walking from Cork city to the temporary site of a school (details supplied); and if she will intervene to ensure these students can walk to school safely. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [61337/21]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the proposed replacement for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61357/21]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education if a permanent site has been located for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61358/21]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated completion date of the new building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61359/21]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of a new site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61360/21]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education the future plans for the school hub at Mooretown, Swords in which schools (details supplied) are now located; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61361/21]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department will respond to correspondence from Mayo County Council in relation to a school (details supplied); and the steps she has taken since meeting with the same school in Spring 2021. — Dara Calleary. [61368/21]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the planned development of a new Gaelscoil in Longford town (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [61456/21]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that are provided by her Department to encourage exchanges between Irish secondary schools or students and continental colleges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61460/21]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to amend the minimum qualification required for appointment to the role of special needs assistant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61585/21]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education if she has sought expert opinion on the campaign to change the minimum qualifications required for appointment to the role of special needs assistant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61588/21]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children who are currently awaiting assistive technology for zero to six, six to 12, 12 to 18 and 18 plus months by county in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61614/21]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education the reason very few of the 467 teachers on secondment that would be available for substitute work have become available to schools (details supplied); if these teachers have been deployed temporarily to the substitute panels across the country; if not, if she will ensure they are added to the substitute panel and that this panel is made available to all schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61650/21]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the decision of the patron body of a school (details supplied) to disband the board and put a single individual in charge, despite the fact that four persons were willing to serve on the board; if she has requested an explanation for this decision; if she will request the patron body to restore the board with the members that are available to serve; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61651/21]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education if the approximately 467 teachers on secondment that were to be made available for substitute work have made themselves available to schools given schools continue to report failing to find substitute teachers to cover classes in view of the fact they do not know the way to contact these teachers; the reason the teachers were not deployed temporarily to the substitute panels across the country; and the measures that will be put in place in order that they can be easily accessed by schools. — Kathleen Funchion. [61655/21]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of one HEPA filtration device. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [61662/21]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of providing a HEPA filtration device to each primary and secondary school classroom in the State. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [61663/21]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education the efforts that have been made to streamline the Garda vetting process for substitute teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [61669/21]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the shortage of school places in south County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61679/21]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects the National Council for Special Education to complete and submit its policy advice on education provision in special classes and special schools first commissioned in September 2018. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61740/21]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education if antigen testing will be extended to post-primary schools and not just primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61846/21]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 274 of 26 November 2020, if the upgrade of the payroll system has been completed; when the online payslip option will be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [61859/21]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education if funding will be provided for CO2 monitors for a school (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [61931/21]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education if additional resources will be provided for a school (details supplied) to allow for an increase in the student population specifically in order that additional first year students can be taken in for the 2022 academic year. — Louise O'Reilly. [61932/21]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the transfer of ownership of lands located at a school (details supplied) to her Department. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [61992/21]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school inspectors in her Department; and the number of these inspectors that are registered with the Teaching Council. — Gary Gannon. [62000/21]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a centralised system for vetting SNAs. — Gary Gannon. [62001/21]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the implementation of an electronic payroll system. — Gary Gannon. [62002/21]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education the mechanism in place for school principals to contact teachers on secondment who have been released in order to be available for substitute work; and the reason these teachers were not deployed temporarily to the substitute panels across the country. — Gary Gannon. [62003/21]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education if he will address the issue of principals not being able to contact teachers on secondment who have been released in order to be available for substitute work by placing these teachers on the substitute panels in order they can be easily accessed by schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [62004/21]

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

*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will revise the offer of a gratuity payment to community employment supervisors as part of the long-standing pension claim; if she will consider an earlier start date given that a large cohort of community employment supervisors are not being adequately rewarded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61682/21]

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of dairy farmers in receipt of farm assist by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61909/21]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61126/21]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [61195/21]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that are in place to ensure that the social welfare infrastructure is not subject to cyberattack; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61203/21]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if matters raised by a person (details supplied) regarding self-employed persons will receive a response. — Alan Kelly. [61222/21]

*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will immediately publish a report (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [61240/21]

*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a working family payment will be reinstated to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61257/21]

*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue in the case of a person (details supplied) who appears to have applied twice; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61272/21]

*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost to increase the amount of income disregarded in respect of the farm assist scheme from 30% to 45%. — Catherine Murphy. [61275/21]

*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding occupational pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [61317/21]

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that 66% of live performers experienced a 90% to 100% income loss from their profession due to Covid related restrictions, that 20% have been forced to take up employment outside the industry, that 56% are considering leaving the industry and that 45.8% are struggling to pay household bills; the measures she is putting in place to support this sector following the latest round of restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61351/21]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a maximum guardianship payment will be reinstated for a person (details supplied); and if all arrears due will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [61402/21]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to enable persons to buy voluntary contributions towards entitlement to a contributory old age pension if they do not have 520 paid contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [61437/21]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons that lost their job due to Covid-19 restrictions before 6 December 2021 can apply for the reopened pandemic unemployment payment; and if they can transition from other unemployment payments, for example, jobseeker’s allowance if they signed on before the pandemic unemployment payment reopened. — Paul Murphy. [61447/21]

*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of a decision on a disability allowance application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61517/21]

*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will assist in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [61534/21]

*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if Ability Programme funding will be made available through Budget 2022; the services offered through the Ability Programme that were funded until July 2021 that will continue in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61613/21]

*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department is of the view that the 1997 Revenue Commissioners courier sector tax agreement which was discontinued in 2019 was in keeping with her Department's factors for determining the employment status of courier workers (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [61639/21]

*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of test cases that were undertaken prior to her Department's establishment of criteria in 1995 to determine the formal insurability and employment status of courier workers. — Brian Stanley. [61640/21]

*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the specific legal basis for an appeals officer in 1995 to establish a set of criteria in relation to determining the employment status of a group and class of workers specifically in relation to establishing a set of criteria to determine the employment status of courier workers. — Brian Stanley. [61641/21]

*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasoning of her Department for each of the three factors established by her Department in 1995 with regard to the determination of employment status of courier drivers (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [61642/21]

*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason her Department did not amend the 1995 determining factors for employment status of courier drivers following the outcome of a Supreme Court case (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [61643/21]

*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a statement (details supplied) by the Secretary General of the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs in a letter to the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Public Accounts in September 2000 represents an accurate account of her Department's actions. — Brian Stanley. [61644/21]

*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason access to the pandemic unemployment payment has been refused for a musician (details supplied); if she will address this matter given the significant loss of future income due to Covid-19 restrictions; the eligibility criteria for a musician to get the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [61661/21]

*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter in relation to a disability welfare payment (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [61694/21]

*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a schedule of remote working options available for officials of her Department. — Catherine Murphy. [61702/21]

*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which some and or all staff of her Department remote into their online systems; and if on-site laptops and or desktop computers

are required to be powered on at all times to facilitate remote working. — Catherine Murphy. [61703/21]

*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is satisfied that all ICT systems and databases and payment software are fully secure from a breach perspective. — Catherine Murphy. [61704/21]

*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason electricity costs incurred by her Department in 2020 were higher than other years in view of the fact that officials were required to work remotely. — Catherine Murphy. [61705/21]

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the short-term illness benefit will be extended to the self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61845/21]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when it is expected that a decision will issue on a review in relation to a working family payment for a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [61851/21]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a detailed reply for a PRSI query (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [61961/21]

*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied) in relation to a supplementary pension. — Paul Donnelly. [61968/21]

*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 429 of 23 November 2021, if her attention has been drawn to delays in processing Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit applications in recent weeks; the processes her Department is putting in place to ensure those who contract Covid-19 or are close contacts and cannot go to work can avail of the scheme immediately; the average waiting time from application to approval for Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit for November and December 2021 in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61988/21]

*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the progress that has been made to date with the Data Protection Commission in the context of narrowing the scope of documents filed in a case (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [62011/21]

*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide this Deputy with a schedule of all annual expenditure directly and indirectly associated with the creation, roll-out and use of the public services card since its creation. — Catherine Murphy. [62012/21]

*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the methodology used to arrive at the findings contained in a cost benefit analysis of the SAFE-PSC-MyGovID Framework for Public Service Identity Management (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [62013/21]

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

*462. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for the provision of antigen tests for the early childhood care and education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [61177/21]

*463. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to update advice to childcare facilities regarding the wearing of face coverings by staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61349/21]

*464. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to ratify the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61432/21]

*465. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the Disability (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2016; the articles that have been commenced and not commenced, respectively; when he expects the entirety of the Bill to be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61615/21]

*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of adults and children remaining in direct provision centres after their leave to remain has been granted for the most recent date available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61671/21]

*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of adults and children who accessed Tusla funded domestic violence refuge accommodation to date in 2021; the average length of time families spent in such accommodation; and the number of beds available on a given night in 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61672/21]

*468. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way the mother and baby home scheme works for those who are uncertain in relation to the date on which they were adopted. — Paul Murphy. [61755/21]

*469. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason his Department advised all early learning and care and school aged childcare services to close on 7 and 8 December 2021; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many parents were unhappy regarding this advice given that Storm Barra turned out not to be very dangerous particularly in the Dublin area; if he will reconsider the policy for the sector in respect of orange weather warnings given that such storms are likely to be more frequent in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [61852/21]

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

*470. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will reconsider the exclusion of students in private higher education sector from the decision to fund rapid antigen tests for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61664/21]

*471. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason students in institutions (details supplied) are to be excluded from the public health free rapid antigen tests. — Paul Donnelly. [61969/21]

*472. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if private colleges are entitled to free antigen tests for their students; and if so, the way they can access them. — Paul Murphy. [61166/21]

*473. 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 the Technological University of the Shannon, Athlone in view of the risk that the institute might become a super-spreader events and cause Covid-19 to be reintroduced by students returning home for Christmas to households throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61227/21]

*474. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated projected yield from a 0.2% increase in 2022 in the national training fund levy. — Catherine Murphy. [61276/21]

*475. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of a pension review in the case of a person (details supplied); if he will provide clarity on this matter; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there has been no update provided since 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61296/21]

*476. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which the youthreach programme operates within Kerry ETB; if the youthreach programme ran in partnership with other services within the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [61318/21]

*477. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason the Youthreach programme is no longer available for learners in Cahersiveen and Killorglin, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [61319/21]

*478. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position in relation to the staff that were employed in the Youthreach programmes in Cahersiveen and Killorglin, County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [61320/21]

*479. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the current situation in multiple colleges across the country in which students have been looking for intervention or support for cancelling in person exams due to fears around Covid-19 and safety precautions in view circulation of packed exam halls; and his plans to deal with the disregard for student safety. — Paul Donnelly. [61509/21]

*480. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to include students in private education colleges in the free antigen testing programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61535/21]

*481. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding the health and safety in sitting in exam halls with hundreds of students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61666/21]

*482. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the suggestion that all exams in third-level institutions that are due to be taking place in December 2021 and early January 2022 not to be in-person exams given the situation with Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [61715/21]

*483. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 1 December 2021, if he will consider introducing measures such as regulations or legislation that would prevent third-level institutions from passing on debts arising from unpaid fees to debt collectors; his views on the suggestion of a ban on preventing students graduating due to debts arising from fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [61716/21]

*484. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on providing an antigen testing scheme to all third-level institutions including the private higher education sector which would allow for all students who wish to avail of tests free at the point of use given the large numbers of students in many of those colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [61717/21]

*485. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the State funding provided to the Tyndall Institute since 2011 either through direct exchequer funding, competitive SFI funding or another source; if there is a commitment to increase Exchequer funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61829/21]

*486. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of academic and research staff employed by the Tyndall Institute; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61830/21]

*487. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 124 of 24 November 2021 and in view of the fact the projected cost range of this project in the NDP is €100 to \$250 million, if the project is projected to cost a total of €75 million (details supplied); the other sources of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61831/21]

*488. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the level of direct Exchequer funding that is being provided to deliver the upgrading of the Royal Irish Academy of Music redevelopment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61832/21]

*489. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the level of direct Exchequer funding that is being provided to deliver the upgrading of the E3 Trinity College Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61833/21]

*490. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration will be given to extending rapid antigen testing to private third-level colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61847/21]

*491. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of extending rapid antigen testing to private third-level colleges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61848/21]

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

*492. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding recommendations being implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [61134/21]

*493. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a definitive timeline for the publication of a report commissioned from (details supplied) regarding certain procurement matters involving a company and the Irish Prison Service in view of the fact that the report had been largely completed in September, 2020 but has yet to be published; and if she will publish this report before the end of 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [61156/21]

*494. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61184/21]

*495. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures in place to ensure that justice systems including those of An Garda Síochána and the Courts are protected from cyberattacks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61202/21]

*496. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by a person (details supplied) given the person has been living in Ireland for almost 11 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61212/21]

*497. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61213/21]

*498. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking to address the backlogs in the Cork City Coroner's Court; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61239/21]

*499. To ask the Minister for Justice the titles of the studies referred to on the website of her Department in which it is suggested that there could be up to 17,000 undocumented persons resident in the State; the location in which such studies can be accessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61256/21]

*500. To ask the Minister for Justice when a visa will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); if the visa can be expedited given all is in order to proceed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61271/21]

*501. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new unmarked Garda cars and vans that were assigned to Garda National Immigration Bureau in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and the number of these vehicles that were withdrawn from the Bureau during the same period. — Catherine Murphy. [61281/21]

*502. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who successfully completed the advanced motorcycle course in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and the duration of this course. — Catherine Murphy. [61282/21]

*503. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to have high powered unmarked vehicles attached to Garda armed support unit fleet. — Catherine Murphy. [61283/21]

*504. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of drink driving offences recorded in the Kildare division in 2020 and to date in 2021; and the number of drug driving offences excluding alcohol offences over the same period. — Catherine Murphy. [61284/21]

*505. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí within DMR north Garda division that successful completed the competency-based driving levels 3 and 4 course in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61285/21]

*506. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration has been given to granting citizenship for all front-line essential workers particularly for those currently living in direct provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61435/21]

*507. To ask the Minister for Justice when Garda clearance will issue to a person (details supplied); the average time being taken to issue Garda clearance; the steps being taken to expedite this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61512/21]

*508. To ask the Minister for Justice if the newly announced regularisation scheme for undocumented migrants is open to undocumented migrants who have Irish children. — Catherine Murphy. [61551/21]

*509. To ask the Minister for Justice the length of time the process for approval under the scheme to regularise long-term undocumented migrants is estimated to take. — Catherine Murphy. [61552/21]

*510. To ask the Minister for Justice the evidence applicants will need to provide to prove residency under the scheme to regularise long-term undocumented migrants. — Catherine Murphy. [61553/21]

*511. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered a fee waiver scheme for persons and families that are unable to afford the cost of the scheme to regularise long-term undocumented migrants. — Catherine Murphy. [61554/21]

*512. To ask the Minister for Justice if undocumented migrants that are awaiting approval for a stamp 4 may access the regularisation scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [61555/21]

*513. To ask the Minister for Justice the documentation that stamp applicants will receive upon approval under the scheme to regularise long-term undocumented migrants. — Catherine Murphy. [61556/21]

*514. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the continued delays in getting appointments using the online booking system for Burgh Quay registration office and the non-answering of emails from persons seeking appointments; and if she has plans to allocate additional resources in order to meet demand. — Mary Mitchell O'Connor. [61583/21]

*515. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners released on parole by the Parole Board since the new independent Parole Board came into office; the number of prisoners who were not interviewed previously by the Board that have had their first contact with the parole system since the new independent board was set up; when a permanent chief executive will be appointed to the Parole Board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61612/21]

*516. To ask the Minister for Justice if the approximately 1,000 appointments being made available each week at the immigration services at Burgh Quay are all being made available for persons on the appointment booking system; if not, if some appointments are taken up by institutions that are looking to process multiple applications; if so, the number that are going to multiple applications and the number going to individuals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61649/21]

*517. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 470 of 23 November 2021, and in view of remarks made by An Taoiseach in Dáil Éireann on 8 December 2021 (details supplied) the international issues that are causing delays at the INIS office, Burgh Quay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61693/21]

*518. To ask the Minister for Justice if those who have been placed on temporary visas will be able to use this time as reckonable time in applying for the regularisation scheme for long-term undocumented migrants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [61718/21]

*519. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider a waiving of fees to apply from the regularisation scheme for long-term undocumented migrants for those persons on low incomes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [61719/21]

*520. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider adjusting the regularisation scheme for long-term undocumented migrants to ensure that those who are not successful in their application will not have their cases identified and sent to the repatriation unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [61720/21]

*521. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered extending the deadline of the new regularisation scheme. — Francis Noel Duffy. [61860/21]

*522. To ask the Minister for Justice if persons can apply to the regularisation scheme if they have resided in the State for 12 years in total but have left and come back two years ago; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [61861/21]

*523. To ask the Minister for Justice the residency status of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61915/21]

*524. To ask the Minister for Justice if Garda recruitment will take place in January 2022; if not, if recruitment will be held later; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61929/21]

*525. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress on her plans in relation to implementing new training, licensing and standards requirements for private security contractors enforcing evictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61960/21]

*526. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason staff working in the Legal Aid Board are being requested to work on site in contravention of Government guidance that those who can work from home should work from home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [61971/21]

*527. To ask the Minister for Justice if the temporary extension on immigration permissions until 15 January 2022 allows for those with temporary extension to be able to travel outside of

Ireland and return on the expired work permit stamp and the Irish residence permit card (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [62005/21]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*528. To ask the Minister for Health the number of State locations or entities offering regular residential respite for teenagers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [61265/21]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an all-island system in which teenagers requiring regular residential respite and unable to access it here due to capacity issues can do so in Northern Ireland; if so, the cost paid by the State; if there is not such a system, if developing one is something he will consider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [61266/21]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the Cross Departmental Strategic Workforce Advisory Group in respect of home support and nursing homes will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61119/21]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health if persons presenting for Covid-19 vaccination post-infection with Covid-19 can opt to receive a vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61122/21]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being undertaken to improve waiting times for paediatric orthopaedic care in particular for patients with spina bifida and hydrocephalus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61125/21]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding hospital visits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [61128/21]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an electronic copy of the full recorded NPHET meeting from 25 November 2021. — Alan Kelly. [61129/21]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health if the home help hours for a person (details supplied) will be increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61130/21]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Ireland has the highest rate of spina bifida in the world; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that many children with spina bifida are waiting surgery, particularly scoliosis surgery; if he has plans to provide the necessary funding to increase surgery capacity in order that surgeries can go ahead in Cappagh Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61135/21]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists that left an area (details supplied) that are participating in the dental treatment service scheme; the number of dentists that have resigned from the scheme in the area in 2020; the number of dentists that are still signed up in the area that would have low participation as defined by with revenue of less than €5,000 from the scheme in the past two years; the efforts being made to provide dental services to medical card holders in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [61141/21]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a consultation with a paediatric urologist at Temple Street Hospital; the number waiting up to 6, 6 to 12, 12 and 24 and more than 24 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61146/21]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a consultation with a paediatric urologist at Temple Street Hospital in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; the plans he has to reduce the waiting time for a consultation with a paediatric urologist at Temple Street Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61147/21]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting a paediatric urology procedure at Temple Street Hospital; the number waiting up to 6, 6 to 12, 12 and 24 and more than 24 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61148/21]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a paediatric urology procedure at Temple Street Hospital in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; the plans he has to reduce the waiting time for procedures at Temple Street Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61149/21]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant paediatric urologists at Temple Street Hospital in 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61150/21]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the HSE capital programme for 2022; and the projects including timelines of start and completion dates in tabular form. — Alan Dillon. [61157/21]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health the regularity with which he meets with the HSE capital projects and estate team to review capital development proposals that progress through a number of approval stages in line with the public spending code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61158/21]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the recommendations of the National Youth Mental Health Task Force, in particular the youth mental health pathfinder project; if a pathfinder team is now in place; if so, the progress to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61159/21]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE grade and type of professionals working within the HSE capital and estates division by CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61160/21]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the HSE capital and estates division engage with external design consultancy companies on the delivery of capital projects compared to internal in-house design reviews; the level of HSE expenditure in the past three years on external service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61161/21]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered public private partnerships to deliver on the HSE capital programme commitment to help address the existing infrastructural deficits with regard to clinical, HIQA and building standards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61162/21]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which dental patients can have their requirements met and progressed as quickly as possible with particular reference to medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61167/21]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health if persons who have completed a level 6 vaccination course through a company (details supplied) can apply as vaccinators; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [61168/21]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health the urgent assistance his Department can provide in the early intervention of orthodontics services for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [61171/21]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health the unit or person that will have the ownership of the implementation of the National Cardiac Services Review when it is published; the lead responsible for cardiovascular policy; the way in which, aside from the HSE National Heart Programme, the recommendations will be advanced, monitored and evaluated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61172/21]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify an issue in regard to Covid-19 tests for travel into Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [61173/21]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the provision of antigen tests for the early childhood care and education sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [61176/21]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health if dedicated technical support and a formalised decision-making process in relation to health technology review has been given to NIAC to address the deficiencies identified in the briefing he received upon entering office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61180/21]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health if the recommendations from the internal departmental review 2016 on the development of immunisation policy to support the effective, transparent and accountable operation of NIAC have been implemented to address the deficiencies identified in the briefing he received upon entering office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61181/21]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health if NIAC has been restructured since he took office as recommended in the briefing he received upon entering office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61182/21]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 369 and 370 of 11 November 2021, the assaults recorded on nurses and doctors in each of the years 2015 to 2020 and to date in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61187/21]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health if access to services will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and the supports that can be provided to the family. — Paul Murphy. [61188/21]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made to date in relation to a public health (obesity) Act in particular the work undertaken to examine restrictions on promotion and

advertising aimed at children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61197/21]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health when the neurology unit of Tallaght Hospital which serves north County Kildare will have its recommended full complement of 20 specialist neurology nurses as opposed to the 3.5 currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [61199/21]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the steps in place to ensure that the health system is protected from cyberattacks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61201/21]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will allow the North Inner-City Drug and Alcohol Task Force to proceed with the appointment of its elected chair and to go ahead with organising meetings attended by all its members including statutory representatives in order that it can carry out its essential work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61205/21]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to amend the Covid-19 vaccination certificate system to include information in relation to booster shots; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [61208/21]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 322 of 12 November 2020, if the procurement strategy for future supplies of PPE to the health service has been fully developed; if it includes a strategy for indigenous supply; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [61214/21]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements that can be put in place to facilitate a person travelling to Ireland on a long haul journey who will not be in a position to get a PCR test within 72 hours of arriving in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [61215/21]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an updated list of dental practices that are participating in the dental treatment services scheme in counties Louth and Meath, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [61217/21]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the specific health guidance that relates to the European advice note (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [61220/21]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend vaccine passports to include booster shots given that several persons have been told they will need proof of boosters to travel to certain EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [61230/21]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health if he has responded to a letter from an advocacy group (details supplied) which was sent to his office on 16 November 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [61233/21]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure that all acute hospitals, community hospitals, health centres and primary health care centres are fully wheelchair accessible. — Holly Cairns. [61238/21]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive an appointment; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61247/21]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the health budget for 2022 he will be allocating to supporting the local drug and alcohol addiction prevention, stabilisation and detoxing work of local authorities homeless services; the way that this builds on previous funding received over the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61250/21]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in relation to the Programme for Government commitment to work with key stakeholders to introduce a public health obesity Bill, including examining restrictions on promotion and advertising aimed at children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [61253/21]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered the introduction of an exemption to the need for proof of vaccination to engage in various indoor activities, specifically for those who are medically unable to receive their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine due to a severe adverse reaction to their first dose; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61255/21]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health the number of lung transplants and heart transplants carried out at the Mater Hospital in 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [61288/21]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the number of capital funding requests submitted to the HSE from the Mater Hospital specifically to address the issue of bed capacity over the past three years; the amount requested; and the amount provided by the HSE. — Catherine Murphy. [61289/21]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent consultant haematologists attached to Naas General Hospital in 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61290/21]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent scan nurses in County Kildare in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Catherine Murphy. [61291/21]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent paediatric neurosurgeons and paediatric neurologists working in the public health service in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61292/21]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Wexford awaiting a first-time assessment for occupational therapy services; the breakdown of waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [61300/21]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in County Wexford awaiting physiotherapy services; the breakdown of waiting time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [61301/21]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance call-outs in 2021 to date in County Wexford; the average call out times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [61302/21]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time taken to recognise health qualifications by CORU; the number of applications and the approval response time for the past 24 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61304/21]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in relation to the waiting lists for CORU; the steps he is taking to review the current CORU recognition process for approving UK registered healthcare professionals to have their credentials and work experience recognised for the purposes of joining the healthcare system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61305/21]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health when a report (details supplied) which was presented to the HSE in February 2015 regarding the public orthodontic service will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61314/21]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the prioritisation of persons with learning disabilities regarding access to day services in Buncrana, County Donegal; the criteria for this prioritisation; the person or body that decides the priority list; and the location in which it is published in order that service users and carers can read and understand the prioritisation of the service user. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61350/21]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health the requirements in relation to medical card holders that do not or cannot wear masks when attending general practitioner appointments given that mask wearing requirements are at the discretion of each individual doctor; the processes that are in place to ensure they can attend appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61352/21]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health if persons will be entitled to a refund of the cost incurred for the requirement of having an RT-PCR test taken when travelling into Ireland and the subsequent changes that occurred in the timing as to when the test should be taken in view of the changes which occurred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61355/21]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health the restrictions that apply to persons travelling to Ireland from the United Kingdom who is an Irish citizen but a spouse is a non-UK and or non-European and both of whom have not been vaccinated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61356/21]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioners currently working in Charlestown, County Mayo and in other areas close by to increase the provision of general practitioner care in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61367/21]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the number of appointments for Covid-19 booster shots offered and the rate of uptake of the booster shots since the week commencing 22 November 2021 to date on a regional basis in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61375/21]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that fathers are being denied access to attend 12 week scans at the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, in cases in which partners are fully vaccinated and have no Covid-19 symptoms; the reason partners have been refused access given the advice in national media that partners can attend all pregnancy related appointments; the steps that will be taken to ensure this does not reoccur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61403/21]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); the supports that will be put in place to ensure the person continues to receive all necessary support as they enter adulthood; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61404/21]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) who is awaiting an assessment of needs; the length of time they should expect to wait before an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61405/21]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider introducing a scheme to ease the cost burden on persons and families that for health reasons are forced to buy more expensive specific types of essential foodstuffs such as gluten free products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [61436/21]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include the cost to patients of having bloods taken for analysis on the medical card scheme or on the general practitioner contract; if the practice of charging patients and the charge itself is uniform throughout the country; if his Department has agreed the charge with general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [61444/21]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists currently employed at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan; the staffing level for occupational therapists at the hospital; if there is a vacancy for a line manager in the occupational therapy department at the hospital; the length of time this position has remained vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [61454/21]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health the transitional funding arrangement put in place by the HSE for the care of a person (details supplied); if approval for the fair deal scheme will be completed based on the information provided; if an application for a medical card will also be approved as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [61457/21]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the Carrickmacross primary care centre to be operational; the number of HSE staff that will be employed at the centre; the number of nurses that will be based at the centre; the different nursing specialities involved and the number for each; if clinical nurse specialists in tissue viability and wound care will be based at the centre; when the recruitment process will begin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61461/21]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an outline of the requirements for a patient to receive approval to receive the drug ajovy fremanezumab (details supplied) which was approved by the HSE under the high tech scheme in October 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61477/21]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the eighty two children with spina bifida and or hydrocephalus that are awaiting orthopaedic surgical management and orthopaedic review appointments (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61478/21]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the waiting list for orthodontic services in Waterford (details supplied); the length of time the children have been on the waiting list; the expected timeframe for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61479/21]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to data protection and antigen testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61520/21]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeline for the delivery of the three specialist menopause clinics yet to be delivered; if the clinics will be open by the end of 2021 as planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61521/21]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health the reason an application by a person (details supplied) for a primary medical certificate was turned down; the qualifying criteria to receive a primary medical certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [61564/21]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health the details of emergency meetings held on 7 December 2021 regarding the impact of Storm Barra on the mental health services in counties Cork and Kerry, the recorded attendance of HSE managers who had agreed to attend an Oireachtas Committee on Health meeting that day and the times of the emergency meetings. — Neasa Hourigan. [61580/21]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the total amount invested by Cork and Kerry HSE management in a community residence (details supplied) for persons with mental health difficulties; the breakdown of the figures for purchase, renovations, legal fees and other costs that may be associated with the residence; the projected total annual running costs of the facility; the date of purchase of the property by the HSE; the projected timeframe for the commencement of services, accounting for the possibility of planning objections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61581/21]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health if updated vaccination certificates will be issued to persons who have received the booster dose outlining that they have received the booster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61586/21]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be eligible to receive a booster vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61589/21]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to decentralising CEIS services to rural parts of County Clare to honour the commitments made in Sláintecare to provide access to community-based supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61590/21]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to inform persons and to promote the medical cannabis access programme as a viable treatment alternative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61591/21]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the eligibility criteria for qualifying for the medical cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61592/21]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the way a person can apply for and access the medical cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61593/21]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health the number of participants who are currently receiving treatment under the medical cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61594/21]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the moving of maternity services to University Hospital Limerick; if the move is still planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61595/21]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of applications by CHO area for assessments of needs under the Disability Act 2005 overdue for completion at three, six, 12 and 18 months, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61596/21]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the Neurorehabilitation Strategy 2011 steering group has not met in to date 2021; his views on the negative impact the lack of communication and coordination will have on advancing the strategy; when the next meeting is scheduled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61597/21]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider extending the temporary assistance payment scheme available to healthcare establishments beyond the end of 2021 considering that infection control measures need to be sustained into 2022 and healthcare institutions need to be supported to maintain this level of infection prevention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61598/21]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health if he will fully implement the commitments of the Neurorehabilitation Strategy as per Article 26 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and to combat the level of unmet need for adults and children in the State; if he will consider multi-annual funding and resource framework in order to improve access and tackle waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61605/21]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the National Neurorehabilitation Strategy 2011; what aspects of it have been implemented a decade down the line; when the outstanding items will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61606/21]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 586 of 16 November 2021, the breakdown of these waiting list numbers in intervals of six months, that is, 0-6, 6-12,

12-18 and more than 18 months by CHO area in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61607/21]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale used to revoke eligibility and therefore access to personal assistance services for persons over 65 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61608/21]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that has and will be made available through Budget 2022 to prevent young persons from entering nursing homes; the preventative measures that will be taken by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61609/21]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health if unspent allocations for the decongregation of disabled persons and transfer of under 65s from nursing homes for 2021 will accrue, be ring-fenced and be added to the designated Budget 2022 allocation; if this dedicated funding rolls over into the next budgetary year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61610/21]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if there is additional legislation needed in order to transfer the disability portfolio to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; if it is the commencement of pre-existing legislation that is generating a delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61611/21]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the outstanding applications for a primary medical certificate at present; and if a breakdown of those waiting will be provided in three month intervals (details supplied) in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61618/21]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outstanding applications for primary medical certificates at each year end from 2017 to 2020 and to date in 2021, by CHO in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61620/21]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for the inclusion of obesity in the HSE Integrated Care Programme for the Prevention and Management of Chronic Disease; if supports will be made available to assist those with a diagnosis of obesity to reduce the financial cost of medications associated with the management of obesity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61628/21]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons since the start of 2021 in hospital with Covid-19 who were fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and unvaccinated by week. — Peadar Tóibín. [61629/21]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons since the start of 2021 in intensive care units with Covid-19 who were fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and unvaccinated by week. — Peadar Tóibín. [61630/21]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons since the start of 2021 who have died as a result of Covid-19 who were fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated and unvaccinated by week. — Peadar Tóibín. [61631/21]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a procedure for a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [61645/21]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health if he will release the official advice he received from his Departmental officials that indicates that the chair of the review body into the Health Act 2018 should be appointed following a tendering process. — Seán Crowe. [61647/21]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the next cohort to receive the Covid-19 vaccine after 5 to 12 years olds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61653/21]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the proof that EU Digital COVID Certificates (details supplied) reduce the risk of the spread of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61654/21]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a free antigen test to every home in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61677/21]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health when measures reducing children's exposure to alcohol advertising as enacted by the Public Health (Alcohol) Act in 2018 will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61680/21]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health when the national stroke strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61681/21]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health when the fair deal scheme for a person (details supplied) will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61683/21]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if computers using an operating system (details supplied) are still in use in his Department or in the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61685/21]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health if he has read the recently published report by the Ombudsman entitled Grounded: Unequal access for people with disabilities to personal transport schemes, a commentary by the Ombudsman; his plans to address the issues raised in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61690/21]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which medical equipment loaned to patients and service users is reused or recycled when it is no longer required by said persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [61691/21]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the uptake rate on eligible women attending for CervicalCheck appointments; if he will provide a breakdown by age category and county for each of the years 2019, 2020 and up to 30 September 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61695/21]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the actions being taken by his Department to target reported low attendance rates for CervicalCheck appointments by women aged over 50 in certain counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61696/21]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health if the backlog of screening tests due to the suspension of CervicalCheck as a result of Covid-19 in 2020 has now been cleared; the number of tests that were carried out in 2019, 2020 and up to 30 September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61697/21]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cervical cancer diagnoses that were made in 2019, 2020 and up to 30 September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61698/21]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the efficacy of the new cervical cancer test that detects HPV; the number of tests that have been HPV positive with no abnormal cell changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61699/21]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unvaccinated persons who are being treated in intensive care units in all hospitals in the country. — Brendan Griffin. [61701/21]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent by the HSE on agency staff from 2017 to date by year and location in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [61706/21]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent through the NTPF from 2017 to date by year; and the organisations to which such payments were made. — David Cullinane. [61707/21]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on outsourcing services to the private sector from 2017 to date by year and organisation in tabular form; and the services this spending related to. — David Cullinane. [61708/21]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on and by section 38 organisations from 2017 to date. — David Cullinane. [61709/21]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the amount spent on and by section 39 organisations from 2017 to date. — David Cullinane. [61710/21]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of public funding spent by public hospitals on private healthcare services within each hospital from 2017 to date in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [61711/21]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of public funding spent by public hospitals on private healthcare services from 2017 to date by hospital in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [61712/21]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of public funding spent by his Department, the HSE and all other public healthcare providers on external consultancy work from 2017 to date by purchaser in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [61713/21]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions that occurred through University of Limerick Hospitals Group accident and emergency or the acute medical assessment unit due to diabetic ketoacidosis in persons with pre-existing diabetes or diagnosed with diabetes after admission in each of the years 2017 to 2020, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61722/21]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital admissions that occurred through University of Limerick Hospitals Group accident and emergency or the acute medical assessment unit due to severe hypoglycaemia in each of the years 2017 to 2020 in the age ranges 18 to 24, 25 to 34, 35 to 44, 45 to 54, 55 to 64 and over 65 years of age in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61723/21]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for the adult type 1 diabetes outpatient clinics; the number of persons on the waiting list for the adult type 2 diabetes outpatient clinics; the estimated waiting time to be seen at outpatient diabetes clinics in University Hospital Cork; and the number of persons that do not reside in counties Cork, Kerry, Waterford, or south County Tipperary in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61724/21]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for the adult type 1 diabetes outpatient clinics; the number of persons on the waiting list for the adult type 2 diabetes outpatient clinics; the estimated waiting time to be seen at outpatient diabetes clinics in University Hospital Galway; and the number of persons that do not reside in counties Galway, Mayo, Sligo or Roscommon in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61725/21]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists and integrated care clinical nurse specialists that are currently in-post in University of Limerick Hospitals Group adult diabetes services. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61726/21]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health his estimate of the number of Covid-19 patients in intensive or critical care if 100% of the population eligible for a vaccine was vaccinated. — Michael Moynihan. [61727/21]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vaccinated Covid-19 patients that were in hospital on 3 December 2021; and the number that were in intensive or critical care on the same date. — Michael Moynihan. [61728/21]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unvaccinated Covid-19 patients that were in hospital on 3 December 2021; and the number that were in intensive or critical care on the same date. — Michael Moynihan. [61729/21]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health if healthcare workers in maternity hospitals are allowed in law and practice to be conscientious objectors when it comes to the delivery of abortion services. — Peadar Tóibín. [61743/21]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to home help services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61751/21]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the cost of services provided by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61753/21]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of home support hours in each LHO area as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [61758/21]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [61759/21]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability currently being provided as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available by CHO in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [61760/21]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places provided to persons with a disability as of 1 December 2021, by local health office in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [61761/21]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available that were awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the Disability Act 2005 by local health office area in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [61762/21]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the physiotherapy waiting list by local health area as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and aged 65 plus. — Michael Moynihan. [61763/21]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list by local health area as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 and over 18 years of age. — Michael Moynihan. [61764/21]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list by local health area as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 and over 18 years of age. — Michael Moynihan. [61765/21]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list by local health area as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting aged 0 to 17 and over 18 years of age. — Michael Moynihan. [61766/21]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list by local health area as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 years of age plus. — Michael Moynihan. [61767/21]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [61768/21]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [61769/21]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [61770/21]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [61771/21]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [61772/21]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [61773/21]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and more than 52 weeks, respectively. — John Lahart. [61774/21]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units to date in 2021. — John Lahart. [61775/21]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours being provided in each LHO area as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; the way that compares to target in each LHO area for the same time period; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; and the number waiting 0 to 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 12 and more than 12 months plus, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61776/21]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 1 December 2021 or the latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons currently awaiting placement under the scheme in each local health area in tabular form; and the length of time waiting. — John Lahart. [61777/21]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 1 December 2021; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date. — John Lahart. [61778/21]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges in each public and voluntary hospital at the end of November 2021; and the total number to date in 2021, in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61779/21]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days lost in each public and voluntary hospital owing to delayed discharges to date in 2021, in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61780/21]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 or over that experienced an emergency department wait time more than 24 hours during November 2021; the number to date in 2021; and the hospitals in which the wait occurred. — John Lahart. [61781/21]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in November 2021; the number of such ambulances that waited longer

than of 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; and the number that waited longer than 40, 60, 90, 120 and more than 180 minutes for same, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61782/21]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients currently waiting less than 4, 4 to 8 and more than 8 months for both Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children's University Hospital for the end of November 2021 or the latest date available; and if he will provide the same information for other spinal patients. — John Lahart. [61783/21]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61784/21]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61785/21]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61786/21]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61787/21]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61788/21]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61789/21]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61790/21]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61791/21]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for

less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61792/21]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61793/21]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61794/21]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61795/21]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61796/21]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61797/21]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61798/21]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61799/21]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61800/21]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61801/21]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61802/21]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61803/21]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61804/21]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61805/21]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61806/21]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61807/21]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61808/21]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61809/21]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61810/21]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61811/21]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61812/21]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for

less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61813/21]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61814/21]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61815/21]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61816/21]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61817/21]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61818/21]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61819/21]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61820/21]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61821/21]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61822/21]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61823/21]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61824/21]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 December 2021 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than 3, 3 to 6, 6 to 9, 9 to 12 and more than 12 months, respectively in tabular form. — John Lahart. [61825/21]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which the reimbursement of travel costs for haemodialysis patients is administered; the rate per kilometre; if it is paid through the hospital administering the treatment or centrally by the HSE; the reason some patients are paid monthly and others less frequently; and the timeframe for payment specified by the HSE. — Seán Crowe. [61834/21]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect a decision on their cross-Border application and reimbursement for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [61849/21]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health the measures taken by his Department to ensure ventilation and clean air quality in public and private nursing homes particularly in relation to the installation of CO2 monitors, ventilation systems and HEPA filters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61850/21]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health if there have been many recorded serious adverse reactions to any of the Covid-19 vaccines; and if redress is available to persons in such circumstances. — Robert Troy. [61854/21]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health if an update can be provided regarding proposals to accommodate those who are medically deemed unfit to be vaccinated to be allowed partake in society; if he will consider exemptions on certified medical grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [61856/21]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new ventilator units that were allocated to Irish hospitals since 1 January 2021. — Ivana Bacik. [61869/21]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of recruiting nine additional full-time ICU nurses for Children’s Health Ireland, Temple Street. — Ivana Bacik. [61870/21]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the annual spend in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021 on maternal mental health services at all stages of pregnancy and postnatal care; the allocation of resources and future plans for same.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [61871/21]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign by an organisation (details supplied) which is seeking 100 additional neurology nurse specialists across Ireland, including 17 extra nurses for St. Vincent’s University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [61873/21]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health if occupational services will engage with a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [61916/21]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking to ensure proper ventilation and air quality regulation in nursing homes due to the threat of the spread of Covid-19 in these facilities; if his Department will provide funding for the installation of CO2 monitors and

air purification systems in nursing homes; if the possible allocation of such funds has been costed by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61919/21]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take steps to ensure essential treatment is expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [61924/21]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be allocated for the health centre in Inis Meáin, Aran Islands, County Galway given the dilapidated state of the health centre including the storeroom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61928/21]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a person (details supplied) will be waiting for a long-term stay bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61930/21]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is unable to get an appointment for their child to see a dietician; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61935/21]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will produce the first national stroke strategy; and if there will be provision for a properly-funded annual fast campaign as called for by an organisation (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [61970/21]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ophthalmologists contracted by the HSE to deliver primary care services for children in County Louth in 2019, 2020 and to date in 2021, by location; if no ophthalmologists will be available in Drogheda primary care in the coming weeks given that the existing ophthalmologist is leaving the post and no replacement has been secured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [61972/21]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to amend the nursing home support scheme to exempt rental income from a principal private residence when calculating the income of an applicant. — Emer Higgins. [61973/21]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health if a risk assessment has been carried out for children aged between 9 to 12 years of age and the effect mask wearing may have on their well-being; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [61998/21]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health if refunds will be given to persons who had already secured PCR and antigen tests in order to travel that were not required due to the change of implementation date from 3 to 5 December 2021 for the new regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [61999/21]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to securing radiology services in Clonakilty or Bandon, County Cork to help alleviate the pressure from hospitals in Cork city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [62007/21]

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

*758. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his officials have not followed up on their commitment to meet with a farmer (details supplied) with regard to the

forced closure of their industry as they had committed to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61121/21]

*759. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason he has not replied to correspondence from a farmer (details supplied) which is of the most serious nature on concerns regarding the forced closure of their business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61123/21]

*760. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his officials are refusing to review the statutory redundancy being offered to staff affected by the closure of the mink farming industry in Ireland despite his own commitment at the Oireachtas Committee hearing on 15 July 2021 to do so; if his officials will be instructed as a matter of urgency to examine what a more appropriate package of redundancy would be; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61124/21]

*761. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of CAP funding for Leader; if consideration is being given to increasing the budget for the Leader Programme 2023-2027; the efforts being undertaken to drive bottom-up community-led investment to create and sustain employment in rural Ireland as per the high-level ambitions of Leader 2023-2027 outlined in the draft CAP strategic plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61154/21]

*762. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if appeals lodged by a person (details supplied) relative to the BPS for 2019, 2020 and 2021 will be expedited and approved; if the power line corridors highlighted on images of their farm holding submitted with the appeals will be included in their claim for benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [61185/21]

*763. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the horse project for Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [61204/21]

*764. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has adopted a strategy in advance of the position adopted by the European Parliament ANIT committee (Committee of Inquiry into the Protection of Animals During Transport) which in effect would stop live exports of calves under 35 days old and prevent the transport of in-calf cows domestically in their third trimester being discussed at the Farm Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [61209/21]

*765. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will conduct a full impact assessment of the effect proposals (details supplied) would have on Irish agriculture, in particular, in terms of impact on the dairying and beef sectors, the loss of critical markets for live exports and the potential for creating unanticipated animal welfare problems domestically; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [61210/21]

*766. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rationale for the transfer of €7 million in capital expenditure from the forestry budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61234/21]

*767. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure that the €7 million in capital expenditure intended to be moved from the forestry budget is spent on

community and small-scale tree-planting initiatives for National Tree Week 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61235/21]

*768. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an application before the Forest Service by persons (details supplied) submitted on 20 October 2020 is still awaiting a decision and is being delayed by the NPWS which apparently has no wildlife ranger in place to provide a report; the action he is taking to deal with the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [61323/21]

*769. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he plans to establish the proposed stakeholders forum to review the Common Fisheries Policy from an Irish perspective; the number of members he plans to place on the forum; the criteria that will be set in place to become a member; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61333/21]

*770. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the obligations placed on farmers to facilitate TB inspections in the event that a farmer has demonstrated two clear test results in one year and in which neighbouring herds have already tested clear; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61353/21]

*771. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the €7 million being returned from the forestry budget is a result of the inability of his Department to deliver afforestation licences to the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61438/21]

*772. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the forestry sector will be allocated financial support to repair plantations damaged by late spring frost in recent years given the fact that €7 million in capital spending is being moved from the forestry budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61439/21]

*773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to ensure afforestation is complimentary within the next CAP to re-engage farmers in forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61440/21]

*774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of afforestation licences issued and the number of Coillte felling licences issued since the assistant secretary of his Department informed the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Agriculture, Food and the Marine on 29 January 2020 that afforestation needs to be the clear focus for 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61441/21]

*775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way the Forestry Service within his Department plans to reach its own planting afforestation target given it only issued 49 afforestation planting licences in a five-week period from 1 to 29 October 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61442/21]

*776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 291 of 20 October 2021, if the afforestation scheme is classed as an environmental scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61443/21]

*777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the non-payment of farm payments in September 2021 to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [61446/21]

*778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current weekly and monthly number of Coillte felling, private felling, road and afforestation licences issued by type; if a more ambitious target will be adopted in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61464/21]

*779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to introduce a statutory period in which applicants for forestry related licences will be entitled to receive a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61465/21]

*780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the period of activity for which already issued licences will meet the demand of Coillte; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61466/21]

*781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to allocate further ecologists and foresters towards the processing of farmer and private individual afforestation applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61467/21]

*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he considered enhancing or broadening available supports for those effected by ash dieback when reallocating funds within the recent supplementary estimate; if not, if other forestry related measures were considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61468/21]

*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the introduction of an equine census that includes donkeys will cease with the need to forward passports for donkeys to his Department for the purposes of the ANC scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61507/21]

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 743 of 30 November 2021, his views on assessing a case for a frost recon scheme which has been ongoing since 2019; the reason his Department has not utilised the €7 million unused forestry budget for the frost recon scheme to support forest owners whose forests have been damaged by frost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [61514/21]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if statistical information in relation to felling licences will be provided for 2020 and to date in 2021 (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [61652/21]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the share of the fish quota in the Irish EEZ under the CFP for the Irish fishing fleet on a species basis in tabular form; the overall share or percentage of the fish quota in the Irish EEZ under the CFP allocated to the Irish fishing fleet; and the overall share and percentage of the fish quota in the Irish EEZ under the CFP allocated to the fishing fleet of all other EU member states on a member basis. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61668/21]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are supports available from his Department for farmers that wish to use organic fertilisers or fertiliser pellets that are

biologically composted and 100% organic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61721/21]

*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of animal deaths and injuries that occurred on the voyage of a livestock vessel (details supplied); if a vet was on board the vessel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [61748/21]

*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proportion of livestock vessels leaving Ireland in 2020 and to date in 2021 that had a vet on board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [61750/21]

*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farmer in receipt of and that has repaid subsidies for land (details supplied) must apply for a felling licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61752/21]

*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a detailed breakdown of expenditure of the €1.76 million spent by Rásaíocht Con Éireann on welfare, laboratory, integrity and governance will be provided in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61835/21]

*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the recently purchased greyhound utility vehicles are available for use at official and unofficial trials; and if they will be available at all racetracks. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61836/21]

*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of death certificates submitted to the welfare department of Rásaíocht Con Éireann since the new code of practice for the care and welfare of greyhounds came into force. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61837/21]

*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of veterinary certificates that have been lodged with an organisation (details supplied) in 2020 to allow for a greyhound bitch to have a seventh and or eighth litter; and if a list of said greyhound bitches will be provided. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61838/21]

*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the detail of the regulatory changes that took effect in February 2021 regarding the manner in which novice greyhounds are seeded. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61839/21]

*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if information on the traceability system RCÉTS is publicly accessible; if not, the reason; and the number of owners and keepers that have failed to update the status of their greyhound on the RCÉTS since January 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61840/21]

*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the microchip database of an organisation (details supplied) records the unique identifying code of the person who implants the microchip and registers the dog; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the recent seizure of 33 dogs by An Garda Síochána and another organisation were registered on the pet sellers list as billionaire bully and online adverts listed by the pet seller indicates that the dogs were registered with the first organisation; and if a commitment will be given to investigate if the dogs were in fact legally registered. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61841/21]

*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to incentivise and support poultry farmers to invest in and adopt best available technology in order to reduce ammonia emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61879/21]

*799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 355 of 20 May 2021, the amount of funding provided to pillar 2 schemes from the Exchequer; the amount co-funded by scheme in 2020 to date; the allocated amounts in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61880/21]

*800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding he plans to provide to pillar 2 schemes from the Exchequer; the amount co-funded from 2023 to 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61881/21]

*801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the proposed cap of €66,000 on the basic income support scheme will impact on eco-scheme payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61882/21]

*802. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount paid in pillar 1 payments to date in 2021; the total amount expected to be paid; the amount allocated in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61883/21]

*803. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of sheep on which payments were made under the sheep welfare scheme; the payment rate in each of the years 2016 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61906/21]

*804. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the indicative allocation for a sheep improvement scheme within the proposed CAP Strategic Plan intends an equal allocation of funds across all five years of the plan; the estimated number of individual breeding ewes this would support in each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61907/21]

*805. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dairy farmers receiving less than €10,000 in pillar 1 payments for the years 2016 to date by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61908/21]

*806. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dairy farmers with a family farm income of less than €20,000, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61910/21]

*807. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the hours of landing at the designated piers and harbours in the State for fishing vessels registered in Northern Ireland to weekends. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61911/21]

*808. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason he has not added Dunmore East to the list of designated piers and harbours in the State that can facilitate the landing of fishing vessels registered in Northern Ireland considering the presence of the Sea-Fisheries Protection Authority officials at the harbour. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61912/21]

*809. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara an bhfuil an tuarascáil dheireannach ar a rabhtas ag fanacht maidir le Céibh Ros an Mhíl faighte; má tá, cén toradh a bhí ar an tuarascáil agus cén uair atá i gceist chun cinneadh a dheánadh maidir le forbairt céibhe

doimhne mara ann, ag tógáil san áireamh an phráinn a bhaineann leis seo de bharr nach bhfuil ach achar reasúnta gairid fágtha ag an gcead pleanála don fhorbairt. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61920/21]

*810. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way the reformed Common Agricultural Policy and in particular the draft CAP strategic plan will focus on the necessity for rewarding greenhouse gas efficiency and reductions on individual farms; the way such gains will be protected within the overall agricultural emissions targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [61993/21]

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

*811. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 1040 of 10 February 2021, the status of development of the pier on Inis Oírr; when she expects the works to be completed; the cost of the project to date; the estimated total cost of the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61116/21]

*812. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 32 of 14 October 2021, the status of the promised €2 million scheme to fund the development of town masterplans; the details of the scheme; the selection criteria for the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61117/21]

*813. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 69 of 14 October 2021, the status of the report on the town centre first approach; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61131/21]

*814. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding developing and expanding of enterprise hubs and remote working hub infrastructure in rural Ireland particularly in County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [61142/21]

*815. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of her Department's engagement with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine in finalising funding for Leader; the efforts being to maximise the budget for Leader as part of the CAP strategic plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61155/21]

*816. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will establish a collective bargaining forum to negotiate pay and conditions of employment across the community and voluntary sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61170/21]

*817. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the budget allocation for the Community Enhancement Programme for 2020 and 2021; and the budget allocation for same in 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61278/21]

*818. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 9, 15 and 21 of 14 April 2011 and 1267 of 2 November 2021, the funding for the Leader programme during the 2007 to 2013 period; the reason for the discrepancy between the replies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [61476/21]

*819. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén dul chun cinn atá déanta le measúnú a dhéanamh ar iarratas faoin gClár Seirbhísí Pobail (sonraí tugtha); agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61510/21]

*820. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 100 of 7 December 2021, the implications for her Department of the plan to use deferred surrender of funds; if the funds surrendered will be lost permanently to her Department; the amount that is likely to be involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61599/21]

*821. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has received a full written report in relation to a matter (details supplied); the up to date position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61632/21]

*822. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of responses from her Department to the issues faced by areas of Tallaght, Dublin 24 that have been adversely impacted by the growth in crack cocaine usage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [61857/21]