1. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to an issue (details supplied) in relation to the legislation regarding the liable relatives unit and the significant challenges it presents to lone parents; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14850/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that she will take to ensure that refugees from Ukraine will be able to have access to social protection entitlements; if her Department will adapt the usual rules that would require furnishing of documentation to prove eligibility for certain payments such as medical records or training and employment records given the difficulty to obtain them from Ukraine; if she will recognise the accrual of social insurance payments in Ukraine towards the eligibility to benefits here as is the case with those coming from elsewhere in the EU and EEA; if her Department will provide information and assistance including translated material and access to interpreters to allow Ukrainian to access payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14200/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the 30-hour rule to be eligible for the exceptional needs payment; the supports that are available for those who are struggling with the cost of living and who work over 30 hours a week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14851/22]

4. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools participating in the schools meals scheme in each of the years 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and the total amount of funding made available for the scheme per year. — Peadar Tóibín. [15139/22]

5. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reconsider the criteria for the fuel allowance and allow some latitude in the application criteria for the allowance, for example, for persons who apply for the jobseeker’s or supplementary welfare allowance should not have to wait for 12 months to be accepted for fuel allowance; if persons who are on illness benefit will be included; and if she will reconsider the application criteria for the fuel allowance and the latitude in relation to same given the ongoing fuel crisis in Ireland. — Michael Collins. [15079/22]
6. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount of funding that has been allocated for the working family payment scheme which supports parents at work in 2022; the amount of additional allocated funding as part of cost of living measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [14663/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that persons in receipt of jobseeker’s benefit, illness benefit, enhanced illness benefit, occupational injuries benefit, maternity benefit or disablement benefit are automatically excluded from the fuel allowance regardless of their income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14660/22]

8. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends widening the eligibility criteria for the free fuel allowance and increasing the payment in order that the real purchasing power of the allowance is maintained in view of the recent rapid increase in the price of energy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14835/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department is monitoring the impact of recent cost of living measures with a view to their effectiveness given both inflation and also increases in energy prices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [14569/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on the supports for carers to help them to take up training, education or employment while continuing to care for a person. — Colm Burke. [14840/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of her Department’s planned review of the rural social scheme; if Tús will also be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14843/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expand the eligibility for the fuel allowance payment. — Thomas Gould. [14837/22]

13. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her strategy to address any decrease in income arising from a removal of an exemption to pay PRSI on supplementary pension income, occupational and personal pensions, and public sector pensions as contained in the Commission on Pensions report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [14818/22]

14. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that are being taken to ensure that Ukrainian refugees can access the supplementary welfare allowance and child benefit quickly upon their arrival in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14468/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the projections for the annual collection of funds under an auto enrolment pension scheme; if it is proposed to deploy these funds for specific purposes; and if not, will they be managed in a particular way. — Richard Bruton. [14875/22]
16. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to review the means testing of carer’s allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [14824/22]

17. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that her Department is taking to support Ukrainians arriving in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14761/22]

18. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the eligibility criteria for the fuel allowance to take those with occupational pensions into account. — Sean Sherlock. [14856/22]

19. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the response of her Department to the Ukrainian war crisis; the measures that are being taken to ensure that all applications to her Department will not incur undue delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14852/22]

20. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to address the rate of jobseeker’s allowance for young people following her Department’s report on the issue considering that the payment is currently set well below the poverty line; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14844/22]

21. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications, grants and refusals under new measures to assist victims of domestic violence to access rent supplement; the average processing time for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14833/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the resources that are being made available to local Intreo offices to help host families of Ukrainian individuals coming to Ireland under the Temporary Protection Directive 2001/55 EC; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14884/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the recommendations relevant to her Department within the Cost of Disability in Ireland report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [14831/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timescale for the Government response to the recommendations of the Pensions Commission with particular reference to an essential ending of forced retirement at 65 years of age; the consultations that have been carried out to date by her Department with relevant interest groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14664/22]

25. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the companies that have won the tenders for the provision of local employment services to date in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14867/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the hot school meals programme. — Gary Gannon. [14878/22]

27. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the additional supports that will be allocated to each Intreo office for those arriving from Ukraine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14846/22]
28. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the tender process for all public employment services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [14819/22]

29. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on the social welfare supports offered and accessed by persons and families that are fleeing the Ukrainian crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [14570/22]

30. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures her Department is taking to assist and support migrants to access employment; the way in which such measures are evaluated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14683/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons applying for assistance with energy costs under the exceptional needs payments scheme by applications, grants and refusals, by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [14832/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of companies and employers that registered and took part in the Jobs in Ireland 2022 event which her Department organised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14572/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to ensure that disabled artists in receipt of the disability allowance or the blind pension can avail of the new basic income for the arts pilot scheme without losing their disability allowance or blind pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14854/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions she will take to urgently address spiralling coal costs to support families facing huge pressures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruáirí Ó Murchú. [14881/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when considerations of the report into farm assist will be concluded; when the report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14862/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the enhanced illness benefit scheme which was introduced to help with the impact of Covid. — Brendan Griffin. [14866/22]

37. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce a dedicated State pension for long-term family carers to ensure that they receive a full pension entitlement equivalent to the maximum State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14855/22]

38. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that her Department is taking to assist and support persons who find it difficult to gain employment; the way in which such measures are evaluated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14682/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a commitment will be given to carry out an investigation into the high rate of refusal for the disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [14879/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions she will take to prevent lone parents being forced into court to seek maintenance in order to retain income supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruáirí Ó Murchú. [14882/22]
41. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have benefited from the reduction in the number of waiting days for illness benefit claims since the changes were made to the scheme. — Colm Burke. [14839/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the planned priority measures for 2022 under the Roadmap for Social Inclusion 2020-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14821/22]

43. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will prepare options to expand the eligibility and rates for the fuel allowance given the rapid increase in fuel prices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14201/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the salaries and pensions paid out to special advisers to Ministers and Ministers of State in her Department in 2020 and 2021, broken down by Minister in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [11393/22]

45. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if social welfare payments including the living alone allowance and the fuel allowance will be impacted by those offering to pledge accommodation for refugees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [14829/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to an additional bonus fuel allowance payment given the dramatic increase in fuel prices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [14880/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that she will take in relation to the recent review of pension age that recommended not moving the pension age to the 67th year; and if she will further consider returning the pension age to 65 years in line with many countries across Europe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14564/22]

48. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the report of the Pensions Commission including their proposals to remove the PRSI exemption on supplementary pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [14825/22]

49. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the role that local Intreo offices are playing in facilitating Ukrainians coming to Ireland under the Temporary Protection Directive 2001/55 EC; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14883/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress regarding implementation of Budget 2022 measures to support employment opportunities for people with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [14830/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has made any contact with the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities in respect of a moratorium on disconnections. — Sean Sherlock. [14857/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends increasing the payment of the energy element of the household benefits package in order that the real purchasing power of the package is maintained in view of the recent rapid increase in the price of energy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14836/22]
53. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to amend the eligibility criteria for the free fuel allowance scheme in cases in which the income of a person slightly exceeds the allowed threshold; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14760/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to amend the back to education scheme payments to take into account time spent on the pandemic unemployment payment. — Sean Sherlock. [14859/22]

55. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of commissions of investigation under the remit of her Department currently ongoing in the State; the cost of each commission to date; and the projected costs of each in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [12559/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 82 of 3 February 2022, the details of any analysis carried out to date by her Department into phase 1 of the roll-out of the new local area employment service; her plans to publish this analysis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14848/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the pensions auto-enrolment system including plans to consult with the general public; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14834/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she will take to address the cost of disability considering the recent report on the issue which outlines the significant additional costs that persons with a disability experience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14845/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration is being given to index linking social welfare payments which would help mitigate the impact of inflation. — Kieran O’Donnell. [14864/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department is preparing to make provision for the roll-back on the decision to increase the retirement age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14202/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the household benefits package will be enhanced given the increased cost of living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [14863/22]

62. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for developing a communications campaign to highlight the ability of people to retain key social welfare supports when taking up employment. — Brendan Griffin. [14865/22]

63. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that she has taken to ensure that Ukrainian refugees have access to social protection services upon their arrival in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14467/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider a policy in which families living in emergency accommodation can access exceptional needs payments to pay for taxis for their children to go to school. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14147/22]
65. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to financially recognise the efforts of those in receipt of the carer’s allowance during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Thomas Gould. [14838/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current procedure to avail of enhanced illness benefit for Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14822/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department is carrying out means assessment reviews of carers given that the new arrangements of Budget 2022 are being introduced in June 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [14853/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of all Budget 2022 social protection rate and threshold increases including whether any have yet to be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14823/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on her engagement with the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sports and Media on the pilot of the basic income scheme for artists in relation to artists on the pilot scheme being able to retain social protection payments, specifically in relation to artists with disabilities. — Gary Gannon. [14876/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration is being given to including foster carers under the State pension for long-term carers recommendation from the Pension Commission report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14841/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to carry out a review of the JobPath scheme when it ceases; if findings from a review will be used to inform the design and scaling up of job activation and employment services as set out in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14842/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her strategy to review the payment rate of the fuel allowance in view of increased costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [14828/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost of the contracts with all third-party operators that engage on behalf of her Department in 2021 and to date in 2022; and the schemes that they operate on behalf of the Department in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [14860/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the services being provided by her Department to individuals and families arriving in Ireland that are fleeing the war in Ukraine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14661/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will rectify the situation in which those on pandemic unemployment payments over the course of the pandemic do not now have the necessary PRSI contributions to cover regular dental and optician visits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14561/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the supports her Department is providing for persons arriving from Ukraine including supports for those arriving under the EU Temporary Protection Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14820/22]
77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the aspects of farm assist that may be reformed arising from the report into the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14861/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps her Department is taking to uncover, address and reduce bogus self-employment from a social insurance perspective, especially in State-funded agencies or in areas in which public monies are being spent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [7298/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the impact of the increase in the wage subsidy scheme for people with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14573/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the report of the Commission on Pensions; the expected timescale for Government decisions on its recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14869/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of roles that have been filled in the Work Placement Experience Programme; the cost of the scheme to the Exchequer since its inception; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [7060/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to including assistance for broadband connection as part of the household benefits package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14847/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for the implementation of the recommendations of the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands, as outlined in the Committee’s response to the Report of the Commission on Pensions, February 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14849/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount paid by her Department in 2021 and to date in 2022 under the heading of medical equipment; and the breakdown by county of such payments. — Sean Sherlock. [14858/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her long-term plans to ensure that school meals are available in as many schools across the State as possible. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14146/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of the plan to tender out existing local employment services by region and the date to be implemented in each case; the cost to date of organising these tendering competitions in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14868/22]

87. To ask the Taoiseach the number of external consultant reports commissioned by his Department in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the cost of same; the company
involved; and the title and publication date of each report in tabular form. — Carol Nolan. [13572/22]

*88. To ask the Taoiseach the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; and the name of the supplier involved. — Carol Nolan. [13900/22]

*89. To ask the Taoiseach the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; and the name of the supplier involved. — Carol Nolan. [13918/22]

*90. To ask the Taoiseach the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Oireachtas Joint Committee report on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14013/22]

*91. To ask the Taoiseach if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; and if so, the details of same. — Carol Nolan. [14168/22]

*92. To ask the Taoiseach if the next secretary general of his Department will be appointed through open public competition and under the Top-Level Appointments Committee process; and if not, the reasons for the departure from that process. — Ged Nash. [14801/22]

*93. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the Central Statistics Office automatically assigning male or female sex to those who choose not to declare on the 2022 Census form. — Holly Cairns. [15065/22]

*94. To ask the Taoiseach the options that are available to persons who do not identify as either female or male on the 2022 Census form. — Holly Cairns. [15066/22]

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

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the length of time it is taking his Department to process work permit applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14966/22]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if discussions are being held at European Union level to ensure security of supply of steel products from third countries in which no sanctions apply but for which tariffs apply. — Sean Sherlock. [15008/22]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total value of dual-use exports to Israel and Palestine for the period of 2017 to date. — Patrick Costello. [13883/22]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13889/22]
*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13907/22]

*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current schedule for trade missions for 2022; if adjustments will occur considering the ongoing fuel crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [13975/22]

*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment he actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Oireachtas Joint Committee report on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14002/22]

*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14157/22]

*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 15 September 2021, if his Department has completed its review of the public consultation submissions on furniture fire safety regulations; when he expects further recommendations on revised regulations to be issued; the next steps in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14199/22]

*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that can be taken against employers that did not give the 18 March bank holiday to staff; if his attention has been drawn to such instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14217/22]

*105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that can be taken in cases in which a State funded organisation (details supplied) ignores a recommendation from the Workplace Relations Commission given that the organisation relies on the State for funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14256/22]

*106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the opening of a factory (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14335/22]

*107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are plans to engage with various professions, sectors and employers to ascertain if the qualifications of Ukrainian nationals are acceptable here to create employment opportunities; if so, if they can be rapidly facilitated to work, particularly in sectors in which Ireland currently has shortages in the economy, such as the hospitality sector; if he will engage with Ministerial colleagues in this regard; if he will consider putting in place a mechanism to identify employment vacancies in local areas to simplify and facilitate the rapid employment of Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14521/22]

*108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the plans that are in place to engage with the various unions with regard to Ukrainian refugees to agree on their
employment conditions to ensure they are not exploited when employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14522/22]

*109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is being kept informed regarding the proposed closure of a factory (details supplied); when production at this plant will cease; if any activity will continue on this site; if the social protection protocol has been activated in this case in order that employees can be assisted in claiming benefits and undertaking retraining; if employees are expected to receive a redundancy package in excess of the statutory redundancy level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14615/22]

*110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Ukrainian refugees arriving in Ireland will be provided with work permits in cases in which it is suitable and appropriate to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14619/22]

*111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 203 of 28 September 2021, if he will address this issue by way of legislation or statutory instrument; if so, the envisioned timeline for such action to ensure that the provisions of European works councils dispute resolution processes under the Transnational Information and Consultation of Employees Act 1996 are brought up-to-date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14731/22]

*112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 203 of 28 September 2021, if there has been any progress or developments on the matter raised; if his Department is ready to address this issue by way of legislation or statutory instrument; the envisioned timeline for such action to ensure that the provisions on European works councils dispute resolution processes under the Transnational Information and Consultation of Employees Act 1996 are brought up to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14746/22]

*113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures that he is taking to safeguard SMEs from the debilitating increases in energy prices which will force many to close their doors if supports are not put in place (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [14759/22]

*114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the 30-day waiting time for receivership of a company (details supplied) in County Limerick will be waived in order that employees can access social welfare assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14789/22]

*115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a work permit application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14790/22]

*116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his strategy to tackle mandatory retirement clauses in existing employment contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14826/22]

*117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when a critical skills application by a person (details supplied) will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14973/22]
*118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of a work permit for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14999/22]

*119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding issues in relation to a minimum wage agreement for the security industry raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Butler. [15033/22]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13890/22]

*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13908/22]

*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to provide rural postmasters with a retainer in order to secure the future operations of rural post offices once Covid-19 related supports cease in view of a report (details supplied) which recommended this measure to the value of €17 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13980/22]

*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the plans the Government has in place to protect persons living in Ireland from the fallout from a nuclear disaster if a nuclear power plant is damaged in an attack in Ukraine. — Peadar Tóibín. [13997/22]

*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14003/22]

*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a product (details supplied) is not being funded under the scheme for the insulation of houses; if so, the reason the product is not being used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [14029/22]

*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has considered introducing an equity release scheme for pensioners and persons nearing the pension age as part of the retrofit package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [14035/22]

*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on a test site (details supplied) off the coast of Belmullet, County Mayo; the progress that has been made since the site was first designated and announced in 2010; the investment that has been made to date; the current status of the test site; the programme for bringing the site into service as the
national test centre for full scale ocean energy converters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [14095/22]

*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will expedite an application for a lease undertaking for an area (details supplied) which is currently with his Department given the present war time situation and the risk to energy security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14132/22]

*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of existing offshore licensing extensions currently under consideration by his Department; the length of time these applications have been in his Department in a tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14133/22]

*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14158/22]

*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown for the current and capital budget allocations for each subhead of the revised estimates for 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14218/22]

*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown for the current and capital budget allocations for each subhead of the revised estimates for 2021. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14219/22]

*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown for the budget allocations for the subheads B4 and B11 of the supplementary estimate for 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14220/22]

*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the new microgeneration scheme will be published; when renewable energy communities will be able to take part and a status update on the Commission on Regulation of Utilities’ involvement in development a scheme for communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14290/22]

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the Energy Poverty Strategy will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14293/22]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider a scheme of retrofitting for the elderly who rely on the State pension and do not have access to funds to have works completed or to secure a loan. — Peter Burke. [14294/22]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a comprehensive statement on the European Commission enforcement case (2012) 4028 regarding Ireland’s alleged failure to transpose and apply the access to justice provisions of Directives 2010/75/ EU and 2011/92/EU including a summary of the grounds of the complaint and the Government’s response to the complaint. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14361/22]
*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the electricity rebate will be passed on to members of the Traveller community who pay electricity bills directly to local authorities; and if so, the way that this will be processed. — Joan Collins. [14437/22]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the figure collected from National Oil Reserves Agency levy annually; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [14465/22]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will publish the study on the potential use of the decommissioned Kinsale and Seven Heads gas fields for carbon capture and storage or the storage of natural gas; the conclusions drawn from the study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14530/22]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current waiting time for a survey to be done on a property regarding the warmer homes scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14545/22]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Exchequer directly or indirectly funds an organisation (details supplied); if so, the cost to the Exchequer of funding the organisation in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14577/22]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Exchequer directly or indirectly funds an organisation (details supplied); if so, the cost to the Exchequer of funding the organisation in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14578/22]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is any statutory impediment or conflict of interest for an officer of An Taisce becoming a trustee or director of organisations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14579/22]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the carryover of €57.9 million from 2021; the details of the programmes from which it came in tabular form; the details of the programmes it was proposed to be allocated prior to approval of the supplementary estimate in tabular form; and the details of the way it is now proposed to be allocated subsequent to the approval of the supplementary estimate in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14639/22]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the carryover of €37.75 million from 2020; the details of the programmes from which it came in tabular form; the details of the way it was proposed to be allocated in 2021, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14640/22]

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the number of homeowners on the warmer homes scheme waiting list; and the average time from application to completion for homes in Q1. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14641/22]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the fact that residential customers consuming gas through a district heating system such as a person (details supplied) are being charged higher prices for their gas heating on the basis
that communal district heating system purchasers have been categorised as commercial customers; the regulation or mechanism that is in place to enforce this; the number of residential consumers that are affected; the measures that can be taken to ensure such customers receive the same price protections as other residential customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [14698/22]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will take action to ensure that apartment renters in district energy complexes can pay residential gas rates instead of more expensive commercial gas rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14724/22]

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will urgently review the relevant legislation which classifies district energy users as commercial users rather than residential users given that the mechanism of gas supply to some residential apartment developments is through the district energy mechanism which is resulting in them paying a much higher price for gas due to recent global events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14738/22]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that he is taking to safeguard charities and community groups from the debilitating increases in energy prices which will force many groups to close their services if supports are not put in place (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [14762/22]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected timeframe for the roll-out of district heating. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14766/22]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when feedback tariffs will be introduced for solar, micro-wind and micro-hydro energy projects; the reason for the delay in the introduction of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14798/22]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are minimum standards laid down for the heat pumps to be installed to be eligible for grant aid for the purpose of the new retrofit scheme; if he is satisfied that these standards are adequate to ensure effective heating of premises as a result of their installation; the grant that is available for the installation of heat pumps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14799/22]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a national waste management strategy has been developed in conjunction with Ireland 2040 plans. — Thomas Gould. [14926/22]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that the State will manage the additional waste expected by population growth under Ireland 2040, given the current need to export waste. — Thomas Gould. [14927/22]

*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration has been given to the development of a public service for waste collection given that the current profit incentive is not effectively reducing waste production or creating proper recycling infrastructure.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [14928/22]
*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the Inter-Departmental Working Group on post offices that was set up in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [15011/22]

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of a broadband connection for a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15050/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport if a matter regarding bus stops at a location (details supplied) in County Kildare will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13812/22]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will allow those who have a pending status for their GNIB card to renew their driver licence. — Paul Murphy. [13845/22]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a group (details supplied) is calling on the National Transport Authority to act on behalf of its industry and introduce a temporary stopgap of one euro to all metered fares during an extremely difficult period for all taxi operators given the increase in fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [13848/22]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of driving test pass rates by test centre since March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [13872/22]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport the support or assistance that will be provided to taxi drivers who are facing substantial increases in fuel costs at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [13879/22]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13902/22]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13920/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus stop is planned for Ballinglanna, Glanmire and Dunkettle, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13923/22]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport when a driving licence will be issued to a person (details supplied) who applied on 16 July 2021 for a foreign licence exchange from a recognised state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13944/22]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to expand and increase funding to the electric vehicle toll incentive scheme to allow for the expansion of the scheme beyond 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13946/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the specific active travelling funding allocated in 2021 to Westmeath County Council (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [13952/22]
*171. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 222 of 3 February 2022, when a reply will issue from the Road Safety Authority (details supplied); if the matter will be examined by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13959/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14015/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a proposal by the Dublin Airport Authority to impose a drop-off charge for persons being brought to the airport in a private vehicle; if this action requires Government approval; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [14039/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is mandatory to have a government services card to apply for a driver licence; and if he will reverse the policy and allow citizens apply for a driver licence online without the government services card. — Peadar Tóibín. [14069/22]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason online booking was unavailable on route 64 Bus Éireann’s Donegal to Galway on 3 March 2022; the operational issues which led to this; the steps taken by Bus Éireann to prevent a re-occurrence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14104/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason return tickets were not available on route 64 Bus Éireann’s Donegal to Galway 06.25 a.m. service on 3 March 2022; the operational issues which led to this; steps taken by Bus Éireann to prevent a re-occurrence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14105/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and his Departmental officials will meet a cross-party delegation from Derry, Strabane District and Donegal County Council as soon as possible to discuss the funding of the City of Derry Airport as previously requested. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14152/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14170/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that additional funding is allocated to the National Transport Authority for 2023 to allow for the provision of an increase in PSO funding that would fund a third service at midday each day on the Ballybrophy train line, which services Roscrea, Cloughjordan, Nenagh, Birdhill, Castleconnell and Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14211/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase the fixed payment notice for taxis that refuse to carry assistance dogs or guide dogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14215/22]
*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons on the current waiting list for an NCT test appointment; the measures that his Department will take to reduce this number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14233/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons on the waiting list for an NCT test appointment by month from 1 January 2020 to 28 February 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14234/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the current average lead time for an NCT test appointment; the measures that his Department is taking to reduce this timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14235/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional NCT vehicle inspectors will be employed in 2022; if so, the number who are expected to be employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14236/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the difficulties facing electric car owners who do not have private driveways and whose front doors open out onto the public footpath and as a result cannot have an EV charger installed at their home; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that such persons are barred from accessing the EV home charger grant given the car charger must be on their property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14248/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected timeline to complete the N2 Clontibret to the border road scheme; the funds that have been allocated and expended to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14295/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport when it may next be considered to allocate funding to progress the N2 Clontibret to the border road scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14296/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the assistance his Department will be providing to the haulage sector who are greatly impacted as a result of the recent rise in fuel costs. — John Brady. [14298/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if there plans to permit a surcharge for taxi drivers given the rising fuel costs perhaps through an amendment of the maximum fares order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [14310/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if fishing vessels above 15 metres in length overall must not switch off their automatic identification system and thereby impair their ability to detect the presence of other vessels and conversely impair the capacity of those in other vessels to detect their presence under SI No. 640 of 2007 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14432/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to assist taxi drivers that are providing an essential public transport service given the increase in fuel charges; if he is engaging with taxi driver representatives to discuss their concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14435/22]
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*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if Aer Rianta International, as a subsidiary of Dublin Airport Authority, is currently operating or overseeing retail spaces in Russian airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14463/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is financial assistance available to landowners who are requested to undertake substantial works to cut back roadside trees and hedges which can sometimes necessitate closing the public road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [14538/22]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of buses in the Bus Éireann fleet excluding school transport fleet as of 31 December 2019, 31 December 2020 and 1 March 2022, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14540/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to so-called ghost flights being flown from Dublin airport; if he is concerned at the climate impact of these flights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14555/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department or the NTA will consider waving the requirement for new taxi vehicles to have clear glass at the rear of their vehicle given that most new EVs come with tinted rear windows and the costs of replacement is over €800; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14582/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider providing sectoral supports to taxi drivers who purchase new EVs in cases where there is a requirement to adapt new vehicles to comply with NTA or other regulations such as the removal of tinted windows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14583/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provided to each relevant local authority under the public charge point scheme in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Neasa Hourigan. [14599/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that most electric vehicles come with tinted glass in the rear as standard given that the cost to change these windows is around €800 plus; if the clear glass windows are available if he will discuss with the National Transport Authority the idea of allowing tinted rear glass in taxis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14642/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update in respect of the development of a tax saver travel pass that will provide for those that are now in a blended working arrangement that splits time between home working and office-based; the current status of the engagement between his Department, the Department of Finance and the National Transport Authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14647/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that a local hackney licence application was turned down in areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14676/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the use of section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994; the regularity with which this mechanism is used; if his attention has been drawn to an increased use in recent months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14684/22]
*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will consider a monthly cap on toll charges for daily commuters who pass through a toll twice a day every day in view of the increased fuel costs that they are also experiencing. — Cathal Crowe. [14708/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the position in relation to the signing of a statutory instrument to give effect to the changes agreed in the CIÉ regular wages scheme given that the proposed scheme changes have now been published for over 45 days; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14733/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the introduction of a reduced speed zone outside all schools and childcare facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [14754/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if more urgency will be given to rolling out a bus route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14773/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if a support similar to that being introduced for hauliers will be introduced for bus drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14787/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport when the RSA expects to conclude consideration of licence exchange agreements with several non-EU licensing authorities including Ukraine and Argentina; when a decision will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14898/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department’s policy with regard to uncertainty with fuel prices leading to very difficult trading conditions for private operators in which volatility in prices cannot be offset by operators increasing fares at this time due to competition from State service providers which may lead to a reduction of private operations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14920/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport his Department’s understanding that passenger numbers for private bus operators has not recovered to anything near pre-pandemic levels with many operating at 60% or less of pre-pandemic levels and with the prospect of the current direct award contract scheme ceasing at the end of March 2022 which will severely impact on the viability of certain services; the plans his Department has to deal with the suspension of vital services for rural communities due to the lack of Department support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14921/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered the way the proposal to grant 20% fare reduction to persons availing of PSO services is grossly unfair to private operators and will impact dramatically on the viability of services, the way that it will result in much needed transport services terminating due to the inability of operators to provide services commercially as approximately half of the travelling public will not be able to avail of this scheme; the reason private service operators are excluded from this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14922/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has decided that the youth card travel scheme which will offer 50% fare reduction to 18-23 year olds will not be available to commercial bus operators until a time into the future to be determined by the National Transport Authority; if he has considered the way the exclusion of the commercial bus operators from this scheme will distort
competition within the market place rendering many commercial services commercially unviable resulting in route terminations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14923/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that commercial bus operators are currently operating in a direct award contract with the National Transport Authority and that the Authority is provided with monthly reports detailing revenue and passenger numbers which is overseen by a company (details supplied) in which submissions to the scheme are self-certified thus placing full responsibility for the accuracy of the information provided onto the operators and yet the Authority claims that it does not have the capacity to include commercial operators from the outset of the youth scheme; if, given the forementioned, the reason and the grounds on which commercial operators have been excluded from the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14924/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the real-life example of inequity in the proposed policy system regarding bus transport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14925/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with Polish authorities regarding Ireland sending buses and airplanes to transport Ukrainian refugees to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14943/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the bus and airline sector to provide transport for Ukrainian refugees coming to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14944/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority can provide a gender breakdown of its Cork office. — Neasa Hourigan. [14949/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if a specific funding allocation has been drawn down by a local authority (details supplied); if so, the details of the funding that was spent; if the works applied for have been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14964/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding that has been allocated to a local authority (details supplied) for greenways in each of the past three years; if this funding has been drawn down; if the work has been completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14965/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport when a decision will be made on the route selection for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14978/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to expand the electric small public service vehicles grant to driving instructors and schools in order to give learner drivers early experience of electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [15004/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure the resumption of walk-in appointments for renewing driving licences. — Holly Cairns. [15070/22]
*223. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 230 of 15 September 2021, if there has been any change in position regarding tinted glass for SPSVs; if the Taxi Advisory Council has considered a change in position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [15075/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that are being taken to ensure that motorists are not paying unnecessarily high prices for petrol and diesel and to ensure that cuts in excise imposed by the Government are passed on to consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14987/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13891/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13909/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will include petrol and diesel fuel in the 13.5% VAT rate; and the rationale for not already reducing VAT on transport fuels. — Catherine Murphy. [13949/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if additional supports will be available for small businesses to assist with the cost of fuel particularly for those that operate trucks and additional vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13956/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that are being taken to ensure that the rapid increase of the cost of fuel does not impact on service delivery of emergency services and community-based care providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [13964/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement his Department has had with banks to ensure that older persons who have difficulties with technology are supported as these institutions remove bank counters and rely more on machines and internet banking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13965/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if serious consideration is being given by his Department to reducing excise duty on fuels considering the fuel crisis and the additional hardships being experienced by families as a result of increased prices. — Sorca Clarke. [13973/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14004/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Finance the revenue raised through excise duty, carbon and non-carbon components, on home heating oil disaggregated by fuel type in each of the years 2017 to 2020. — Pearse Doherty. [14027/22]
*234. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated revenue foregone through a reduction in excise duty to zero cents per litre for home heating oil for a period of one month, three months and until the end of 2022, respectively. — Pearse Doherty. [14028/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will consider a tax credit for owner occupiers of defective homes in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [14037/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if any virtual asset service provider has been successfully registered with the Central Bank to date; if the Central Bank has published guidelines on the assessment timelines for completed applications and the average length of the processing time to date of each pending registration; if his attention has been drawn to the delay by Ireland in implementing the procedures to process these registrations; if this is hindering Ireland’s objectives under the Ireland for Finance strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14083/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the net economic or social benefit that Russian business entities provide to Ireland outside of a small group of specialised accountancy and legal service providers in view of the role section 110 companies have played facilitating these entities and their use by investors to reduce tax on Irish assets, namely Irish property backed loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14111/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will address the current VAT regime that charities are subject to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14128/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to introduce tax credits for owner occupiers and social landlords that have paid or are paying levies to fund the remediation of defects against their tax liabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14131/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider allowing private healthcare operators including pharmacies to make a tax-free payment to staff on a once-off basis without the payment being subject to PAYE, PRSI and USC (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14148/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14159/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the diesel rebate scheme to assist hauliers who have been impacted greatly as a result of the recent rise in fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14299/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to review section 110 provisions given that Russian companies outside of the banking sector accounted for over 60% of the €35.5 billion in assets held in Irish special purpose vehicles used for funding purposes at the end of 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14309/22]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of all loans approved and drawn down and projects funded in tabular form; the number of units in each project; and the average cost to
purchase or rent one of these units funded through the Home Building Finance Ireland. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14358/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline all investments by the NTMA/ISF for each of the five years from 2018 to 2022 in residential development; the breakdown of the location and number of units in each that are funded; and the average price to rent or buy the units provided in each local authority area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14359/22]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of his Department’s engagement with an organisation (details supplied) with regard to the status of bank debt versus State debt in the affordable housing scheme; and the implications for the taxpayer if the banks demand that their debt takes priority over the State equity share in cases of default by the home buyer. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14364/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has raised the issue of IMF debt cancellation for Ukraine as part of the international assistance to Ukraine. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14365/22]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance the total amount of transactional tax paid on gaming in 2019, 2020 and 2021; the proportion in each year paid in respect of online and retail activity; the tax heads under which any such tax has been levied; if the tax is applied by all entities that are licensed to provide gaming; the equivalent tax raised by way of the betting duty in each of the years in respect of activities attracting the betting duty; his assessment of the scale of gambling activity that falls outside the scope of the betting duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [14368/22]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider requesting that banks reduce or end returned direct debit charges given the rising cost of living and the struggle experienced by some in paying bills. — Thomas Gould. [14393/22]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will establish a policy taskforce which was requested by an organisation (details supplied) to enable the delivery of the Programme for Government commitment to enable the credit union movement to grow as a key provider of community banking in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14410/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the average waiting times for the Revenue Commissioner’s jobs and pensions phone helpline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14420/22]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for the Revenue Commissioners’ public offices to reopen following the lifting of Covid-19 restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14421/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to extend the operating hours of the Revenue Commissioners’ jobs and pensions phone helplines beyond the current 9.30am to 1.30pm hours to deal with the high volume of calls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14422/22]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of queries dealt with by the Revenue Commissioners in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; if these calls are from businesses or individuals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14423/22]
*255. To ask the Minister for Finance the average response time to queries submitted to the ROS online MyEnquiries service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14424/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of queries submitted to the ROS MyEnquiries service in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14425/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance when the current virtual video appointment was established by the Revenue Commissioners; the average wait time for a virtual video appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14426/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of virtual video appointments facilitated by the Revenue Commissioners since its inception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14427/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider the issues raised in correspondence by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14428/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14453/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason an annuity pension in the case of a person (details supplied) appears to be taxed at a higher rate; if a review will be undertaken to ensure that they are paying the correct rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14536/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the supports that are in place or being considered to allow Ukrainians fleeing the conflict in circumstances in which they are staying with an Irish family to be added to Irish car insurance policies; if he will respond to reports that some insurance providers are declining applications for this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [14613/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance if supports are currently being considered in respect of Ukrainians fleeing the conflict and finding safe refuge in Ireland who wish to set up an Irish bank account considering the pressure and lack of access to Ukrainian banks at present (details supplied); and the way that this issue will be addressed. — Fergus O’Dowd. [14616/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the proposal on the reform of VAT rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [14620/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the way that his officials will be reviewing the options now available to Ireland in setting VAT rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [14621/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance the existing rate of excise duty, as defined by tax law, applied to kerosene used for home heating oil; if the duty rate can be reduced to €0 per 1,000 litres in accordance with the EU Energy Directive; and the cost of such a measure over a 3, 6 and 12 month period through revenue foregone. — Pearse Doherty. [14630/22]
*267. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has decided on the BIK rules which will be applied to electric vehicles after the current exemption expires; if he will ensure that the lower environmental impact continues to be reflected in the BIK burden; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [14638/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance when he will honour a commitment in the Programme for Government to enable the credit union movement to grow as a key provider of community banking in the country (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14681/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the situation in relation to the home carers tax credit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [14917/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance if, he will examine the current reimbursement rates (details supplied) for travel connected with business and work for employees given rising fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [14931/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will amend the help-to-buy scheme in order that potential homeowners can avail of it to purchase second-hand homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14972/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will waive capital gains tax on second hand homes which could be brought to the market or willed to family members to help the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14990/22]

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

*273. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14010/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the actions taken in relation to the amendment put forward by Government in November 2020 to the River Shannon Management Agency Bill 2020 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [14025/22]

*275. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the timeframe for the completion of works at a premises (details supplied) in County Cork; the works that have taken place between 2015 since the structure was closed to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14060/22]

*276. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14165/22]
*277. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the civil service travel rates will be reviewed given rising inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14552/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a plan has been made for the sale or repurpose of the Dalkey and Kill O’ the Grange Garda stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14608/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the administrative arrangements in place for the roll-out of the PEACEPLUS programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14727/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the decision by the Mayor of London to introduce menopause leave for staff at London’s City Hall; if a similar provision will be introduced in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14736/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when a review of public service mileage expenses will take place; the current mileage expenses allowed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14747/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps he has taken to improve ventilation for staff who work in the basement area of a building (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the basement area has no mechanical ventilation; if a HEPA air cleaning and or purification systems will be installed in building before it fully opens to the general public on health and safety grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14896/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there are any options for persons who have survived serious illness including cancer to continue working for a limited number of hours per week and to continue to avail of their public service pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [15091/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of all statues of persons in parks managed by the OPW in Dublin by the name of the statue and park in which it is located. — Gary Gannon. [15096/22]

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

*285. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will introduce measures to make social media platforms more responsive and accountable for hate speech and crime online targeted at persons on the basis of their asylum or refugee status, race, colour, nationality and ethnicity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14975/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports available to newly-established seasonal musical theatre and pantomime groups that are not eligible for the live performance support scheme strand II for musical theatre and pantomime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13855/22]
*287. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the expected timeframe for a decision on an application (details supplied); if officials of her Department will meet with this business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13856/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the cost incurred by her Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13901/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the cost incurred by her Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13919/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has signed off on the revised strategy for RTÉ 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [13930/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding streams exist through her Department to support locally organised diversity and equality events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [13958/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the actions that her Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14014/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she or officials from her Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14169/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the case of funding for a theatre production (details supplied) will be urgently reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [14228/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the films which received section 481 funding in each of the years 2019 to 2021; and the amount of funding for each film. — Patrick Costello. [14399/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will include a provision on the regulation of digital marketing of breast milk substitutes in the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill 2022; if the Bill will explicitly state that the new Commission’s Codes include regulating infant feeding products up to 36 months; the reason it is currently not included in the draft Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14532/22]

*297. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department or any agency funded by her Department require that any director of a charity whose
term of office exceeds nine years is obliged to resign as a condition of that charity being allocated public funding. — Charles Flanagan. [14734/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she plans to ask Fáilte Ireland to reopen a tourism information office at Dublin Airport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14814/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the review of the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [14893/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the appeals process for the sports capital grant applications that were unsuccessful; if clubs will be directly corresponded with on this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14981/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to provide funding to public swimming pools to enable all young people to avail of the facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15067/22]

*302. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps she is taking to ensure that the supports offered under the live performance support scheme 4 are being distributed as quickly as possible to prevent the permanent closure of venues. — Holly Cairns. [15068/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the roll-out of the live performance support scheme 3; the amount of funding allocated as of 15 March 2022; and the timeline for the distribution of the remaining funding. — Holly Cairns. [15069/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding that has been provided by her Department and a statutory body for a project (details supplied) in each of the past four years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [15078/22]

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

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans that are in place to recruit extra staff for local authorities to deal with the unprecedented level of demand for services if the estimated number of Ukrainian refugees arrive in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14523/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when maintenance payments will be made available to three group water schemes (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13813/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is legislation in relation to the prohibiting the practice of landlords requesting and then withholding a refund of holding deposits in the private rented sector; and if not, if he will consider introducing legislation to ban this practice. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13814/22]
*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the retained fire services’ staffing which included recruitment and retention of staff and the need for this to be addressed. — Brian Stanley. [13822/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 278, 279, 283, 285, 290 and 291 of 14 December 2021, if he will provide a list of the bodies with which his officials are engaging; if he will provide copies of correspondence between his Department and the bodies on this topic; and the extent to which he is reliant upon and or still waiting for responses from each of these bodies towards finalisation of the wild bird derogation declarations for 2022-2023. — Louise O’Reilly. [13836/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 278, 279, 283, 285, 290 and 291 of 14 December 2021, the licensing and or other protective options for schools, schoolchildren and staff which have large flocks of gulls which are not nesting on the school properties but are visiting the schools at food break times, aggressively foraging and attacking the children and staff (details supplied). — Louise O’Reilly. [13837/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13895/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13913/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review by the National Parks and Wildlife Service will be published. and if he will report on his work on this matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13951/22]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14008/22]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the report by the Inter-Departmental Working Group to Examine Defects in Housing will be published; the progress of the Working Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [14036/22]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if advice will be provided in relation to matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14084/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to publish the report by the Independent Working Group on defective housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14130/22]
*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Working Group to Examine Defects in Housing; and when the group is due to report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14138/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14163/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will develop guidelines for the development of battery stations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14198/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Homeless Action Committee will meet to consider and make recommendations on whether or not HIQA should be appointed to inspect services for persons that have become homeless including privately run emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14210/22]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the recourse that a consumer has in cases in which shoddy building work has been carried out on their home and in which the contractor is not registered with organisations (details supplied); the avenues they can explore to make good on the shoddy workmanship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14227/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will announce the 2022-2024 multi-annual rural water programme funding for County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14229/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeline of the review of the Electoral Acts; when it will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14286/22]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the new National Biodiversity Plan will include recommendations proposed by the new Citizens’ Assembly on Biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14288/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department is actively examining seabed grass mapping in Ireland to determine its potential for carbon storage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14289/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Donegal County Council is proposing to demolish a number of houses in a housing development (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14334/22]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will investigate the ownership and current structural status of a national monument (details supplied); the funding that might be available from his Department for necessary structural works to protect the building from collapse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [14339/22]
*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to amend the Building Regulations Part B (Fire Safety) to allow for cross-laminated buildings to go higher than 10 metres in order to deliver high quality mid-rise high-density zero carbon apartment developments. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14343/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm his Department’s social housing means assessment policy, specifically regarding the assessment of savings and capital of social housing support applicants and the recent implantation of same by South Dublin County Council whereby applicants have been refused on the basis of savings, inheritance, pension and redundancy lump sum and other amounts held in financial institutions. — Paul Murphy. [14344/22]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will be issuing instructions on section 254 licences to local authorities as in previous years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14347/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Ukrainian nationals fleeing the war into Ireland will be able to apply for social housing support and to access HAP during their stay in Ireland. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14352/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social housing leased properties held by the National Asset Residential Property Services; the breakdown of the location of the units by local authority area; the amount paid to date from for these long-term leases; the length of time remaining and the expected cost remaining on these leases; the date upon which these properties will be transferred to the LDA; the reason the LDA has been chosen to manage these units; and any other update on NARPS that may be available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14357/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the mid-term review of the Traveller accommodation programmes is to commence; the guidance that has been issued to local authorities with respect to this review; and if he will publish all documentation received by his Department regarding this review to ensure full transparency with respect to the implementation of the Traveller accommodation programmes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14362/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his Department’s engagement with an organisation (details supplied) with regard to the status of bank debt versus State debt in the affordable housing fund and the shared equity loan; and the implications for the taxpayer if the banks demand that their debt takes priority over the State equity share in cases of default by the home buyer. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14363/22]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if cash purchases or lump sum purchases above a 10% deposit are permissible under the local authority tenant purchase scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14367/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional funding will be allocated to local authorities to facilitate the compilation of community-led village designs statements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [14386/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider fast tracking the planning process for garden offices given that they could be used as short-term
accommodation for refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [14446/22]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the working group on defective homes will be completed by the end of March 2022 as previously advised; if his attention has been drawn to the importance of the working group’s report meeting this timeline in order that there is sufficient time for the report’s recommendations to be considered by Government and acted upon in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14456/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the capital cost ceilings for Wexford County Council for turnkey and acquisitions; and if he will indicate if these ceilings have been reviewed recently or are in the process of being reviewed. — Johnny Mythen. [14476/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government in conjunction with the local authorities will re-establish, support and resource the community response fora (details supplied) to maximise the integration of Ukrainian refugees into local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14515/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans and the timeline for the review of the HAP limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14592/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the discussions he has had and the timeline he has put in place for the promised review of the social housing income limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14593/22]

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the programmes or funding in place for local authorities to acquire homes in order to prevent homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14594/22]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the impact that the lack of social housing is having on lone parents and their children (details supplied); when he expects that these parents who have been waiting for many years will be offered a social home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14705/22]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will produce a roadmap for supporting all persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine in conjunction with other Government Departments and State agencies. — Ivana Bacik. [14712/22]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is anything in the defective blocks scheme or in the proposed legislation to underpin same that will preclude homeowners from availing of the rent-a-room relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [14719/22]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will update the planning regulations in respect of solar panels; when the process of updating the planning regulations to facilitate the installation of solar panels will be finalised; when the updated regulations will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14739/22]
*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects the increase in the amount of funding available to local authorities for grants for persons with disabilities and mobility issues. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14767/22]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has plans to offer downsizing options to persons looking to move out of privately-owned large homes; if so, the initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14783/22]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there has been an update from his Department to local authorities in relation to the connection to the local area and the need to live in the community aspect of planning policy in view of the increase in remote working and the Government’s stated aim to encourage remote working in rural communities. — Martin Browne. [14809/22]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there has been any update from his Department to local authorities in relation to the connection to the local area aspects of planning policy and need to live in the community aspects, in view of the rising cost of housing and the chronic lack of supply which is forcing persons away from areas they would otherwise stay if they were able to get planning permission or if there was not a chronic lack of housing in many areas. — Martin Browne. [14810/22]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 117 of 29 September 2021, his assessment and response to the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [14939/22]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when planning regulations will be updated to permit solar panels being placed in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14942/22]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered reopening the community call in councils across Ireland to help in the coordination of donation and supports for Ukrainian refugees coming to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14945/22]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the issue of tenants in apartment complexes being charged commercial rates for energy usage; if this is permitted by his Department; if there are plans to ban this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [14970/22]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new affordable housing schemes will be rolled out in County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [15005/22]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that steps are necessary to update planning regulations for solar panel being repeatedly delayed in relation to solar panel use in schools; and when the process of updating the planning regulations to facilitate the installation of solar panels will be finished in order that updated regulations can be signed off. — Robert Troy. [15006/22]
*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new social housing units built or made available in south west Cork since 1 January 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15061/22]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to review the house price limits for local authority mortgages in view of the rising cost of new homes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15109/22]

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

*361. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if steps are being taken to expel the Russian Ambassador from Ireland. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [13635/22]

*362. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); the progress to date in the processing of the application; if all efforts can be made to ensure that passport issues in time for travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13816/22]

*363. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports and all associated documentation including parents’ passports will issue in time for travel in the case of a passport application for a person (details supplied); if every effort can be made to ensure that the passport is issued on time and passports for the applicant’s parents are returned in a timely manner to enable travel; the progress to date in processing this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13818/22]

*364. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will review a passport application in the case of a person (details supplied); the status of the application; if he will urgently expedite the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13819/22]

*365. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that the estimated issue date for this passport was 7 February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [13821/22]

*366. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13835/22]

*367. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if an application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; the status of the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13838/22]

*368. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if applications by persons (details supplied) will be reviewed; the status of the applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13839/22]

*369. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13841/22]

*370. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if passport applications by persons (details supplied) will be reviewed; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13843/22]
*371. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be examined and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13844/22]

*372. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [13850/22]

*373. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be examined and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [13882/22]

*374. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13892/22]

*375. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13910/22]

*376. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13924/22]

*377. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a complaint has been received from the Russian Embassy in Ireland following an attack on its property on 7 March 2022; the response of his Department to this complaint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13992/22]

*378. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14005/22]

*379. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14033/22]

*380. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will examine the passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will examine and expedite this passport application. — James Lawless. [14058/22]

*381. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a schedule of the humanitarian partners that have received humanitarian assistance funding and the amounts provided to date; and if will commit to providing additional supports if required. — Catherine Murphy. [14059/22]

*382. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if services are available for persons that want to send medication to specific persons in Ukraine with whom they may be in contact. — Thomas Gould. [14087/22]

*383. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport can issue to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo in order that this person can travel with their family. — Michael Ring. [14093/22]
*384. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will request an update from the Irish Consulate in the Philippines in relation to a visa application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14096/22]

*385. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue to children (details supplied) in County Mayo in order that they can travel with their family in view of the extenuating circumstances in this case. — Michael Ring. [14100/22]

*386. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue for a baby (details supplied) in County Down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14110/22]

*387. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14160/22]

*388. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be examined and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14226/22]

*389. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the supports that Ireland will provide to the Moldovan Government to help it with supporting refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14255/22]

*390. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will confirm given the temporary closure of the Embassy of Ireland to Ukraine that all local employed staff and contractors and the relevant members of their families were offered passage to Ireland and international protection here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14301/22]

*391. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign births’ registration application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [14313/22]

*392. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will match funding from an organisation (details supplied) to support persons with cystic fibrosis in Ukraine. — Paul Murphy. [14340/22]

*393. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of negotiations with the British Government to restore access to the waters around Rockall for Irish fishermen; his views on whether this is a breach of the spirit of the European Union and United Kingdom Trade and Cooperation Agreement and if the European Commission has been involved in these negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14389/22]

*394. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of negotiations with the British Government on the legal status of Lough Foyle; if his attention has been drawn to the negative consequences of the failure to reach an agreement on the issue in the years that have passed since the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14390/22]
To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the processing of a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be finalised; the reason for the delay in processing this application despite the fact that all supporting documentation requested was submitted to the Passport Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14398/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Irish-born children of foreign nationals are automatically entitled to an Irish passport upon turning 18 years of age or if they must apply for citizenship first; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14402/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited due to a family emergency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14412/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14434/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of diplomats from the Russian Federation that have been afforded diplomatic status in Ireland. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14458/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Russian officials that are based at the Russian embassy in Dublin; and if all of these persons have been afforded diplomatic status. — Jim O'Callaghan. [14459/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue in time for travel for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14494/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue in time for travel for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14495/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue in time for travel for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14496/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue in time for travel for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14497/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports will issue in time for persons (details supplied) in County Donegal travelling to the USA; if the documents supplied are correct; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14498/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue in time for travel for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; if the supporting documents are correct; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14499/22]

To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue in time for travel for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; if the supporting documents are correct; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14500/22]
*408. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport will issue in time for travel for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14501/22]

*409. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if passports will issue in time for travel for persons (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14502/22]

*410. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are plans to open a new Irish Consulate General office in Luxor City, Egypt.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14541/22]

*411. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the passport application by a person (details supplied) which was submitted on 28 October 2021 and for which the expected issue date was 6 January 2022 will be expedited given there has been no update on the tracker or communication from the passport office. — Paul McAuliffe. [14548/22]

*412. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when passports will issue to two siblings (details supplied) in County Mayo in view of the fact that the estimated issue date was the 27 January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14549/22]

*413. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will review the decision not to expel the Russian Ambassador; and if he will outline his Department’s deliberations on this matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14560/22]

*414. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [14562/22]

*415. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will examine a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14598/22]

*416. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will contact the Moldovan Government to assess the immediate needs of financial assistance, technical assistance and humanitarian assistance to help Moldova support Ukrainian refugees (details supplied); and if he will ensure that the Irish and EU response to the Ukrainian crisis will include specific supports for the Moldovan people and government in providing such assistance given that they are at the forefront of the humanitarian response to the crisis in Ukraine. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [14626/22]

*417. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details Supplied) will be dispatched in time for travel plans given the delay in getting the supporting documents scanned and attached to the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14629/22]

*418. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will use its seat at the United Nations Security Council to raise the plight of the people of Tibet; if Ireland will specifically raise matters that have been raised in recent reports by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14672/22]

*419. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the date that a passport which has less than three months to expire is deemed invalid and cancelled; if it is the date on which a new passport application
is received; if not, if it is the date on which a new passport is dispatched (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14679/22]

*420. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport with an estimated issue date of 3 March 2022 will actually be dispatched to the applicant (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14680/22]

*421. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to promote a message of peace in Yemen in the EU and to the UN. — Ivana Bacik. [14716/22]

*422. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will examine the passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14718/22]

*423. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide humanitarian relief and assistance to help with the refugee crisis in Moldova following the Russian invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14740/22]

*424. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to or if he will propose to an organisation (details supplied) that ride-on ride-off ferries currently located in the Black Sea could be converted or seconded to help evacuate civilians and wounded by sea from Mariupol which according to reports is running out of food and water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O‘Dowd. [14748/22]

*425. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the passport application by a person (details supplied) will be examined and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14808/22]

*426. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14916/22]

*427. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14930/22]

*428. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14941/22]

*429. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when passports will be processed for persons (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14954/22]

*430. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue for a baby (details supplied) in Dublin 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14955/22]

*431. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a consent form issue for passport applications by persons (details supplied) has been resolved; if further documentation is outstanding in respect of each application; if both applications are being processed; the extent to which each application has been processed since 25 January 2022; when both passports will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14967/22]
*432. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14968/22]

*433. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14969/22]

*434. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue for a child (details supplied) in Dublin 11; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14974/22]

*435. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if an application by a person (details supplied) will be prioritised; the status of this application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14976/22]

*436. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the main locations for human rights abuses worldwide have been identified by the United Nations or the European Union; the action that has been taken in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15001/22]

*437. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider utilising the post office network to enable proper scrutiny of first-time passport applicants in view of many applications showing basic errors which ultimately end up clogging the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [15010/22]

*438. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15019/22]

*439. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15021/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*440. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans to ensure that in the new Defence Forces structure that emerges from the recommendations of the Report of the Commission of the Defence Forces published in February 2022 that Collins Barracks, Cork would continue to be the headquarters location of the military formation that will control military operations in the southern region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13829/22]

*441. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason for having a well-equipped Army if Army personnel are not well paid and motivated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [13852/22]

*442. To ask the Minister for Defence if the technical pay agreement agreed with the Defence Forces in July 2019 has been implemented; if so, when it was implemented; if not, the reason for the delay in implementation; and when the agreement will be implemented. — Peadar Tóibín. [13864/22]

*443. To ask the Minister for Defence the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13887/22]
*444. To ask the Minister for Defence the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of
Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if
he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13905/22]

*445. To ask the Minister for Defence the actions that his Department has taken to implement
the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller
Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14000/22]

*446. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has considered meeting a person (details supplied);
and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14021/22]

*447. To ask the Minister for Defence the maximum and the current strength levels of the
Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14072/22]

*448. To ask the Minister for Defence the maximum and the current strength levels of the Naval
Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14073/22]

*449. To ask the Minister for Defence the total strength of Air Corps personnel; the number of
qualified military pilots, cadet pilots in training, qualified military aircraft maintenance technicians,
qualified military avionics technicians and military apprentices in training of both aforementioned
disciplines. — John Brady. [14074/22]

*450. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Naval Service operations and patrols which
have been cancelled to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady.
[14075/22]

*451. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women in the Defence Forces by rank; and
if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14076/22]

*452. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women in the Defence Forces that are
currently serving overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14077/22]

*453. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women members of the Defence Forces
that have left to date in 2022, by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John
Brady. [14078/22]

*454. To ask the Minister for Defence if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any
form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic
Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic
Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on
the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14155/22]

*455. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons who failed Naval Service drug
testing in February 2022; the consequences of this; and his plans to address drug use in the Naval
Service. — Thomas Gould. [14417/22]

*456. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 15 of 10 March 2022
and the terms of reference for the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies,
systems and procedures currently in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination,
sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces, if a work plan has been produced by
the review group to date; his plans to publish the work plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14483/22]

*457. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 15 of 10 March 2022 and the terms of reference for the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies, systems and procedures currently in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces, the details of any monthly progress reports received to date by him from the group; his plans to publish these monthly progress reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14484/22]

*458. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 15 of 10 March 2022 and the terms of reference for the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies, systems and procedures currently in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces, the details of any letters he has received to date from the review group as regards interim assessments or recommendations addressing issues for immediate action; his plans to publish these letters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14485/22]

*459. To ask the Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to concerns regarding the lack of access to a river (details supplied) making it difficult for a Civil Defence boat crews to access same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14788/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*460. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered putting in place regional databases of native Ukrainian speakers to assist children and young persons to successfully integrate into the education system in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14517/22]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education the measures she plans to take to mitigate the impact of runaway fuel costs on school bus operators; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that many private operators are under considerable pressure due to the impact of increasing costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [13817/22]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a plan in place to undertake an assessment of school places available for Ukrainian refugees; the measures that are being put in place to facilitate these children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13830/22]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education the actions her Department is taking to ensure the availability of co-educational school placing at primary school level in the Dublin 8, 10 and 12 areas which is currently oversubscribed. — Patrick Costello. [13831/22]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has received an application from a school (details supplied) to open additional school classes; and if so, the supports and funding allocated by her Department to facilitate this. — Patrick Costello. [13832/22]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education if the recently brokered deal in the Workplace Relations Commission for school secretaries and caretakers pay and conditions is accepted, if these terms will apply equally to staff in all schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [13847/22]

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*466. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made to date in relation to a section 29 appeal by a person (details supplied); when a decision will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13871/22]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education the primary and post-primary schools in an area (details supplied); and the number of pupils, teachers, SNAs and annual State funding by school in tabular form. — Paul McAuliffe. [13880/22]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the provision of autism classes in schools in an area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [13881/22]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education the cost incurred by her Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13888/22]

*470. To ask the Minister for Education the cost incurred by her Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13906/22]

*471. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) will be offered a school placement in September 2022. — Joan Collins. [13942/22]

*472. To ask the Minister for Education the total funding allocated in 2022 for professional development services for primary school teachers in reading recovery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [13945/22]

*473. To ask the Minister for Education the action she can advise parents to take in the case of a child who is due to start school in September 2022 but where a place in a co-educational school in Dublin 12 cannot be obtained (details supplied); if there are plans for the opening of a much needed new class at a school; if so, when places will be available; the steps that her Department is currently taking to increase capacity in schools in Dublin 12; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [13970/22]

*474. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied) in County Leitrim. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13984/22]

*475. To ask the Minister for Education the number of proposed new ASD units that will open in secondary schools in Ballincollig, County Cork in September 2022. — Thomas Gould. [13985/22]

*476. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans for the opening of an ASD unit in the temporary accommodation in a school (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [13986/22]

*477. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cén dul chun cinn atá déanta ar an mbheartas don oideachas lán-Ghaeilge a chur le chéile; cathain a fhoilseofar amscála chun an mbheartas a chur le chéile agus cathain a roinnfear leis na geallsealbhóirí cuí é; agus cé atá ceaptha chun bheith i gceannas ar an mbheartas a chur le chéile. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [13990/22]

*478. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of works that have been undertaken to remove pyrite from some or all of the school buildings at a school (details supplied) from 2012 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [13994/22]
*479. To ask the Minister for Education the action that has been taken in relation to a change in legislation to make it easier for schools to install solar panels. — Paul Donnelly. [13995/22]

*480. To ask the Minister for Education the actions that her Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14001/22]

*481. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) in County Cork will be successfully relocated to facilitate September 2022 enrolment; if the planning authority has confirmed that the proposed relocation is planning exempt; if ASD provision in the relocated school will proceed as planned and announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [14020/22]

*482. To ask the Minister for Education if advice will be provided in relation to a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to the availability of places in special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14040/22]

*483. To ask the Minister for Education if an appeal for assisted technology for a child (details supplied) has been decided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14121/22]

*484. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special classes that are situated in schools in Rathcoole, County Dublin; and the action her Department is taking to increase the number of special classes to meet demand in the area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14126/22]

*485. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to introduce a special class in a school (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [14127/22]

*486. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools in the Dublin 8, 10, 12 and 20 areas; if these are co-educational; the patronage under which they operate; the number of children attending each school; the capacity in each school; and if there are plans to expand or to carry out other remedial works on these schools in the near future. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14136/22]

*487. To ask the Minister for Education if eligibility for school transport will be extended to families moving to temporary homes outside the catchment area of their school while their homes with MICA are being rebuilt; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14141/22]

*488. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of a new building for a school (details supplied) in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [14151/22]

*489. To ask the Minister for Education if she or officials from her Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14156/22]

*490. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that she will put in place for children and their families coming from Ukraine who will be entering the education system here; if she will be
 providing training and supports to teachers; the provision that is being made for special language classes; the assistance that will be given to assist parents with their adaption to the Irish education system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14191/22]

*491. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide an update on the ex-gratia scheme for survivors of childhood sexual abuse in day schools; if the scheme is still open for applications; the way in which survivors can apply for this scheme and the number of applications have been received to date. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14197/22]

*492. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department or the relevant body under her aegis will review the circumstances whereby a number of children from Kilteel, County Kildare are being refused school transport to a school (details supplied) given that the nearest school is full (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14209/22]

*493. To ask the Minister for Education if a rental arrangement has been entered into with a school in Nenagh, County Tipperary and the local Catholic diocese; the length of time this arrangement will be in place for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [14221/22]

*494. To ask the Minister for Education if an arrangement has been put in place for schools that were reconfigured from Catholic patronage to Educational and Training Boards; if so, the breakdown by diocese of the amount that has been paid; and if this is the plan for future reconfigurations. — Kathleen Funchion. [14222/22]

*495. To ask the Minister for Education the rationale for renting buildings as well as providing funding for their upkeep given that the State already 100% funds the costs of the buildings owned by Catholic dioceses. — Kathleen Funchion. [14223/22]

*496. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the State has entered into agreements in which a Bishop can choose a school’s patron in a reconfigured school; and the role parental choice has in such arrangements. — Kathleen Funchion. [14224/22]

*497. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional schools in the Dublin 6, 6W and 12 areas that have made a decision to or already have opened an ASD unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14257/22]

*498. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that her Department has taken to ensure the opening of additional ASD units in the Dublin 6, 6W and 16 areas of an electoral area (details supplied); the position regarding this process; and her plans with regard to the provision of additional ASD units in schools in these areas. — John Lahart. [14258/22]

*499. To ask the Minister for Education the schools in Dublin 6, 6W, 12, 16 and 24 that have ASD units at both primary and post-primary level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14260/22]
*501. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she has taken to persuade or oblige schools in Dublin 6, 6W and 16 to provide ASD units in their schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [14261/22]

*502. To ask the Minister for Education if sewerage works qualify under the summer works scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14346/22]

*503. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building project (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [14395/22]

*504. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with the five County Wicklow members of Dáil Éireann regarding a permanent building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14404/22]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that no full-time on-site behaviour therapist has been appointed to a school (details supplied) despite calls from staff and parents. — Paul Donnelly. [14406/22]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education when an application for additional services at a school (details supplied) will be approved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14407/22]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider reviewing the junior certificate examinations for 2022 to take into account the fact that three years of post-primary education has been disrupted as a result of Covid-19; if the examinations will include additional choices and omit parts of the course and exam questions similar to the changes that were made to the leaving certificate examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [14429/22]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a school (details supplied) has not been included in the new list on the DEIS schools programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14436/22]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for additional accommodation by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [14455/22]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the fixed price contracts in place with private bus operators to service the school transport system to take account of the unprecedented increase in the cost of fuel prices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14464/22]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the lease agreement between her Department and a foundation (details supplied) regarding the former school building in Newtownsmith, Galway which is to run for five years from September 2022; the expected annual cost of leasing this building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14477/22]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans for a permanent site for a school (details supplied); if a site has been identified to date; the timeline for the permanent relocation of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14478/22]
*513. To ask the Minister for Education the details of all schools in Galway city and county in respect of which her Department pays a lease for the use of the school buildings in tabular form; the details of the organisations to which these leases are paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14479/22]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of plans for a major new primary school project on the site of the former school building (details supplied); if this site will be the permanent site for the new primary school; the details of any engagement she or her Department has had with the existing city centre primary school management bodies with regard to this project; the details of any planned consultation process with regard to this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14480/22]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education if an autism class has been proposed for a school (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [14486/22]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that the pupils of a school (details supplied) are still without high-speed broadband even though this school has been able to connect to the fibre network since the end of October 2021; her views on whether it is acceptable for teachers and pupils to have to wait months for her Department to submit an order to a supplier; the number of other primary schools that have been left in the same predicament; the details of the schools; the dates her Department was contacted on to say that a fibre connection was available at their door; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14503/22]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education if an application has been received from a school (details supplied) for roof repairs; and if it can be processed as a matter of urgency. — Peter Burke. [14546/22]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education if the qualifying criteria for DEIS status can be outlined giving the different categories of qualification and the selection process involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14547/22]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education the objective evidential basis for the reason that certain schools (details supplied) were not elevated to DEIS band 1 status from DEIS band 2 in the context of the recent decisions she has made in this policy area; if she will provide all of the objective criteria including information on the metrics, precise data sets and scoring matrix her officials used to determine a school’s qualification for DEIS band 1 status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14585/22]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education the progress in relation to the development of a school (details supplied); when she expects that the new building will be complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14586/22]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education the objective evidential basis for the reason that certain schools (details supplied) were not elevated to DEIS band 1 status from DEIS band 2 in the context of the recent decisions she has made in this policy area; if she will provide all of the objective criteria including information on the metrics, precise data sets and scoring matrix her officials used to determine a school’s qualification for DEIS band 1 status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14590/22]
*522. To ask the Minister for Education the progress in relation to the development of the new primary school (details supplied); when she expects that the new building to be complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [14591/22]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education the way that a school can appeal the decision not to be included in the expansion of the DEIS programme which her Department announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14602/22]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education the options that are available for the family of a child (details supplied) who has not been able to secure a place for the 2022-2023 term in the ASD unit of the school in which they currently attend early intervention or in any other school in the locality despite their recent assessment outlining that they need to attend an ASD unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14603/22]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education when funding will be approved for the renovation and improvements to the buildings at a school (details supplied); when the funding will be released; and when it is anticipated the building work will commence. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14612/22]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education if supports are currently being considered to assist Ukrainian children fleeing the crisis to gain access to the school transport system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [14617/22]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school places in schools in north county Dublin and Fingal for children starting secondary school in 2022. — Louise O’Reilly. [14623/22]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education if the school transport grant for parents of children with additional needs will be increased in line with increases in fuel costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [14625/22]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered adding a school (details supplied) to her Department’s recently expanded DEIS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14632/22]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education the programme of works that is in place to establish new schools; the project plans for each school; the way her Department monitors progress against these plans; if stakeholders are kept regularly updated of progress, delays and risks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [14648/22]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications made by schools for special needs assistants; the number refused, appealed and the number of successful appeals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [14654/22]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education if appropriate non-negligence insurance was put in place by her Department relative to a matter (details supplied); if her Department will now deal with the serious subsidence issues along the boundary in which construction of a retaining wall and back-fill took place; if her Department will inspect the property; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [14677/22]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education the projected figures on the primary school population in Moate, County Westmeath for the next five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14692/22]
*534. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a school (details supplied) was not included in the recent expansion of the DEIS programme in view of the fact that this is a rural school and all neighbouring schools are now in DEIS and this school is the only one excluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14699/22]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education if she, in consultation with Bus Éireann, will remove the nearest school requirement for the school transport scheme given the difficulty for pupils attaining places in their nearest schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14707/22]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 147 of 23 February 2022, when the parents of a student (details supplied) can expect the results of their appeal to her Department under section 29 of the Education Act 1998. — Louise O’Reilly. [14721/22]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the appeals process for schools that did not receive DEIS status in the recent DEIS expansion announcement; when the appeals process will open; the way that the schools can access this appeals process; and when schools will receive information on the outcome of their appeal. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14725/22]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education if she has received documents from the successful tender bidder on a project (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [14730/22]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has received an ex-gratia appeal from a former pupil of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [14737/22]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for school patronage transfers; the way the wishes of parents, families and communities will be considered; the measures that will be put in place to ensure full transparency in the process of selecting a new patron given the news that an agreement has been reached between her Department and the Catholic bishops in relation to the transfer patronage of a school in County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Riordáin. [14744/22]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education when a local school place can be accommodated for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14763/22]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education if an exception will be made in the case of a child (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [14764/22]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to a query in relation to the DEIS status of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [14771/22]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education if school bus operators will be included in the €18 million emergency support measure for hauliers to tackling the rising cost fuels; if not, if her Department will commence a similar scheme for school transport operators; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14776/22]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education if DEIS urban 1 status will be applied to a school (details supplied); and if a positive response will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [14800/22]
*546. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider an application for additional accommodation by a school (details supplied); when a decision will be made on this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14811/22]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education the resources that her Department put in place in the 2021-2022 school year to facilitate extra secondary school places in east County Cork; the further resources she intends to put in place in the 2022-2023 school year given the demand for school places in the east County Cork area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [14813/22]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the need for a school bus to cover an area (details supplied) in County Kildare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14872/22]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education the last time the rates paid to parents who must transport their loved ones to their nearest ASD class were reviewed; if she plans to carry out a review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14873/22]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education when wages will be paid to a teacher (details supplied) who was absent due to illness in County Galway despite the fact that they returned to work a month ago; the reason that such an unacceptable delay has occurred; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [14895/22]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied) who is seeking assistance with a postgraduate certificate in education issue. — Cathal Crowe. [14900/22]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education the details of plans for a major primary school project at Newtownsmith, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [14901/22]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education if increments for time spent teaching in a primary school and a VEC can be awarded towards the salary of a secondary school teacher (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14919/22]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education if a request from a school (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14946/22]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be permitted to employ an additional teacher in order that the significant waiting list can be honoured. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [14977/22]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education if she is taking to ensure a national school (details supplied) has access to broadband. — Holly Cairns. [15047/22]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a young person (details supplied) can access an ASD unit place in a secondary school in their locality. — Holly Cairns. [15048/22]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education the role of her Department in providing school places for Ukrainian refugees coming to Ireland; if this is being coordinated on a county level; and if so, if
her Department will provide the contact for County Wicklow; and if she will make a statement on
the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15072/22]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has issued guidance to schools
in relation to the enrolment of Ukrainian refugees; if schools will need to apply their existing
admissions policy in the event that space is allocated within existing classrooms; if any alterations to
the admission notice numbers for the purposes of this emergency will continue to apply to a school
indefinitely; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15073/22]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education if she is allocating additional funding to schools for the
 provision of teachers of English as an additional language or whether existing special education
teachers will be required to provide this support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. —
Jennifer Whitmore. [15074/22]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 438 of 1 June
2021 459 of 22 February 2022, if she will facilitate a meeting between her Departmental officials
with parents and guardians of a school (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [15086/22]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children who classified under category
C of the home tuition grant scheme from 2018-2021 (details supplied); and the expenditure in this
category in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [15087/22]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any options for persons who have survived
serious illness including cancer to continue working for a limited number of hours per week and to
continue to avail of their public service pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. —
Gary Gannon. [15090/22]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education the amount of rent that has been agreed to be paid to
the Catholic church for the use of a school (details supplied) in Nenagh, County Tipperary; and the
length of time that this arrangement in place. — Gary Gannon. [15092/22]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education if a similar arrangement has been in place for the
other almost one dozen schools nationwide that were reconfigured from Catholic patronage to
ETBs; if so, the amount that is being paid to the various dioceses; and if this is the plan for future
reconfigurations. — Gary Gannon. [15093/22]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that the State agreed to allow the bishop in
the relevant dioceses to choose which body becomes the patron of a reconfigured school; and the
position in relation to parental choice. — Gary Gannon. [15094/22]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that a school (details supplied) should take
to apply for additional accommodation following its designation of DEIS status; if a previously
approved additional accommodation application can be combined with a new application for
additional accommodation in order to progress a complete project in one application rather than
progressing two separate projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie
McGrath. [15097/22]
Chun an Aire Coimirce Sóisialaí: To the Minister for Social Protection.

*568. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to ensure accessibility in applying for the back-to-school clothing and footwear allowance, in particular for applicants having difficulties with computer literacy, language, broadband and ICT. — Holly Cairns. [15049/22]

*569. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reconsider the time period for which the fuel allowance is granted; and if the allowance will be extended by a minimum of one month given the ongoing fuel crisis in Ireland. — Michael Collins. [15080/22]

*570. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider allowing persons to apply for the fuel allowance if the only household members who are not in receipt of one of the qualifying social assistance payments are instead in minimum wage employment. — Mark Ward. [13833/22]

*571. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the claim for partial capacity benefit by a person (details supplied) will be reconsidered. — Denise Mitchell. [13862/22]

*572. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity pension application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13863/22]

*573. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an appeal against a decision to stop a carer’s allowance payment in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13869/22]

*574. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there will be a 4% PRSI charge for occupational pensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [13875/22]

*575. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13876/22]

*576. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost incurred by her Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13899/22]

*577. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost incurred by her Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13917/22]

*578. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of the decision on an application for carer’s allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [13929/22]

*579. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if contact will be made with a person (details supplied) with a view to providing weekly social welfare assistance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13971/22]

*580. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to establish an Intreo office and / or social protection office at Dublin Airport, Rosslare port and Dublin port in order to assist the efforts of the Department of Justice in processing arrivals from the conflict in Ukraine; and the way
in which persons fleeing the war in Ukraine can obtain a PPS number in instances in which the Department of Justice delay in issuing documentation. — Catherine Murphy. [13987/22]

*581. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason persons (details supplied) would suddenly have their qualified adult pension withdrawn completely after 20 years; if her attention has been drawn to the distress that such an event can cause to senior members of society; the reason that there is not a mechanism in place that prevents such a sudden and distressing event from happening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [13993/22]

*582. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions that her Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14012/22]

*583. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of the domiciliary care allowance applications and refusals by age over the past two years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14022/22]

*584. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if extra consideration is being given to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children with additional needs who are applying for the domiciliary care allowance; if children will be given extra consideration during assessment for domiciliary care allowance in circumstances in which they may previously have managed and regressed massively as a result of the pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14023/22]

*585. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale for the refusal of a domiciliary care allowance application by a child (details supplied); if she will review the application considering the impact of Covid-19 on the child and the need for additional care to help limit the impact; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14024/22]

*586. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 515 of 1 March 2022, if she will clarify the definition of chargeable period; if she will commit to a further rectification in respect of those that were misclassified; and if and persons are only being compensated for a total of four years. — Catherine Murphy. [14064/22]

*587. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address social welfare funding concerns regarding the provision of white goods for tenants in properties allocated by an approved housing body (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14065/22]

*588. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the services and licences whereby a citizen must have a Government services card. — Peadar Tóibín. [14070/22]

*589. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of overt and covert social protection inspections conducted by her officials in the past 10 years to date. — Catherine Murphy. [14094/22]

*590. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the entitlements for incoming Ukrainian refugees that are not in a position to work due to age or disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14098/22]

*591. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for maternity benefit in 2017, 2018 and 2019, by county; and the overall cost per year by county in tabular form. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14101/22]
592. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that reasonable accommodation and a phased return of employees following a period of certified sick leave under medical advice is funded for citizen’s information service companies in circumstances in which such companies are neither public bodies subject to the public service sick leave scheme nor private companies that can avail of the employee retention grant scheme and reasonable accommodation fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14103/22]

593. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the situation in which self-employed people are being transitioned to the jobseeker’s payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14115/22]

594. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) in County Clare has not yet received the €5.00 increase for all social welfare recipients given that it came into effect since the 1 January 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14117/22]

595. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if child benefit payments will be increased given the significant increase in the cost of living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14122/22]

596. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for maternity benefit in 2017, 2018 and 2019 broken down by county; and the overall cost per year broken down per county in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [14150/22]

597. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she or officials from her Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14167/22]

598. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if those who have fled Ukraine to avoid the war but did so ahead of the EU Temporary Protection Directive will be eligible to access payments from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14192/22]

599. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who is in receipt of a living alone allowance will have the allowance protected if they take in refugees under the Irish Red Cross scheme proposed by Government for refugees from the Ukrainian conflict. — Sean Sherlock. [14214/22]

600. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to extending the availability of the domiciliary care allowance to children aged between 16 and 18 years of age or those who remain in education after 16 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14230/22]

601. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that children aged over 16 years of age are currently assessed for the disability allowance from a means-testing perspective; if their personal income or their parents or overall household income is assessed; if she will provide the threshold boundaries which are used for means-testing for the disability allowance for those under 18 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14231/22]
*602. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of the domiciliary care allowance in 2021; the number that transitioned to the disability allowance once they were over 16 years of age; the number that are in receipt of the domiciliary care allowance that had their disability allowance applications refused in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14232/22]

*603. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that community employment schemes providing drug rehabilitation services are finding it difficult to recruit youth support and drugs rehabilitation support workers; if she will review the regulations in relation to eligibility for these schemes in order to deal with this problem; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14252/22]

*604. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for maternity benefit in 2017, 2018 and 2019, by county; the overall cost per year by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14254/22]

*605. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase the State pension by a minimum of €15 to assist the elderly with the rise in the cost of living, fuel costs and carbon taxes. — Peter Burke. [14262/22]

*606. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider increasing the threshold for means tested fuel allowance. — Peter Burke. [14297/22]

*607. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for maternity benefit in each of the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 by county; the overall cost per year by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14345/22]

*608. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of exceptional needs payments applied for in the past three years by county; the number that were successful in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14348/22]

*609. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of exceptional needs payments which have been applied for to assist with hearing costs since the beginning of 2022 by county; the number of these applications which were refused by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14349/22]

*610. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that children with disabilities are not eligible for the free travel scheme; and if she will consider extending the scheme to include those under 16 years of age. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14401/22]

*611. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the working family payment renewal for a person (details supplied); when the payment will recommence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [14409/22]

*612. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for the fuel allowance by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14415/22]

*613. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a single person who is in receipt of the living alone increase, the fuel allowance and a household benefit package will be able to keep these
entitlements if they decide to take in a Ukrainian refugee family into their home (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14418/22]

*614. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if plans are in place to extend illness benefit to persons that are self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14439/22]

*615. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports offered to those suffering with long Covid; if they are entitled to long-term illness benefit given the impact of long Covid on their health and ability to work. — Paul Murphy. [14490/22]

*616. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any provision for putting in place a database of language skills of Ukrainian refugees arriving in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14511/22]

*617. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any provision for putting in place a database of educational attainment and job skills of Ukrainian refugees arriving in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14512/22]

*618. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered putting in place a national database that will enable Ukrainian refugees to register their employment skills to enable easier integration into the workplace; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14518/22]

*619. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the processes that are in place to identify the skills sets of Ukrainian refugees and to assess the best way to deploy those skills; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14519/22]

*620. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons availing of the living alone allowance can retain that allowance if they provide accommodation to refugees fleeing Ukraine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14535/22]

*621. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of installing a defibrillator in each INTREO public office; and if she has considered introducing such facilities.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14539/22]

*622. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is an update available on an illness benefit application by a person (details supplied) as clarifying medical information was submitted and they have not received a payment. — Paul McAuliffe. [14553/22]

*623. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department is monitoring the impact of recent cost of living measures with a view to their effectiveness given both inflation and also increases in energy prices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [14604/22]

*624. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the social welfare supports offered and accessed by individuals and families fleeing the Ukrainian crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [14605/22]
*625. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration is being given to increasing the household benefits package supports given the increase in energy costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [14645/22]

*626. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of unique recipients of the pandemic unemployment payment by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [14646/22]

*627. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that working lone parents who are employed for over 30 hours a week and subsequently lose their rent supplement but may still qualify for working family payment are increasingly falling deeper into poverty as a result of the loss of help with spiralling rents; if her attention has been further drawn to the fact that escalating rents, energy, fuel and food costs are pushing lone parents into dire and distressing situations; her plans to alleviate the financial burden on these parents during these difficult times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14706/22]

*628. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will produce a roadmap for supporting all persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine in conjunction with other Government Departments and State agencies. — Ivana Bacik. [14711/22]

*629. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that those who are working over the age of 66 are not entitled to claim the Covid-19 enhanced illness benefit payment (details supplied); the reason this information is not supplied on the MyGov.ie website; if she will instruct her Department to change this rule; and the way that a person in this situation can proceed to get payment while they are not working due to Covid isolation. — Paul Murphy. [14774/22]

*630. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the retirement agreement reached with community employment supervisors that was accepted by unions (details supplied) in December 2021 can be accessed by a community employment supervisor who went out on sick leave from work from 59 years of age until retirement age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14791/22]

*631. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the retirement agreement reached with community employment supervisors that was accepted by unions (details supplied) in December 2021 can be accessed by a community employment supervisor who took early retirement at 59 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14792/22]

*632. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the retirement agreement reached with community employment supervisors that was accepted by unions (details supplied) in December 2021 can be accessed by a community employment supervisor who was the supervisor on a scheme that closed due to a lack of numbers and the supervisor then took early retirement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14793/22]

*633. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the retirement agreement reached with community employment supervisors that was accepted by unions (details supplied) in December 2021 can only be accessed by a community employment supervisor once they reach retirement age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14794/22]
To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons who are in receipt of the living alone allowance will lose the allowance if they were to accept Ukrainian refugees into their home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14796/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a State pension (non-contributory) claim in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [14804/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14871/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to review eligibility criteria for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [14827/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the engagements she has had on the tender for local employment services. — Sean Sherlock. [8701/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to tackle youth unemployment rates. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [7030/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the new measures being provided to Ukrainian refugees arriving in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [14897/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she will take to ensure that redundancy is paid to those who are being laid-off in relation to reforms to the local employment service; if she will report on the contact her Department has had with other Departments in relation to reform of the local employment service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [7069/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an invalidity payment review for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14933/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the implementation of recommendation 11 of the report by the Joint Committee on Social Protection, Community and Rural Development and the Islands titled Response to the Report of the Commission on Pensions, February 2022; the details of any analysis carried out by her Department of the mechanisms to ensure gender equality with regard to State pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14937/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) has not been facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14940/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale for the refusal to grant illness benefit to a person (details supplied); the entitlements the applicant can receive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14950/22]

To ask the Minister for Social Protection if clarification will be provided regarding the situation of persons in receipt of the disability allowance and their entitlement to work reduced hours without impacting on their disability payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [14984/22]
*647. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the avenues that are available to community employment supervisors that are not eligible or satisfied with the terms of the recently approved ex-gratia payment; if there is leave to appeal or some other avenue open to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [14994/22]

*648. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will allow apprenticeships to be considered as full-time education to allow those in receipt of payments such as the guardian’s payment continue receiving it in respect of a child up until the age of 22 in circumstances in which that child is in full-time education rather than just seeing full-time education as second or third level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14996/22]

*649. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will respond to a query raised in relation to recoupment of an overpayment of a pension (non-contributory) (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [15012/22]

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

*650. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if we will examine the possibility of Ireland and the European Union initiating a refugee program for Tibetan refugees who are currently in India but who are facing appalling conditions with little prospect of safely returning to their homelands soon; if he will support a European Union response to their plight and an offer of sanctuary in the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14673/22]

*651. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding options available to an organisation (details supplied) that is endeavouring to organise events in June 2022 to promote gay pride and inclusion. — Sorca Clarke. [14722/22]

*652. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the person or body to which enquiries (details supplied) should be directed; if a scheme is being introduced for such housing to cover electricity and heating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14728/22]

*653. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the Irish Refugee Protection Programme vetting of programme refugees; if he will provide a broad outline of the detail and nature of the checks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14914/22]

*654. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he and his Department will support the independent living movement with particular reference to fully or partially disabled men and women with a view to accessing the workplace in a more meaningful way; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15003/22]

*655. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of qualified childcare workers who are available to be recruited; the number who are being trained; the attrition rate since the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [13860/22]
*656. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the support and assistance that has been provided to prevent the closure of a crèche (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [13861/22]

*657. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if financial support will be provided to Irish families and persons who are taking in and hosting Ukrainian refugees in their homes in order to cover the basic cost of living of such an endeavour; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13873/22]

*658. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13886/22]

*659. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13904/22]

*660. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way that all offers of accommodation to Ukrainian refugees will be collated and compiled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13922/22]

*661. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if funding streams exist through his Department to support locally organised diversity and equality events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [13957/22]

*662. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [13999/22]

*663. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Syrian and Afghan citizens who have been granted leave to remain in Ireland under the recently established programme refugee scheme and family reunification scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14026/22]

*664. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons who died while in juvenile detention in each of the past ten years; and the breakdown of the causes of death in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14048/22]

*665. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons currently in juvenile detention. — Peadar Tóibín. [14049/22]

*666. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of reported assaults on persons in juvenile detention in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [14050/22]

*667. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Tusla employees sacked or dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14056/22]
*668. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will publish the work-life balance directive heads of Bill. — Mary Lou McDonald. [14102/22]

*669. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14154/22]

*670. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter regarding the death of a person (details supplied); and the steps he is taking to end the current direct provision system. — Pa Daly. [14338/22]

*671. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department’s plans for providing temporary and permanent accommodation for Ukrainian nationals fleeing into Ireland. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14353/22]

*672. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of all properties which his Department currently has lease arrangements with for the provision of direct provision and any other accommodation for those seeking asylum; and if he will provide a corresponding list of the service providers in each of these properties. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14360/22]

*673. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 380 of 8 March 2022, the position regarding the request for tender issued by his Department in January 2022 to procure additional accommodation; if the tender will ultimately result in the State owning phase one accommodation as per the white paper recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14413/22]

*674. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if hotels in Cork can be arranged for those travelling from Ukraine with connections in the Cork area. — Thomas Gould. [14414/22]

*675. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the proposed core funding scheme for childcare; if it includes a price freeze; if he will ensure that providers do not massively increase fees in the readiness for the freeze; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [14444/22]

*676. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to review the rate of fostering allowance paid to foster carers as recommended by the working group on foster care in 2001 that recommended that the foster care allowance should increase in line with social welfare payments on an annual basis given that this did happen up until 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14462/22]

*677. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of refugees and asylum seekers that are currently resident in Balseskin direct provision centre; the number of years that the longest resident has been there; the expected closure date for this centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14508/22]
*678. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding the Government has provided for Balseskin direct provision centre by year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14509/22]

*679. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the person or body that has received funding from the Government for the operation of Balseskin direct provision centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14510/22]

*680. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for the provision of accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14513/22]

*681. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has identified private and public buildings which could accommodate the projected large numbers of Ukrainian refugees coming to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14514/22]

*682. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if financial support from the European Union will be made available to facilitate the provision of accommodation, services and supports for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14528/22]

*683. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare service closures notified for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [14556/22]

*684. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the provision his Department has made to increase capacity in the 0 – 2.8 years age group in early years and childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [14557/22]

*685. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when was the last review of the level of allowances paid to foster parents; and if he plans to carry out another review in view of the increased cost of living. — Ciarán Cannon. [14581/22]

*686. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital funding that has been allocated for 2022 to increase childcare places; if this funding will facilitate the building of purpose-built childcare facilities; the specific plans his Department has through the NPD capital funding for expanding places for the 0-2.8 years cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [14584/22]

*687. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that a manager with a level 6+ qualification and 18 years’ experience will not meet the uplift requirements in relation to the Core Funding Plan for Childcare; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that for them to get a level 7 qualification they need to return to college for approximately six years to do nine modules at a cost of approx. €4,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [14587/22]

*688. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the development of a guardian ad-litem service in Ireland following the 2020 allocation of funding (details supplied); the details of the recruitment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14600/22]
*689. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if progress has been made identifying a location for the Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown domestic violence refuge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14611/22]

*690. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of new childcare and early years provider registrations in each of the years 2019 to 2021; and the number of new registrations for 2022. — Kathleen Funchion. [14618/22]

*691. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if accommodation can be urgently sourced in Cork city and county for Ukrainian refugees. — Thomas Gould. [14658/22]

*692. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the establishment of support for persons arriving at Cork Airport from Ukraine similar to that in Dublin currently. — Thomas Gould. [14671/22]

*693. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps his Department is taking in conjunction with stakeholders such as Tusla to ensure that unaccompanied minors arriving in Ireland from Ukraine are protected. — Ivana Bacik. [14710/22]

*694. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No.552 of 1 March 2022, the number of the 115 young adults to whom Tusla is providing after-care supports who were received into Tusla’s care as children seeking international protection are currently residing in direct provision centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14782/22]

*695. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of a national childcare scheme application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14795/22]

*696. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he anticipates the creation of the HAP equivalent payment for refugees as outlined in the White Paper on Ending Direct Provision (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [14912/22]

*697. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the significant problems that currently exist in the smaller ECCE-only sessional preschools and the fact that this will be exacerbated by the new funding model; his further views on whether these small independent sessional services, the backbone of the early learning sector nationwide, will be heavily impacted by rising input costs, challenges in recruitment, high waiting lists, Government interference in terms of competition and no increase in the standard capitation level since 2018; his plans to address these significant problems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14938/22]

*698. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the enhanced medical card will be issued regarding the redress scheme proposed for mother and baby home survivors; the treatments and services it will cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [14988/22]

*699. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a compensation payment will impact on pensions or affect means testing in circumstances in which survivors qualify for the fuel allowance and other payments regarding the redress scheme proposed
for mother and baby home survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [14989/22]

*700. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in State care that were referred to hospitals, clinics or general practitioners for suspected sexually transmitted diseases in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15014/22]

*701. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in State care that reported being sexually assaulted while in care in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [15015/22]

*702. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in State care that reported being physically assaulted while in care in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [15016/22]

*703. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in State care that became pregnant while in State care in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [15017/22]

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

*704. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the case of a person (details supplied) attending training as a carpentry apprentice with SOLAS will be investigated; if it will be ensured that they are paid the appropriate rate for their level of training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [13842/22]

*705. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13893/22]

*706. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13911/22]

*707. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review the needs of Irish medical and dental students in Ukraine (details supplied); if a support process can be put in place to accommodate these students who will be affected by the crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [13979/22]

*708. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14006/22]

*709. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call,
webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14161/22]

*710. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department is taking measures to ensure that those who had started third-level education in Ukraine can complete their qualifications here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14188/22]

*711. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will provide mechanisms for those coming from Ukraine who were due to complete second level this academic year to access third level education in the next academic year here without having to sit examinations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14189/22]

*712. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that he will take to ensure that those with Ukrainian qualifications will have those qualifications recognised in this State by employers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14190/22]

*713. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of all members of the National Apprenticeship Alliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14195/22]

*714. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the SUSI grant department used the Revenue Commissioners net or gross income figure as part of their income calculations for the purposes of determining the reckonable income of an applicant (details supplied); if the pension contributions was used as part of their income calculations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14196/22]

*715. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the total expenditure on higher education programme B is set to decrease by approximately €59.6 million in 2022 as outlined by the Parliamentary Budget Office in a recent report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14411/22]

*716. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he has taken to reintroduce tiling apprenticeships under the remit of SOLAS given the high demand for adequately qualified tilers in the construction industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14481/22]

*717. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that his Department is taking to address the current backlog for phase 2 electrical apprentices, wherein a four-year electrical apprenticeship may now take up to six years to complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14504/22]

*718. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships taken up in each of the years 2018 to 2020 and to 31 December 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14505/22]

*719. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that his Department is taking to address the current backlog for phase 2, phase 4 and phase 6 craft apprentices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14506/22]
*720. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the timeline for when craft apprentices currently waiting for off the job training will be called in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14507/22]

*721. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the provision that is being made to accommodate those students who have returned to Ireland from the Ukraine and who can no longer continue with their studies due to the conflict there and who wish to continue with their studies in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14550/22]

*722. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of restoring the SUSI grant back to pre-2011 Budget rates. — Ivana Bacik. [14559/22]

*723. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the poverty students are experiencing due to the increase in fuel cost given that many students drive to college due to the lack of bus services in rural areas and the lack of accommodation available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [14690/22]

*724. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students’ studies that have been directly disrupted by the war in Ukraine; and the status of his Department’s work on their behalf to ensure that they are in a position to complete their studies having fled from Ukraine. — Ivana Bacik. [14717/22]

*725. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to help Irish students returning from Ukraine to continue their studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14749/22]

*726. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to ensure Interim List of Eligible Programmes rules are adequately enforced; if he will bring forward proposals to regulate agencies that sell English language courses in the State and provide greater levels of learner protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14750/22]

*727. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the workforce demand figures relating to apprenticeship numbers. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14768/22]

*728. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding greenkeeping in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14812/22]

*729. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there are any options for persons who have survived serious illness including cancer to continue working for a limited number of hours per week and to continue to avail of their public service pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [15089/22]

*730. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he received correspondence from this Deputy on 9 March 2022 in relation to parents of Irish citizens who hold a stamp 4 and cannot access SUSI; and if he will issue a response. — Gary Gannon. [15095/22]
Chun an Aire Dlí agus Cirt: To the Minister for Justice.

*731. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to bring forward any amending legislation and or regulations in light of the Data Commissioner finding against Limerick City & County Council and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [13840/22]

*732. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost incurred by her Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13896/22]

*733. To ask the Minister for Justice the cost incurred by her Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13914/22]

*734. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration will be given by her Department for a visa waiver for family members of Irish citizens who are currently residing in Belarus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [13926/22]

*735. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for persons arriving from Ukraine to have their documentation expedited in order for them to access social protection services and supports as soon as possible; and if her attention has been drawn to the potential waiting time for documents of between four to nine weeks. — Catherine Murphy. [13981/22]

*736. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures that are in place to ensure the safety of ambassadorial and diplomatic staff and the premises from which they operate in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13991/22]

*737. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions that her Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14009/22]

*738. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update regarding a legislative proposal to address concerns in relation to jury selection and income protection with regard to the upcoming Stardust inquest; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [14016/22]

*739. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a visa in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [14030/22]

*740. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who died while in prison in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022; and if a breakdown can be provided on the causes of death in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14051/22]

*741. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners in the State who reported being assaulted while in prison in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022; and if a breakdown can be provided on the nature of the assaults in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14052/22]

*742. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons currently in prison in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [14053/22]
*743. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Irish Prison Service employees sacked or dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022; and if she can provide a reason for dismissal in each case in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14054/22]

*744. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí sacked or dismissed in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14055/22]

*745. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the financial and employment contributions that non-European Union students have made during long periods of study in this country; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that many students would welcome the opportunity to obtain long-term residency stamp 4 visas in recognition of these contributions given they are ready to invest in Ireland; if she will consider extending a scheme similar to the regularisation of long term undocumented migrants scheme to non-European Union graduates that have spent a substantial amount of time here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14062/22]

*746. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of persons that have been granted a certificate of naturalisation pursuant to section 16 of the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956 in the past five years and in the past 12 months. — Thomas Gould. [14088/22]

*747. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that have been granted citizenship pursuant to section 16 by reason of Irish descent in the past five years and in the past 12 months. — Thomas Gould. [14089/22]

*748. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that have been granted citizenship pursuant to section 16 by reason of Irish association in the past five years and in the past 12 months. — Thomas Gould. [14090/22]

*749. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that have been granted citizenship pursuant to section 16 by reason of Irish association based on Irish ascent in the past five years and in the past 12 months. — Thomas Gould. [14091/22]

*750. To ask the Minister for Justice if the case of a person (details supplied) will be considered on humanitarian grounds and a wider family reunification facilitated in view of the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14120/22]

*751. To ask the Minister for Justice if she or officials from her Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14164/22]

*752. To ask the Minister for Justice if those who have fled Ukraine to avoid the war but did so ahead of the EU Temporary Protection Directive will be able to access the enhanced status that those that come under the Directive will get; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14193/22]

*753. To ask the Minister for Justice if those who have fled Ukraine to avoid the war but are not Ukrainian nationals will be able to access the rights and status that are in the EU Temporary Protection Directive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14194/22]
*754. To ask the Minister for Justice when a join family non-EEA national spouse visa application by a person (details supplied) will be processed given that it has been in the system for over six months which is over the business target for dealing with this type of application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14240/22]

*755. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person (details supplied) can have their work permit which was granted under an international protection order extended for six months. — Kathleen Funchion. [14350/22]

*756. To ask the Minister for Justice if a naturalisation application by a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14366/22]

*757. To ask the Minister for Justice the date in March 2022 as indicated in the stakeholder engagement that the interdepartmental group reviewing the atypical work permit scheme for non-EEA fishers will conclude its review; when the recommendations will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14433/22]

*758. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has any information suggesting that Russian officials based in the Russian embassy in Ireland are involved in illegal activity or espionage and if so, if she will disclose same. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14460/22]

*759. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has any information suggesting that the Russian Federation is using Irish citizens in order to obtain confidential information concerning Ireland’s national security and if so, if she will disclose same. — Jim O’Callaghan. [14461/22]

*760. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person who became undocumented on 18 March 2018 just a few weeks after the cut off 31 January 2018 will be allowed to be included in the undocumented scheme. — Paul Murphy. [14492/22]

*761. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Government is liaising with the Ukrainian Embassy with regard to the verification of credentials, qualifications and identification of Ukrainian refugees to ensure applications to work in any specific field and in areas where vetting is required such as, working with children and vulnerable adults are relevant and properly verified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14520/22]

*762. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda cars and vans allocated to each Garda District in Dublin in 2021 and to date in 2022; and the number of Garda cars and vans withdrawn from each Garda District of Dublin in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14543/22]

*763. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardai who have attended a human trafficking training course in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14544/22]

*764. To ask the Minister for Justice the process by which an Irish person who is normally resident in Ireland can apply for a visa for their unmarried partner to come and live and work in Ireland from Sri Lanka; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14606/22]

*765. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans for the future use and or disposal of Thornton Hall; if she has received an updated valuation of the site; and the costs to date on an annual basis in respect of services and security associated with the site. — Catherine Murphy. [14614/22]
*766. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an Afghan admission programme application by a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14631/22]

*767. To ask the Minister for Justice the current situation in regard to the use of quarantine measures for new committals to prison including whether such measures continue to be used; the length of time that persons are currently held in quarantine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [14644/22]

*768. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Irish Prison Service Framework for Unwinding Prison Restrictions or a similar plan for the unwinding of Covid-19 restrictions in prison will be published; if so, when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14674/22]

*769. To ask the Minister for Justice if the Irish Prison Service Covid-19 Contingency Plan will be published; if so, when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14675/22]

*770. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are guidelines and controls regarding the establishment of property management companies; if procedures are in place to audit the activities and management of property management companies; the reporting mechanisms that are in place in cases in which persons believe management companies may not be operating correctly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [14678/22]

*771. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for visa in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14709/22]

*772. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will produce a roadmap for supporting all persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine in conjunction with other Government Departments and State agencies. — Ivana Bacik. [14714/22]

*773. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is proposed to extend measures designed to support refugees from Ukraine to persons fleeing from other conflict zones; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14715/22]

*774. To ask the Minister for Justice if those who travelled to England and used a valid bus pass with a photo which is a valid form of travel documentation when travelling with a company (details supplied) to England will be permitted to pass through passport control on their return to Ireland using this form of identification; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14741/22]

*775. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 170 of 9 March 2022, when she envisions being able to offer permission letters at arrival points other than Dublin Airport. — Pa Daly. [14745/22]

*776. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a schedule of the overall applications that have been made by Russian nationals under the Immigrant Investor Programme historically. — Catherine Murphy. [14806/22]
*777. To ask the Minister for Justice the legal entitlements of refugees from Ukraine under the Temporary Protection Directive; if a comparison of these entitlements with previous European Union refugee programmes will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14913/22]

*778. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14952/22]

*779. To ask the Minister for Justice if a submission from a person (details supplied) has been received; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14953/22]

*780. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deaths by year in or following Garda custody or contact since the creation of GSOC including but not limited to shootings, pursuits, deaths in custody and deaths following any Garda interaction in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [14991/22]

*781. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications from and visas awarded to Russian investors applying through the Immigrant Investor Programme, disaggregated by IIP investment option Enterprise Investment, Investment Fund, Real Estate Investment Trusts and Endowment with the amounts invested in each option in each of the years 2016 to 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14997/22]

*782. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications from and visas awarded to Chinese investors applying through the Immigrant Investor Programme, disaggregated by IIP investment option Enterprise Investment, Investment Fund, Real Estate Investment Trusts and Endowment with the amounts invested in each option in each of the years 2016 to 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14998/22]

*783. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications received under the Afghan Admissions Programme; the number of these deemed admissible; the number deemed inadmissible; and the number awaiting determination of admissibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15020/22]

*784. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Syrian, Afghan, and Ukrainian citizens who have been refused entry into the country annually in each of the years 2014 to 2021, inclusive. — Holly Cairns. [15062/22]

*785. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she is taking to address problems for first-time applicants for Irish residence permits in securing online appointments in Burgh Quay. — Holly Cairns. [15063/22]

*786. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Ukrainian refugees, adults and children that have been taken in by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15071/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*787. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the DRIVE initiative in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [14466/22]

*788. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to engage with various professions, sectors and employers to ascertain if the qualifications of Ukrainian nationals are acceptable here to create
employment opportunities; if so, if they can be rapidly facilitated to work, particularly in sectors in which Ireland currently has shortages in the economy, such as general practitioners and the health service; if he will engage with Ministerial colleagues in this regard; if he will consider putting in place a mechanism to identify employment vacancies in local areas to simplify and facilitate the rapid employment of Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14521/22]

*789. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to recruit extra staff for the HSE and Tusla to deal with the unprecedented level of demand for services if the estimated number of Ukrainian refugees arrive in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14523/22]

*790. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to continue to fund long-Covid occupational therapy services in St. James’s Hospital which are currently set to cease in April. — Patrick Costello. [15509/22]

*791. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for a senior occupational therapist in the long Covid clinic at St. James’s Hospital; if there will be a reduction in such posts in 2022 on 2021 levels at this site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15520/22]

*792. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to dentists from the Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13810/22]

*793. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff currently employed in each of the children’s disability network teams by role in County Cork. — Thomas Gould. [13811/22]

*794. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13820/22]

*795. To ask the Minister for Health if a scan will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13823/22]

*796. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 662, 663 and 664 of 15 February 2022, the most recent valuation of each building and the date of the valuation; the date on which the asset was procured; the cost of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13827/22]

*797. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 662, 663 and 664 of 15 February 2022, the BER rating of each building or most recent rating or estimate; the date on which it received this rating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [13828/22]

*798. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13834/22]

*799. To ask the Minister for Health if staff in Covid-19 vaccination centres will be included in the Covid-19 recognition bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [13846/22]
*800. To ask the Minister for Health if a long stay bed will be sanctioned in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [13849/22]

*801. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently expedite the allocation of a piece of equipment to a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13851/22]

*802. To ask the Minister for Health the progress made in recruiting physiotherapists for a school (details supplied) who can perform respiratory and postural drainage for children with severe to profound general learning disability. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13853/22]

*803. To ask the Minister for Health the dates on which the inter-agency steering group was established to develop a framework for the on-site provision of all clinical supports at a school (details supplied) in a safe work environment; and when it will conclude its work and submit a final report with recommendations. — Mary Lou McDonald. [13854/22]

*804. To ask the Minister for Health the other doctors who were referred to in a report (details supplied); the number of doctors that this involved; if they are still working for the HSE; the safeguards that have since been put in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13857/22]

*805. To ask the Minister for Health if all of the families of the children referred to in a report (details supplied) have been notified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [13858/22]

*806. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a working group on Huntington’s disease under the joint auspices of the National Dementia Office and the Integrated Care Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13859/22]

*807. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1593 of 19 January 2022, the definition of, evidence of ASD in this context; the clinical purpose of knowing the patient’s sexuality and their full sexual history; the way that the National Gender Service ensures the right to privacy and personal dignity of patients when such questions are asked as part of their clinical procedures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [13865/22]

*808. To ask the Minister for Health the currenting wait time to see a paediatric rheumatologist in Children’s Health Ireland, Crumlin as a private patient and as a public patient; the longest time that a child has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13866/22]

*809. To ask the Minister for Health when the third rheumatologist is due to start at Children’s Health Ireland, Crumlin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13867/22]

*810. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently waiting for a rheumatology MRI, MRI with contrast and MRI under general anaesthetic with contrast at Children’s Health Ireland, Crumlin; the number waiting in each of the past three years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [13868/22]

*811. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of tobacco cigarettes and e-cigarettes smoked per day by Irish smokers in each of the years 2015 to 2021; the extent to which Irish rates differ compared to other European Union member states in the same time period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [13870/22]
*812. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish a health and social care advisory unit within his Department as proposed by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [13874/22]

*813. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and when they will receive an appointment. — Peter Burke. [13877/22]

*814. To ask the Minister for Health the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13894/22]

*815. To ask the Minister for Health the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13912/22]

*816. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time equivalent posts allocated to each role by children’s disability network team in Cork city in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [13943/22]

*817. To ask the Minister for Health his views on policy issues raised by a representative organisation (details supplied) relating to nursing home charges and the financial pressures on private sector nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13947/22]

*818. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reconsider the inclusion of the drug melatonin for reimbursement in the drug payment scheme given that it is being prescribed by the medical profession to promote sleep; the reason that melatonin was previously available to persons and now appears to be no longer available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [13948/22]

*819. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) has been waiting a long time for an appointment in Cavan General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [13950/22]

*820. To ask the Minister for Health when training and accreditation for medical practitioners to fit and remove long-acting reversible contraception will recommence in view of the stated intention to commence the roll-out of free contraception for 17 to 25 year olds in August 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [13953/22]

*821. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the legislation to enable the roll-out of free contraception to 17 to 25 year olds in August 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [13954/22]

*822. To ask the Minister for Health the considerations his Department has given to providing free contraception for persons with endometriosis and polycystic ovary syndrome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [13955/22]

*823. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the ongoing issues in relation to the availability of HRT patches; the plans he has to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [13966/22]
*824. To ask the Minister for Health the number of general practitioner practices with capacity to accept new patients in counties Longford and Westmeath in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [13972/22]

*825. To ask the Minister for Health if the pro-rata payment in relation to the €1,000 Covid bonus to healthcare workers will mean less favourable treatment for those relief staff who worked more hours than their full-time co-workers during lockdown; if section 39 organisations will be instructed to treat their relief staff, who have worked the same hours as full-time staff, equally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [13976/22]

*826. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are provided by the HSE to adults diagnosed with autism. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13988/22]

*827. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department plans to create a follow-on clinic for those ageing out of a service (details supplied); and if so, when the service will commence. — Eoin Ó Broin. [13989/22]

*828. To ask the Minister for Health if the guideless that are given to maternity hospitals by the HSE in relation to access of fathers and birthing partners are guidelines only; and if it is the hospital board of management that makes decisions on these matters. — Paul Donnelly. [13996/22]

*829. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14007/22]

*830. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 731 and 732 of 22 February 2022, the CHO areas for which national independent review panels have been completed or are underway; and the type of service each review pertains to (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [14017/22]

*831. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 731 and 732 of 22 February 2022, if any of the national independent review panel reviews involved or involve situations which are potentially of a similar nature or gravity to the Grace case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14018/22]

*832. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the publication of the review of the standard operating procedure for assessment of need; if he will provide copies of the interim reports that were due to be issued three and six months from the start of the review in March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14019/22]

*833. To ask the Minister for Health the way that the ongoing engagement between his Department and the HSE on telemedicine abortion is progressing; and the way the continuation of telemedicine home abortions is being considered given that the HSE has acknowledged that it has conducted no analysis into the operation or potential risks of the practice in Ireland and is reliant upon secondary information from England on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [14031/22]

*834. To ask the Minister for Health if the chair of the review of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 has consulted with any stakeholders since the date of their appointment; and if so, the name of the stakeholders with whom they have consulted. — Mattie McGrath. [14032/22]
*835. To ask the Minister for Health when an audiology service will be provided at the primary care centre, Tuam, County Galway; the staffing complement for the centre; the recruitment arrangements in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [14034/22]

*836. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the fact that medically vulnerable persons are still at risk of serious Covid-19 disease especially now that all restrictions have been lifted; if he will allocate the highest priority to high risk and very high risk individuals in the guidance regarding the allocation of new antiviral and antibody treatments against Covid-19; if he will systematically involve persons with lived experience of managing a chronic and or rare conditions in key decision-making processes; if he will provide a tailored plan and engage in direct communication with medically vulnerable individuals especially those with a chronic and or rare conditions to address existing service and treatment challenges during Covid-19 and in the aftermath of the lifting of public health restrictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14041/22]

*837. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times in each of the past ten years in which a surgery has resulted in the removal of a limb or organ which was not intended for amputation or removal by surgery type in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14042/22]

*838. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients to be seen by each hospital group in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [14043/22]

*839. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 333 of 3 March 2022, the number of incidents reported to the National Incident Management System in each of the past five years which resulted in death, suffering, long-term incapacity or injury in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14044/22]

*840. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons sacked or dismissed by the HSE in each of the past five years by job title or category; and the reason for their dismissal or sacking in each case. — Peadar Tóibín. [14045/22]

*841. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid out in compensation claims by each hospital in the State in each of the past ten years in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [14046/22]

*842. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that patients recently admitted to the Mater Public Hospital were transferred to the Mater Private Hospital without being informed that they would be charged for care in the private hospital; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that these patients were led to believe that transfer between the public and private hospital was a routine part of their public care in order to circumvent overcrowding in the Mater Hospital Public; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that these patients have been issued with bills for that care and are being threatened with legal action if they do not pay; the steps that his Department will take to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [14057/22]

*843. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to building further links with an association (details supplied) in order to integrate Ireland’s participation in clinical trials with other European partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14061/22]

*844. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE are planning on an external recruitment drive as in the past in order to progress the clinical programme on eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14063/22]
*845. To ask the Minister for Health the podiatry waiting list by location and waiting time by month in County Donegal in January 2021 and January 2022; the number of HSE podiatry clinics held within the county; the number of podiatry staff employed; the number of vacancies for podiatrists by location, acute and community; when these vacancies will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14071/22]

*846. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will re-instate the medical officer to a nursing home (details supplied); and the reason for the withdrawal of the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [14079/22]

*847. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the situation regarding melatonin not being covered by the medical card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [14080/22]

*848. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve the reimbursement of melatonin for a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [14081/22]

*849. To ask the Minister for Health if the once-off payment of €1,000 to healthcare workers will be paid to frontline staff at Cancer Care West (details supplied); if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [14082/22]

*850. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned provision of a new ambulance base for Kilrush, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [14085/22]

*851. To ask the Minister for Health the guidance note, circular, memo or document which sets out the approach for handling queries or applications for assessment of need or referrals to the children’s disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14092/22]

*852. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) in relation to the marketing practices of the formula milk industry; his plans to act upon the findings of this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14099/22]

*853. To ask the Minister for Health the reason general nurses cross over to work in the different disciplines such as mental health and intellectual disability but the opposite does not happen (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [14107/22]

*854. To ask the Minister for Health his views that it is fair for the HSE to have a policy of only hiring general nurses for clinical nurse specialist roles; the reason highly trained intellectual disability nurses are being overlooked for these roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14108/22]

*855. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently awaiting appointments for podiatry services in County Wexford; the number of persons on the waiting list in January 2021; the number of persons on the waiting list in January 2022; the number of persons waiting for an appointment for a period of time greater than 12 months; the number of persons waiting for an appointment for a period of time greater than 24 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [14112/22]
*856. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies for podiatrists in County Wexford; when these vacancies will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [14113/22]

*857. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive the support and services required from the HSE. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14114/22]

*858. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied); the measures he is implementing to reduce waiting lists and times to access primary care psychology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [14116/22]

*859. To ask the Minister for Health the action his Department is taking to ensure the provision of full and timely services to children with disabilities in an area (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [14118/22]

*860. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE services providing occupational therapy and speech and language therapy to children in an area (details supplied); the number of children on the waiting list for these therapies in the area; and the action his Department is taking to increase service provision in this area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14119/22]

*861. To ask the Minister for Health if the canteen staff in the National Maternity Hospital, Holles Street, Dublin and other hospitals are included in the €1,000 bonus for frontline workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14123/22]

*862. To ask the Minister for Health when frontline workers can expect to receive the €1,000 bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14124/22]

*863. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card application by a person will be processed (details supplied); the specific outstanding documentation that is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14134/22]

*864. To ask the Minister for Health when a medical card application by a person (details supplied) will issue; the specific documentation that is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14135/22]

*865. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in CAMHS that are filled or unfilled on a weekly basis from January 2020 to date in 2022 by CHO area in tabular form: the reason for the empty beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14137/22]

*866. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of persons in Ireland with long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14139/22]

*867. To ask the Minister for Health the research that is being conducted on long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14140/22]

*868. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be provided with treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14142/22]

*869. To ask the Minister for Health if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic
Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14162/22]

*870. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14173/22]

*871. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce an assistive technology passport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14174/22]

*872. To ask the Minister for Health when a new chairperson will be appointed to chair talks on a new consultant public only contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14175/22]

*873. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to address two-tier pay and pay inequality issues for hospital consultants that had pay cut by up to 30% in austerity budgets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14176/22]

*874. To ask the Minister for Health the number of advanced nurse practitioners working in the public system broken down by those working in primary, community and acute settings in tabular form; the number of such vacant posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14177/22]

*875. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of nurses that are advanced nurse practitioners working in the public system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14178/22]

*876. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of increasing the number of nurses that are advanced nurse practitioners by 1%; the increased number of nurses becoming an advanced nurse practitioner this would involve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14179/22]

*877. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the Galway Community Café, the free out-of-hours adult mental health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14180/22]

*878. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of running the Galway Community Café, the free out-of-hours adult mental health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14181/22]

*879. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to roll-out of hours crisis cafes across the State: the locations of each: when they will be up and running; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14182/22]

*880. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the CORU registration process for psychotherapists under the Health and Social Care Act 2005: the cost involved in the regulation of CORU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14183/22]

*881. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a child (details supplied) is waiting 10 months for a wheelchair; and if he will address matters raised in correspondence. — Sean Sherlock. [14184/22]
*882. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency department attendances at Cavan General Hospital in each of the years 2012 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14185/22]

*883. To ask the Minister for Health the number of attendances to the minor injury unit in Monaghan Hospital from 2010 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14186/22]

*884. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to extend the daily opening hours of the minor injury unit in Monaghan Hospital; if he plans to open the unit at weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14187/22]

*885. To ask the Minister for Health if a patient is exempt from hospital bills if they have been admitted into hospital due to Covid-19-related issues. — Pádraig Mac Lochlann. [14212/22]

*886. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) was issued a hospital bill after been admitted into Letterkenny University Hospital due to Covid-19-related health issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlann. [14213/22]

*887. To ask the Minister for Health if an organisation will be considered for the recognition payment for frontline healthcare workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14216/22]

*888. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [14225/22]

*889. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the inquiry and terms of reference for the drug sodium valproate, the disability package for those affected by sodium valproate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14237/22]

*890. To ask the Minister for Health if public respite beds are available at private nursing homes (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [14239/22]

*891. To ask the Minister for Health the updated timeline regarding the HIQA health technology assessment on a varicella vaccine; the frequency with which he is updated on the assessment process; if the assessment will be completed in 2022; if his Department is planning and budgeting for the addition of the varicella vaccine to the national immunisation programme in 2023, subject to a favourable health technology assessment outcome; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [14243/22]

*892. To ask the Minister for Health the number of doses of the pneumococcal vaccine PPV23 that have been administered for free to persons over 65 years of age and at-risk groups in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [14244/22]

*893. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to revisit SI No. 449/2015 relating to the administration of vaccines by pharmacists; if he will increase the number of vaccines permitted to be used by qualified pharmacists; if he has undertaken a review to assess the other vaccines that could be permitted to be used by qualified pharmacists; if he has reviewed the number and types of vaccines permitted to be administered by qualified pharmacists in other European Union states; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [14245/22]
*894. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider extending the free pneumococcal vaccine programme for persons over 65 years of age and at-risk groups to community pharmacies; if he has undertaken a cost benefit analysis of the extension of the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [14246/22]

*895. To ask the Minister for Health his position regarding funding for a training post (details supplied); the reason that the funding was refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14247/22]

*896. To ask the Minister for Health when the full-time ophthalmologist service for children at St. Joseph’s care centre campus, Longford ceased. — Joe Flaherty. [14249/22]

*897. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a replacement for a vacant ophthalmologist post at St. Joseph’s care centre campus, Longford. — Joe Flaherty. [14250/22]

*898. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that all children have not been transferred to Athlone in the absence of an ophthalmologist post as was done on previous occasions at St. Joseph’s care centre campus, Longford. — Joe Flaherty. [14251/22]

*899. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14253/22]

*900. To ask the Minister for Health when a provisional date for a procedure in Letterkenny University Hospital will be confirmed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [14267/22]

*901. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of plans to increase breastfeeding supports including the recruitment of lactation consultations across all hospitals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14287/22]

*902. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will work with its Northern Ireland counterparts to develop an infant and young child feeding in emergencies preparedness plan for the island of Ireland; the timeline for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14291/22]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts that are being taken by his Department to support brain health and dementia supports in communities as part of Budget 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14292/22]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the €200 million provided to the HSE to address waiting lists and waiting times for acute and community services that was due to be finalised by year end 2021; if it has been finalised; the breakdown of allocation by service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14302/22]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the €200 million provided to the HSE to address waiting lists and waiting times for acute and community services if progress has been made for persons accessing mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14303/22]
*906. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of introducing free contraception for women aged 26 to 28 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14304/22]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of introducing free contraception for women aged 26 to 30 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14305/22]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing the monthly drug payment scheme threshold by €2, €5, €10 and €15; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14307/22]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full annual cost of making the HPV vaccine available free of charge to all persons up to 25 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14308/22]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the case of a person (details supplied) and the feasibility of a drip being provided at their home address; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [14314/22]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health if he will visit the Owenacurra Health Centre in Midleton, County Cork and instruct the HSE not to close the centre but to improve it and retain all the services that were present pre-Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14315/22]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to that the two short-term respite beds in the Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork are now closed; the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14317/22]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the two short-term respite beds are closed in the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton, County Cork and all the associated services with those beds have ceased; when these services will be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14318/22]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that residents of the Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork have told the HSE that they do not want to leave the centre and want to remain in the centre as it is their forever home and want to see all the services retained despite the HSE saying that the centre is not fit for purpose (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14319/22]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health if he will obtain assurances from the HSE that the Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork will remain open and that all pre-Covid-19 services will be retained and enhanced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14319/22]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that if the Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork is to be closed by the HSE that there will be a loss of 24 long stay residential beds and respite facilities for persons with severe and enduring mental health difficulties in east County Cork; the HSE plans to retain these services in Midleton, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14320/22]
*917. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the HSE will not commit to refurbishing the existing Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork and retaining all existing pre-Covid-19 services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14321/22]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the HSE will not build a new fit-for-purpose mental health centre on the grounds of the Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork retaining all existing pre-Covid-19 services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14322/22]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the HSE would not build a new purpose-built mental health centre to replace the existing Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork on the adjacent grounds at the Midleton Community Hospital and retain all pre-Covid-19 services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14323/22]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has found an appropriate building or premises in Midleton, County Cork to provide mental health day care services which were suspended in March 2020 and formally administered at the Owenacurra Health Centre if the service is running at 100%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14324/22]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health the location and name of the proposed premises to provide mental health day care services in Midleton, County Cork due to the removal of services from the Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork in March 2020; if the day-care services have resumed; if the service is running at 100%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14325/22]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health the location the 22 long stay respite beds based in Midleton, County Cork at the Owenacurra Health Centre will be moved to in Midleton if the centre is to be closed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14326/22]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health the location the two short stay respite beds based in the Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork will be relocated to in Midleton if the centre is to be closed by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14327/22]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE is willing to leave all the residents, staff and all services in situ at the Owenacurra Health Centre, Midleton, County Cork indefinitely; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14328/22]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of making the flu vaccine available free of charge for all medical card holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14331/22]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of reducing the monthly drug payment scheme threshold by €2, €5, €10 and €20, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14332/22]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full annual cost of providing free dental care to all children under 6 years of age under the Smile agus Sláinte policy proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14336/22]
*928. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full annual cost of providing free dental care to all children under 12 years of age under the Smile agus Sláinte policy proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14337/22]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health when the human tissue Bill including the commitment to bring in soft opt-out organ donor consent will be fully enacted. — Paul Murphy. [14341/22]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health when financial support for all those seeking IVFR treatment including those with cystic fibrosis will be provided. — Paul Murphy. [14342/22]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) will have to wait over two years for a hospital dental appointment for two extractions and other work in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [14351/22]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that University Hospital Waterford continues to remain the most significantly underfunded model four hospital in the country versus its peers; the reason for the significant disparity in whole-time equivalent positions compared to bed ratios at the hospital versus peer model four hospitals has not been addressed; the reason capital budgets to deliver additional clinical space to deal with these lists has not been approved at the hospital unlike other peer model four hospitals given that the outpatients elective lists of the hospital exceed 50,000 persons on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14369/22]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health the status of funding for the elective outpatients department and the 12-bed day ward at University Hospital Waterford (details supplied); the status of the final health planner report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14370/22]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health the reason he failed to respond or accede to a request (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14371/22]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the Covid recognition payment; when it will be paid; the front-line workers and healthcare workers that will be included in the scheme; the amount of Exchequer funding that will be ring-fenced for these payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14376/22]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the additional 375 posts created in children’s disability services in the past two budgets as outlined in Dáil Éireann on 8 March 2022 in terms of the number of these positions that have been filled; the grade of each position; the total amount of funding provided; the details of the positions that remain vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14377/22]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health the number of senior grade posts that will be appointed to children’s disability services as indicated in Dáil Éireann on 8 March 2022; the total amount of funding provided; the timeline for the appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14378/22]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who have been referred for further assessment after receiving a preliminary team assessment under the standard operating procedure for assessment of need; the waiting times for completion of the further assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14379/22]
*939. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the administrative staff posts for children’s
disability services announced in Budget 2022 that have been filled to date; if the HSE plans to
fill any further positions in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14380/22]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to recruit and deploy assistant psychologists for
children’s disability services as indicated in Dáil Éireann on 8 March 2022; the number of these
posts that were sanctioned and issued to his Department in 2021; the number of these posts that
have been filled to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14381/22]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health her plans to address the shortfall of 400 staff in children’s
disability services as outlined by him in Seanad Éireann in October 2021; and if he will make a
statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14382/22]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases that have been taken against the State
in each year since 2005 under the Disability Act 2005 for overdue assessment of need; the amount
in legal costs paid by the State; the overall amount of settlements awarded; and if he will make a
statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14383/22]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health the number of current or open cases being taken against the
State under the Disability Act 2005 for overdue assessment of need; and if he will make a statement
on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14384/22]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the completion of the review of the
standard operating procedure for assessments of needs; if he has received interim reports; if so, the
date on which any such reports were received; if he published any interim reports; and if he will
make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [14385/22]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment
for surgery. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14394/22]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are waiting for surgery related
to a condition (details supplied); and the general waiting times for this procedure across the State.
— Eoin Ó Broin. [14396/22]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health the treatment plan that is in place for a person (details
supplied); and if they will be recommended for in-patient treatment in view of the circumstances.
— Kathleen Funchion. [14397/22]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the significant shortfall in nursing
applications through the CAO process for the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the
matter. — John Lahart. [14400/22]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health if his work with his Northern Ireland counterparts to develop
an infant and young child feeding in emergencies preparedness plan for the island of Ireland will
include consideration of establishing a breast milk bank in the Republic of Ireland; and if he will
make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14403/22]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health the average number of hours which medical consultants and
doctors work per week in public hospitals. — Peadar Tóibín. [14405/22]
*951. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will receive support (details supplied). — John Lahart. [14408/22]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the services at facility (details supplied) in Letterkenny, County Donegal have been abruptly curtailed; his plans to reinstate the service to run five days a week as it had been prior to lockdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [14416/22]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health the best route for counselling services to volunteer aid to Ukrainian refugees and to hire incoming skilled workers in this field; if assistance is available to them in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14440/22]

*954. 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. [14444/22]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of an independent clinically based addiction nurse to the Addiction National Oversight Committee. — Thomas Gould. [14443/22]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will receive an appointment for a colonoscopy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14445/22]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on the colonoscopy waiting list at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14447/22]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on the colonoscopy waiting list for longer than 13 weeks at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14448/22]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on the colonoscopy waiting list for longer than 26 weeks at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14449/22]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on the colonoscopy waiting list for longer than 39 weeks at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14450/22]

*961. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently waiting on the colonoscopy waiting list for longer than 52 weeks at University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14451/22]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [14452/22]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently on the cataract waiting list broken down by each hospital in the South South West Hospital Group area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [14454/22]
To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to current shortages in supply of hormone replacement therapy patches and gel for the treatment of severe menopause symptoms; if he is undertaking measures to improve access to these menopause supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14457/22]

To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) can transfer from working at Beaumont Hospital to Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [14482/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the investigation into the cremation scandal in Cork University Maternity Hospital given the investigation was to conclude in November 2021. — Thomas Gould. [14487/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed in the Cork Central Children Disability Network Team; the measures that will be put in place to fill vacancies and to reduce waiting times for treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [14488/22]

To ask the Minister for Health his Department’s plans for funding long Covid clinics; and the supports that are available for those suffering with long Covid. — Paul Murphy. [14489/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the way that he defined exposed healthcare settings in the context of the Covid €1000 bonus; and if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Tusla staff working in residential facilities, caring for teenagers, donned full PPE. — Emer Higgins. [14491/22]

To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to review the guidance for special needs schools such as a school (details supplied) to recommend the continued wearing of masks in classrooms given the high level of risk arising from the children’s complex and special needs. — Eoin Ó Broin. [14493/22]

To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered putting in place regional trauma centres for Ukrainian child refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14516/22]

To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place services for those Ukrainian refugees arriving in Ireland who may be suffering from trauma as a result of the war in the Ukraine and that fluent speakers are placed to assist those who may not understand English; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14524/22]

To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider putting in place a formal mechanism to allow retired persons with specific skills to assist on a voluntary basis in the effort to accommodate a large influx of Ukrainian refugees in local communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14525/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposal announced in Budget 2022 to extend an automatic entitlement to free general practitioner visit cards in 2022 to children under eight years of age; when it will be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14529/22]

To ask the Minister for Health if he has or will engage with the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to seek a provision of the regulation of the digital
marketing of breast milk substitutes in the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [14531/22]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that financial assistance for a talking device for a child (details supplied) was refused; if the application will be reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14533/22]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health the status of home support for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14534/22]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health if a licence to prescribe medicinal cannabis can be issued for a person suffering from chronic pain; if the product can be accessed on prescription through a pharmacy and if it comes under the drugs payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [14537/22]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to the payment of Covid-19 bonuses for HSE workers; and when these will be processed and provided to workers. — Paul Murphy. [14554/22]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health if a date has been scheduled for surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14558/22]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a request for a wheelchair adjustment by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14561/22]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that there is an equal level of pay to nursing homes for residents in the fair deal scheme regardless of whether the nursing home is public or private as recently stated in nursing homes in Ireland submission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14571/22]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health if section 39 disability service providers will be included in the €1,000 Covid recognition payment particularly those working in an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14596/22]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health the status of surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14601/22]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health if funding for an additional 100 neurology nurse specialists will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [14609/22]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health if there are supports for parents of children awaiting primary care assessments in Fingal; the number of children on waiting lists for assessments in Fingal in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [14622/22]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department plans to allow nurses (details supplied) work in hospice care or community palliative care. — Louise O’Reilly. [14624/22]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive the proper position title and payment commensurate with their role, training and extensive experience; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [14628/22]
*989. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times nationally for those seeking a prescription for pre-exposure prophylaxis through the HSE for HIV prevention; the waiting time between making an appointment and seeing a doctor; if he is satisfied with the numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [14633/22]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered the recommendations of the International Covid Blood Cancer Coalition impact statement; if these will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [14634/22]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the availability of Sotrovimab to immunocompromised patients here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [14635/22]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the availability of Paxlovid to immunocompromised patients here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [14636/22]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the availability of Evusheld to immunocompromised patients here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O’Brien. [14637/22]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the recruitment of 17 additional neurology nurses for St. Vincent’s Hospital, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14643/22]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); if the appointment will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14649/22]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the assisted reproduction bill is enacted and that the long promised financial support for all those seeking IVF treatment including persons with cystic fibrosis are provided with such supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14650/22]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the long promised human tissue bill is fully enacted in early 2022 including the commitment to bring in a soft option out organ donor consent rather than opt in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14651/22]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health the number of business cases that have been submitted to his Department by an organisation (details supplied); the date that each application was received; the date that a final decision was notified to the organisation; the number of business cases yet to be decided; and the timeframe for a final decision in each case. — John McGuinness. [14652/22]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contracts won by an organisation (details supplied) in each of the HSE CHO areas; the commencement, end date and value of each contract; and if the Government procurement framework was used for each contract. — John McGuinness. [14653/22]
*1000. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for University Hospital Limerick becoming a DAFNE-accredited diabetes centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14655/22]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of whole-time equivalent consultant endocrinologists, dietitians, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and administrative support posts currently in place in the outpatient adult diabetes clinic in each of the hospitals under the University of Limerick Hospitals Group in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [14656/22]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline he is working towards for the creation of the virtual national diabetes register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14657/22]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered putting in place a scheme to incentivise newly qualified medical graduates from Irish universities to stay and work in the health service here for a period of time after their qualification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14659/22]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to difficulties in accessing speech and language therapy and occupational therapy in CHO area 7; and the actions his Department is undertaking to improve resourcing of these therapies in CHO7. — Emer Higgins. [14669/22]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health if progress has been made in implementing a diagnostic centre to service CHO area 7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [14670/22]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects HIQA to complete its health technology assessment of the HPV vaccine catch-up programme for secondary school students who were previously eligible but missed or turned down the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14685/22]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the scope of the HIQA health technology assessment of the HPV vaccine catch-up programme for students who were previously eligible but missed or turned down the vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14686/22]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health the latest HPV vaccine uptake rates for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14687/22]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are in place and that are planned for persons who attended the admire clinic in Cherry Orchard, Dublin for ADHD when they turn 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14688/22]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of specialists in Huntington’s disease services in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [14689/22]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the waiting time persons in Limerick are experiencing for cataract operations in University Hospital Limerick forcing them
to travel to the north of Ireland for this procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [14691/22]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the inordinate waiting times for assessments at the National Gender Service and the alternative, costly routes transgender persons are having to take as a result (details supplied); his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [14693/22]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health if a reply will issue to a transgender person (details supplied) regarding the temporal cost of waiting for hormone therapy here and the consequent financial cost of their seeking of alternative routes for same from the UK; the actions he will take on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [14694/22]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health the funding streams and core funding that are open for recovery colleges. — Mark Ward. [14695/22]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are in place per CHO for peer educators in mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14696/22]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are in place in CHO9 for peer educators in mental health; the way that it can access funding and resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [14697/22]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons aged 75 plus and under 75 who were waiting greater than 24 hours at an emergency department in February 2022 and to date in March 2022; the total number of each and the sum of both, in tabular form; the total number waiting greater than 24 hours for admission via an emergency department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14700/22]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can be moved to the Peamount Hospital St. Bríd’s unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14701/22]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health the cost of increasing each of the income limits for the general practitioner visit card by €5 and €10; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14702/22]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of removing paediatric outpatient charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14703/22]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of removing adult inpatient and outpatient charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14704/22]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will produce a roadmap for supporting all persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine in conjunction with other Government Departments and State agencies. — Ivana Bacik. [14713/22]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Health the number of neurology nurse specialists that are assigned to the Mater Hospital, Dublin; the number recommended given the catchment area; his plans to increase this number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [14720/22]
*1024. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding funding for ceiling hoists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14726/22]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider extending the pandemic bonus to frontline workers at Cancer Care West; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [14751/22]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an outline of the proposed terms and conditions differences between the Sláintecare public only contract and an existing type a consultant contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14752/22]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Health if the pandemic special recognition payment will be limited to payment of staff that worked between 1 March 2020 and 30 June 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [14753/22]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for their surgery; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14755/22]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to reopen a rehabilitation centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14769/22]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to increase the number of rehabilitation centres in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [14770/22]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that supports services for an autistic child (details supplied) have been stopped; when they will recommence; the cause of this interruption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14775/22]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Health the level of staffing of the Armagh Road children’s disability network team; and the breakdown of staffing (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [14777/22]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health the number of non-EU doctors who applied for a place on higher surgical and clinical training in the past five years; the number who were successful in getting a place in the past five years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [14779/22]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who worked in an acute hospital during the Covid-19 pandemic will be entitled to the €1,000 Covid recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14780/22]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health if a person who worked in a nursing home and later switched to an agency nurse position in a geriatric hospital during the Covid-19 pandemic will be entitled to the €1,000 covid recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14781/22]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that have been taken to increase the number of home carers to alleviate waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14785/22]
1037. To ask the Minister for Health the status of legislation being introduced to regulate the homecare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14786/22]

1038. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for children who require follow-on cardiac surgery in the Mater Hospital, Dublin following a previous surgery which resulted in an adverse outcome and has therefore necessitated a second surgery. — Seán Crowe. [14805/22]

1039. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the occupational therapy in the long-Covid clinic at St. James’s Hospital is being discontinued in April 2022 (details supplied); if he will provide funding to keep occupational therapy in the clinic; if will he further invest in a nationwide network of multidisciplinary long-Covid clinics to ensure that Ireland has the capacity and expertise to deal with this growing challenge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [14807/22]

1040. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time audiologists assigned to each primary care centre in CHO area 6 as at 31 December 2020 and at 1 March 2022, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [14815/22]

1041. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the waiting list for bariatric surgery as of 28 February 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [14816/22]

1042. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements he has made to reinstate full child health screening and developmental checks and to retrospectively screen all children who have missed any of their screening appointments since the start of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [14817/22]

1043. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed list of the gender reassignment procedures that have been carried out within the St. Vincent’s Healthcare Group from 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2021; and the number of each of these procedures listed that have been carried out during this decade by procedure and year. — Duncan Smith. [14885/22]

1044. To ask the Minister for Health the number of tubal ligations that have been carried out within the St. Vincent’s hospital group hospitals for on-demand for contraceptive purposes versus for clinical reasons in each of the years 2011 to 2021, by year. — Duncan Smith. [14886/22]

1045. To ask the Minister for Health the number of procedures (details supplied) performed at Connolly Hospital in each of the years 2011 to 2021. — Duncan Smith. [14887/22]

1046. To ask the Minister for Health the number of procedures (details supplied) performed at St. James’ Hospital, Dublin in each of the years 2011 to 2021. — Duncan Smith. [14888/22]

1047. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outsourced to the private sector vasectomy procedures under the National Treatment Purchase Fund waiting list initiative at Connolly Hospital in each of the years 2011 to 2021. — Duncan Smith. [14889/22]

1048. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outsourced to the private sector vasectomy procedures under the National Treatment Purchase Fund waiting list initiative at Tallaght University Hospital in each of the years 2011 to 2021. — Duncan Smith. [14890/22]
*1049. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outsourced to the private sector vasectomy procedures under the National Treatment Purchase Fund waiting list initiative at St. Vincent’s University Hospital in each of the years 2011 to 2021. — Duncan Smith. [14891/22]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vasectomy procedures outsourced to the private sector under the National Treatment Purchase Fund waiting list initiative at St. James’ Hospital, Dublin in each of the years 2011 to 2021. — Duncan Smith. [14892/22]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to make paxlovid available to high-risk patients including blood cancer patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14899/22]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to establish a pathway for accessing paxlovid; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14902/22]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to establish a pathway for accessing molnupiravir; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14903/22]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the interim pathway for accessing sotrovimab; when he expects the permanent pathway to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14904/22]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the proposed pathways for accessing antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments including testing arrangements; the status of communication campaigns; the engagements he has had with general practitioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14905/22]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Health if he will accelerate the establishment of pathways for antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments in view of rising Covid-19 case numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14906/22]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the number of antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments which have been ordered; the schedule for delivery of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14907/22]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the European Commission Joint Procurement Agreement for the supply of other antivirals and monoclonal antibody treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14908/22]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Health the number of fourth Covid-19 vaccines which have been administered to immunocompromised persons; the estimated size of this cohort; the steps he is taking to ensure all persons in this cohort have been notified regarding their eligibility for a fourth dose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [14909/22]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will request the HSE to review the travel expenses that public health nurses and community general nurses receive due to the increase in fuel prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [14911/22]
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*1061. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the WHO proposal for an international treaty to strengthen pandemic prevention, preparedness and response; if there are plans to engage with INB on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [14915/22]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the measures to combat the delay in the issuing of birth, death and marriage certificates in County Kildare; the average wait time for the issuing of a birth, death and marriage certificates nationally and in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14918/22]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; if an increase in home help hours will be expedited for them given the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14929/22]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that are currently on the waiting list for a DEXA bone scan in a hospital (details supplied) by one, three, six and 12 months in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14935/22]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a new DEXA machine provided to a hospital (details supplied) has not yet been set up for the medical team to use despite this new equipment being delivered approximately four months ago; his plans to resolve same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [14936/22]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Health when the emergency department taskforce last met given the present difficulties with hospital overcrowding; if an organization (details supplied) has called for such a meeting; the latest initiatives to be considered by the next emergency taskforce meeting; the measures that are being introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14947/22]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Health the average weekly trolley count within the nine model 4 hospitals nationally for the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [14948/22]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to conduct a national awareness campaign in relation to osteogenesis imperfecta to help raise awareness among the general public of the condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [14951/22]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health the budget allocated to the National Immunisation Office in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the breakdown of same based on Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 related funding; the way that Ireland compares with other European Union states in terms of spending on national immunisation programmes as a percentage of the national healthcare budget; the extent to which his Department has undertaken any recent research to evaluate the social and economic benefits of national immunisation programmes or has reviewed any relevant research undertaken in other European Union states; if so, if he will publish the results of that research in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14956/22]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health the total budget allocated to vaccine public awareness campaigns in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the breakdown based on Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 related funding; the way this compares to the allocation for vaccine public awareness campaigns in terms of both Covid-19 and non-Covid-19 related funding in other
1071. To ask the Minister for Health the amount and percentage of the amount spent on medicines by the State that related to generic medicines; his plans to increase the use of generics in Ireland; the saving achieved in generics in each of the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14957/22]

1072. To ask the Minister for Health the amount and percentage of the amount spent on medicines by the State that related to biosimilar medicines; his plans to increase the use of biosimilar medicines in Ireland; the saving achieved in biosimilar medicines in each of the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14958/22]

1073. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that he or his officials undertook in 2021 with organisations (details supplied) as part of the process to agree two new framework agreements on pricing and supply of medicines 2021-2025; the measures within these agreements to help reduce the cost of medicines in Ireland; the estimated savings for the State over the lifetime of each agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14959/22]

1074. To ask the Minister for Health the specific targets set out by his Department for increasing the use of generic medicines within the medicines market in Ireland; the extent to which Ireland compares to other European Union countries in the use of generic medicines; the estimated additional saving envisaged in 2022 by increased use of generic medicines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [14960/22]

1075. To ask the Minister for Health if employees of an organisation (details supplied) will be eligible for the once-off €1,000 pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14962/22]

1076. To ask the Minister for Health if employees of an organisation (details supplied) will be eligible for the once-off €1,000 pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [14963/22]

1077. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment under the National Treatment Purchase Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14971/22]

1078. To ask the Minister for Health the total annual spend on the delivery of age-appropriate oncology palliative care services for children, adolescents and young adults between the ages of zero to 24 in 2020 and 2021, respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14979/22]

1079. To ask the Minister for Health the orphan medicines that are reimbursed by the State in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, including the date of the HSE Drugs Group decision and the date of reimbursement in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [14980/22]

1080. To ask the Minister for Health the rate of theatre utilisation in University Hospital Limerick, Dooradoyle in 2019 and 2021, respectively; the rate of theatre utilisation in Ennis, Nenagh and St. John’s hospitals, respectively, in 2019 and 2021 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [15000/22]
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*1081. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which it is intended to provide a comprehensive homecare infrastructure throughout the country in the future; his views on the body that might be most suitable to operate such a service; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that homecare provision is now a necessary part of the health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15002/22]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive a date for surgery. — Sean Sherlock. [15007/22]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made to include homeless and social care workers in the Covid recognition scheme as they are now included in the death-in-service scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brid Smith. [15009/22]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Health when surgery will be scheduled for a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if they will be provided with a date for same.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [15013/22]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that persons are unable to obtain a Covid-19 recovery certificate based on a positive antigen test unless the test has been obtained and paid for privately. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15018/22]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [15022/22]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider extending the €1,000 Covid bonus payment to nurses, health and social care workers in the Intellectual Disability Service that worked in the community during the height of Covid and were required to work long shifts and were exposed to the same daily risk as hospital staff, and if not, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [15023/22]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has completed the review of a report (details supplied) in respect of the drug reimbursement process; when this report and the key recommendations are expected to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15035/22]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to provide chiropody services for public patients in Bandon and Kinsale, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [15051/22]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to review adult mental health services in view of the systematic issues identified with the South Kerry CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15052/22]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 825 and 826 of 1 February 2022, the precise specialisms in adult mental health psychology and the exact criteria referred to in the response which warrant a bypassing of the national recruitment panel system for HSE psychologists; if these specialisms and criteria have been agreed to by the HSE’s national human resources department and trade unions as constituting exceptions to the national recruitment panel system for HSE psychologists; and if so, the location in which these details are recorded and collectively signed off in policy form. — Holly Cairns. [15053/22]
To ask the Minister for Health the way that service need can legitimately constitute a reason for bypassing the national recruitment panel system for HSE psychologists when that service need can be met through recruitment from the relevant national panel; the CHOs in which service need was advanced as a reason for bypassing the national recruitment panel system for psychologists since January 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15054/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to ensure the availability of respite beds in Bantry General Hospital. — Holly Cairns. [15055/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking in response to the plans to sell off facilities for persons with physical and intellectual disabilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15056/22]

To ask the Minister for Health his engagement with family members representing service users with physical and intellectual disabilities concerning plans to sell off a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15057/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the status of feeding eating, drinking and swallowing impairments pathways for assessment and treatment in CHO4. — Holly Cairns. [15058/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to address an issue raised by a union (details supplied) regarding the process of the way SLT FEDS cases are referred to speech and language therapists in CHO4. — Holly Cairns. [15059/22]

To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [15076/22]

To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work of the office of the Chief Dental Officer including the numbers employed in the office; the financial allocation to its work; and the activities carried out by the office since January 2021. — Matt Carthy. [15081/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of occupational therapists and speech and language therapists in the CHO5 and CHO3 areas in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, by area. — Martin Browne. [15082/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of patient cancellations that have occurred in CHO5 and CHO3 to date in 2022 due to the fact that speech and language therapists have been reassigned; the reason for this; the figures by area. — Martin Browne. [15083/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the number of initial assessments of needs that have taken place in CHO5 and CHO3 in 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of assessments of needs that have taken place in CHO5 and CHO3 in 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [15084/22]

To ask the Minister for Health the campaigns that are and have been underway to recruit speech and language therapists in CHO5 and CHO3 in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of occupational therapists and speech and language therapists that have been recruited in 2021 and to date in 2022 in each CHO area; and the details of recruitment campaigns currently underway and scheduled for these areas. — Martin Browne. [15085/22]
*1104. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has liaised with the health and education authorities on increasing places in third-level institutions for the training of radiographers and sonographers as outlined in the National Cancer Strategy; if so, the outcome of such engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [15088/22]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider introducing a scheme similar to the farming equipment and technology fund in the United Kingdom that subsidises the purchase of technology such as the augments nitrogen analyser for the production of food with the availability of less fertiliser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13824/22]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of afforestation approvals his Department must issue in each week from 1 March 2022 to 31 December 2022 in order to achieve the target of 1,040 afforestation licences as detailed in the recent licensing plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13884/22]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13885/22]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost incurred by his Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13903/22]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applicants or members of the REAP scheme who have applied for afforestation approval under the afforestation grant and premium scheme during February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [13925/22]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of ash dieback RUS licences his Department plans to issue in March and April 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13927/22]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actual output versus the phased projected monthly plan for licence and scheme approvals in his Department’s plan for January 2022 and to date in 2022 for each of Coillte felling, private felling, roads, afforestation and ash dieback RUS in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13928/22]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the take-up and success or otherwise of the revised Coillte farm partnership arrangements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [13931/22]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to grant aid a natural impact statement considering the low levels of farmers planting forestry in 2021 in view of the fact that only 390 hectares were planted by farmers in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13932/22]
*1114. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the forestry budget within his Department for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13933/22]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the targets of his Department for the planting of forestry in 2022 considering that in order to merely keep the national forestry acreage constant 12,000 hectares would need to be planted in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13934/22]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry licences issued to farmers in January and February 2022 by type of licence in tabular form given that in order to merely keep the national forestry acreage constant 12,000 hectares would need to be planted in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13935/22]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of afforestation licences that are awaiting approval within his Department; the length of time that these licences have been in his Department by number of months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13936/22]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of afforestation licences that have been issued in the past year with no planting taking place between the date of issuance and 1 March 2022; the combined acreage of these licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [13937/22]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of private felling licences in the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13960/22]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the weekly licences issued for the month of February 2022 was in decline on a week by week basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13961/22]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of road licences his Department must issue to the private sector each week from 1 March 2022 to 31 December 2022 in order to achieve his targets as set out in the recent licensing plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [13962/22]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the expenditure by the Forest Service of his Department is in line with the budget for the month of February 2022 thereby ensuring that there is no underspend for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13982/22]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expenditure by the Forest Service of his Department for the month of February 2022 versus February 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [13983/22]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions that his Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [13998/22]
*1125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 372 of 27 January 2022, if he will provide an update on the status of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [14106/22]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason a GLAS payment in respect of 2021 owed to persons (details supplied) has not yet been paid; if he will expedite the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [14109/22]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 775 of 8 March 2022, if he will the review case again (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14143/22]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when does the land change from agricultural land to commercial land for the purposes of valuation and succession where agricultural land is leased to become a solar farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14145/22]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he or officials from his Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14153/22]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive their GLAS payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14238/22]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of samples that were taken to be tested for TB annually in 2019, 2020 and 2021; the breakdown of the samples taken for testing by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14241/22]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of samples taken to be tested for TB which came back positive, negative or inconclusive in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14242/22]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers required to make payment to his Department arising from the BEAM scheme; the average payment; the average amount interest; the amount of payments made; the amount outstanding by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14263/22]

*1134. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if, he has considered deferring the BEAM scheme repayments or if he has engaged with the European Commission seeking further flexibility in view of current rising input costs volatility in feed accessibility and prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14264/22]

*1135. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the 21 recommendations from the Mackinnon report of November 2019 that have been implemented; the status of those which have not; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14265/22]
*1136. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of pig herds in the State in brackets of 0-99, 100-199 and 200-299, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [14266/22]

*1137. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details on the amount of funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the years from 2018 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14372/22]

*1138. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of Departmental audits that have been performed on the use of Exchequer funding allocated to affiliate animal welfare organisations from 2018 to 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14373/22]

*1139. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of calls received by his Department’s animal welfare helpline by county from 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14374/22]

*1140. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of inspectors in an organisation (details supplied) by county from 2018 to 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [14375/22]

*1141. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to seek an extension of the existing Irish territorial waters’ zone from 0-6 miles out to 12 miles and the existing 12-mile zone out to 20 miles; the benefits and estimated financial gains for the fishing industry; if this request has been agreed to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14388/22]

*1142. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of negotiations with the British government to restore access to the waters round Rockall for Irish fishermen; if he considers this to be a breach of the spirit of the European Union and United Kingdom Trade and Cooperation Agreement; and if the European Commission have been involved in these negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14391/22]

*1143. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of negotiations with the British Government on the legal status of Lough Foyle; if his attention has been drawn to the negative consequences of the failure to reach an agreement on the issue in the years that have passed since the Good Friday Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [14392/22]

*1144. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if has considered increasing the use of seaweed as fertiliser to tackle the shortage of fertiliser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14588/22]

*1145. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has considered reusing food waste as animal feed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14589/22]

*1146. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans for Killegar forest in the wake of the decision not to sell it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14595/22]
To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to introduce a system whereby the disposal of animal remedy and vaccine bottles can be done in an environmentally friendly manner under cross compliance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14597/22]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria set out by his Department to recognise farm organisations or a representative body for farmers; when this criterion was established; when it was published on his Department’s website; if recent alterations have been made to this policy of late; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14627/22]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [14729/22]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider allowing a derogation on GLAS plans for this year in order that farmers are not constrained regarding land use (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [14756/22]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will consider a submission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [14797/22]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be a tightening of the legislation in relation to the registration and tracking of horses and ponies (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [14803/22]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average kill out percentage of each grade of cattle, that is, E, U, R, O and P based on slaughter and dissection studies completed by Teagasc; the minimum and maximum kill out percentage for each respective grade in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14982/22]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the average bone out percentage of each grade of cattle, that is, E, U, R, O and P based on slaughter and dissection studies completed by Teagasc in tabular form; the average percentage of saleable meat per carcass in each of the relevant grades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [14983/22]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will establish a commercial inshore hook and line fishery for bass including a quota in Tralee Bay. — Pa Daly. [15042/22]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the implementation of the mitigation measures outlined within the Forestry Programmes Natura Impact Statement (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [15043/22]

To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Forestry Service has integrated data from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Irish Raptor Study Group, The
Irish Hen Harrier Winter Survey or other data sets into the GIS mapping systems used by foresters (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [15044/22]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a copy of the review of data gaps in regard to the locations of Forestry Programmes Natura Impact Statement Annex I habitats and species. — Holly Cairns. [15045/22]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the implementation of monitoring measures from the Forestry Programmes Natura Impact Statement; and if he will provide a copy of the relevant monitoring reports (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [15046/22]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a long overdue transfer of entitlement will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [15077/22]

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

*1162. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is a commitment, expressed or implied made in the Programme for Government 2020 to enact legislation within the lifetime of the current Government that would provide for unfettered access to the general public to privately owned lands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [14576/22]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a town regeneration officer will be assigned to Ballyhaunis, County Mayo under the town centre first programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15024/22]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cost incurred by her Department for the supply of Covid-19 related face masks and face coverings since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13898/22]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cost incurred by her Department for the supply of Covid-19 related hand sanitiser since March 2019 to date; the name of the supplier involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [13916/22]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is a fund or grant system available to help communities construct community centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [13921/22]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the actions that her Department has taken to implement the relevant recommendations from the Joint Committee on Key Issues Affecting the Traveller Community report issued in November 2021. — Patrick Costello. [14011/22]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she or officials from her Department have engaged in any form of communication with the World Economic Forum or representatives of the World Economic Forum including by phone call, webinar, email or any event organised by the World Economic Forum from 1 January 2019 to date; if so, the details of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [14166/22]
1169. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the eligibility for town and village renewal scheme funding under which funding for village design statements can be provided will be extended to urban villages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [14387/22]

1170. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will initiate outreach to local communities via the community response fora in relation to the provision of information and soliciting the support and buy in of local communities to become positive advocates and active participants in developments in their areas to accommodate the Ukrainian persons who have been displaced by the war in Ukraine; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [14526/22]

1171. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that community and parish books cannot be funded through the LEADER programme (details supplied); if the new round of LEADER funding will revise this decision to allow these books funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [14735/22]