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CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15178/22]

*2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of full-time IT security managers employed by IDA Ireland in 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [15220/22]

*3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps his Department has taken with a company (details supplied) to support employees and subcontractors impacted by a receivership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15231/22]

*4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports that are currently available for bus and coach operators given the increase in fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15397/22]

*5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports that are currently available to the haulage sector given the increase in fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15398/22]

*6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15405/22]

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

*7. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that second-level students have an input into the just transition process and in particular in an organisation (details supplied). — Brian Stanley. [15430/22]

*8. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to tackle fuel poverty given the severe financial difficulties caused by recent price increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15493/22]
*9. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration is being given to introduce tax and or other incentives for the delivery of renewable energy projects to assist in the acceleration of our transition from fossil fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [15124/22]

*10. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when an area (details supplied) will be able to avail of eﬁbre broadband. — Robert Troy. [15173/22]

*11. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15179/22]

*12. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 160, 161 and 162 of 2 November 2021, if he will request the SEAI to provide the information sought by this Deputy in 2021 given the SEAI has not provided a response. — Catherine Murphy. [15191/22]

*13. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of full-time petroleum exploration specialists working in his Department as of 14 March 2022. — Darren O’Rourke. [15228/22]

*14. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the electricity credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15258/22]

*15. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures he plans to take to secure Ireland’s energy supply in view of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the necessity of Europe no longer relying on Russian gas and oil. — Jim O’Callaghan. [15283/22]

*16. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures he plans to take to reduce EU demand for Russian gas by two thirds before the end of the year in accordance with the European Commission’s plan to make Europe independent from Russian fossil fuels well before 2030 announced on 8 March 2022. — Jim O’Callaghan. [15284/22]

*17. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures he plans to take in the short-term to increase Ireland’s renewable energy supply. — Jim O’Callaghan. [15285/22]

*18. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of licences for gas exploration in or in the vicinity of the Corrib gas field that still subsist and when those licences were granted. — Jim O’Callaghan. [15286/22]

*19. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will grant extensions to those licences for gas exploration in or in the vicinity of the Corrib gas field that still subsist in order to improve Ireland’s chances of securing a domestic gas supply as a transition fuel in view of gas being a transition fuel until Ireland is fully reliant on renewables. — Jim O’Callaghan. [15287/22]

*20. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and
type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15406/22]

*21. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if matters raised in correspondence by a local authority (details supplied) will be reviewed; if these concerns will be addressed; if a response will issue to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15423/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*22. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount being paid to a contractor to process payments for the National Driver Licence Service (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [15126/22]

*23. To ask the Minister for Transport the advice the National Driver Licence Service has for refusing to accept cash as a payment option in offices. — Sean Sherlock. [15127/22]

*24. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fifth freedom applications he has received from an airline (details supplied) in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; the routes for these applications; the applications he has approved; if he will address concerns raised by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15135/22]

*25. To ask the Minister for Transport the supports that will be made available to taxi drivers in view of rising fuel prices particularly considering the new supports announced for hauliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15171/22]

*26. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15190/22]

*27. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers on each Local Link route in County Kilkenny in each week for the past 12 months. — Darren O’Rourke. [15205/22]

*28. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that travelled on Bus Éireann route 14 Limerick to Killarney in both directions in 2021 and to-date in 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [15206/22]

*29. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of tickets sold for the Dublin to Galway train line in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the breakdown of tickets between adult single, adult return, student single, student return, child single and child return. — Darren O’Rourke. [15207/22]

*30. To ask the Minister for Transport if the National Transport Authority will provide the necessary funding to replace the roof on platforms 5, 6 and 7 at Connolly Station. — Darren O’Rourke. [15208/22]

*31. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of tickets sold for the Dublin to Sligo train line in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and the breakdown of tickets between adult single, adult return, student single, student return, child single and child return in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [15209/22]
*32. To ask the Minister for Transport when licenses (details supplied) will issue from the Irish Aviation Authority given that some aircraft engineers have been waiting for five months or more for these licences and are missing out on job opportunities in Shannon and Cork airports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [15236/22]

*33. To ask the Minister for Transport the cost to the State and all agencies under his Department and the local authority and the reasons for that cost up to 15 March 2022 of planning and preparing for the Cork Luas project in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [15252/22]

*34. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of journeys taken in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022 on each public bike scheme operated in the State; and the number of members in each scheme. — Sean Sherlock. [15253/22]

*35. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an exact date for the implementation of fare structures (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [15254/22]

*36. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of capital investment allocated to each programme (details supplied) within transport Vote 31 subhead B5 public transport investment for 2022 in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [15267/22]

*37. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount of capital investment anticipated to be allocated to each programme (details supplied) within transport Vote 31 subhead B5 public transport investment for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 as per the agreed capital ceilings outlined within the revised National Development Plan 2021-2030 in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [15268/22]

*38. To ask the Minister for Transport the proposed upgrades to be carried out on the Athenry to Galway railway line; the sources of funding for this work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15269/22]

*39. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15417/22]

*40. To ask the Minister for Transport if matters raised in correspondence by a local authority (details supplied) will be reviewed; if these concerns will be addressed; if a response will issue to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15424/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*41. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will request banks not to impede access to mortgages for those workers that would ordinarily be approved for the pandemic unemployment payment given the extraordinary circumstances of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15118/22]

*42. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15180/22]
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*43. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department plans to review the current small tax benefit particularly around the stipulation allowing businesses to claim tax against one voucher for staff within a financial year and not multiples of up to €500; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [15255/22]

*44. To ask the Minister for Finance if VAT reclaim on fuel costs will be considered for bus and coach operators given the current prohibitive costs of fuel which is having a severe impact on businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [15399/22]

*45. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15407/22]

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

*46. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will put a system in place to allow for the recruitment of personnel to work in paid or unpaid employment in Government Departments such as the Department of Justice and the Department of Social Protection to help administer the arrival of the refugees from Ukraine to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [15113/22]

*47. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 43 of 2 February 2022, the reason that a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary was refused accesses to the one person one salary scheme; the appeals mechanisms that are available to this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15168/22]

*48. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15186/22]

*49. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to include additional bodies or companies that receive Exchequer funding to be included under freedom of information legislation. — Darren O’Rourke. [15210/22]

*50. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of full-time OPW staff by job title currently working in Trim Castle; the number of vacancies by job title; and when each of the vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [15211/22]

*51. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Revenue Commissioners will be instructed to increase the standard mileage allowance for HSE staff to account for the rising price of petrol and diesel. — Patrick Costello. [15243/22]

*52. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15413/22]

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

*53. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will provide a detailed outline of the reasons a club (details supplied) were unsuccessful in their application for sports capital funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15123/22]

*54. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times she has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15189/22]

*55. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that independent tourism providers cannot avail of the tour operators business continuity scheme for 2022; the reason that independent operators are excluded from this scheme despite operating successful and professional tourism related businesses for many years; if there is any other mechanism by which these businesses can avail of Covid-19-related tourism supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [15257/22]

*56. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of contracts that her Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15416/22]

*57. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir le plean teanga Bhearna agus Chnoc na Cathrach atá faofa ag an Aire le tamall fada; agus go háirithe, an ndeimhneoidh sí go bhfuil Oifigeach Pleanála Teanga ceaptha; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [15507/22]

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

*58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter with regard to public access to outdoor facilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15256/22]

*59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the national town centre first office; when the office will be established; the location of the office; the number of employees; the grades that will be assigned to each; and the level of responsibility the office will have in supporting local authorities, town regeneration officers and technical expertise to assist local town teams in formulating their local responses and accessing regeneration funding. — Alan Dillon. [15172/22]

*60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15184/22]

*61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of the vacant site levy that was collected in 2021 compared to demands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [15249/22]
*62. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding approved under the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund for the upgrade of the railway line from Athenry to Galway; the purposes for which this funding was approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [15270/22]

*63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if Irish Water’s plan to eliminate trihalomethanes in public drinking water supplies by the end of 2021 has been successful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15293/22]

*64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15411/22]

*65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the financial supports that are available for a family that is in inappropriate accommodation which it owns and which is no longer suitable for their child who is a wheelchair user in cases in which the financial circumstances do not allow for the family to purchase a new house; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15444/22]

*66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the membership of the Planning Advisory Forum. — Francis Noel Duffy. [15490/22]

*67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the membership of the working group to review Irish planning law led by the Attorney General. — Francis Noel Duffy. [15491/22]

*68. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport card can be posted to a person (details supplied) in view of the fact that the passport card is printing and that they have imminent travel plans and do not have access to their full passport at this time. — Michael Ring. [15120/22]

*69. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth registration application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [15162/22]

*70. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15181/22]

*71. 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. — James Lawless. [15194/22]

*72. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Irish Embassies that are scheduled to be refurbished 2022. — Darren O’Rourke. [15221/22]

*73. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the extent of the violent suppression of democracy in Bahrain; if there is a reason that Ireland is silent on human rights violations there; if Ireland is willing to take a hard stance against these abuses through a joint
statement and resolution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15237/22]

*74. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [15241/22]

*75. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport renewal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15279/22]

*76. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the application for membership of the European Union submitted by Georgia was discussed at recent meetings of the Foreign Affairs Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15400/22]

*77. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15408/22]

*78. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlann. [15419/22]

*79. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of the bilateral engagement he has had with his counterparts in Saudi Arabia with regard to bringing about an end to the ongoing war in Yemen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15496/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*80. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15176/22]

*81. To ask the Minister for Defence if a new Air Corps apprenticeship will be launched in Quarter 2 2022. — Darren O’Rourke. [15212/22]

*82. To ask the Minister for Defence when the contract for the replacement of LÉ Eithne will be put out to tender. — Darren O’Rourke. [15213/22]

*83. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 55 of 10 March 2022, the reason that inductions are so low given the number of applications; if he will provide a comprehensive breakdown for the reasons for refusal in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15280/22]

*84. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15403/22]

*85. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will consider reopening army barracks such as Dún Úi Neill, County Cavan, a modern army facility which was closed in 2012, in view of the changed security situation in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15420/22]
Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*86. To ask the Minister for Education when the Teaching Council will implement the lifting of the five day rule for payment of student teachers order to accommodate student teachers in receiving full pay if they are covering absences in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [15116/22]

*87. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on a remote area grant for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15136/22]

*88. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the need for additional classroom accommodation in a school (details supplied); the initiatives her Department are undertaking to address this school’s additional classroom accommodation needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [15166/22]

*89. To ask the Minister for Education if she has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times she has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15177/22]

*90. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for new secondary schools in Cherrywood, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15242/22]

*91. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for Gaelcholáistí and non-denominational secondary schools in the south County Dublin area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15244/22]

*92. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department received the inquiry from the school authority regarding the process for school amalgamations further to a response; the status of the proposed amalgamation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15261/22]

*93. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement her Department has had with the patron or board of management of a school (details supplied) with regard to the closure of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15262/22]

*94. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement her Department has had with the patron or board of management of a school (details supplied) with regard to any proposed amalgamation involving this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15263/22]

*95. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement her Department has had with the patron or board of management of a school (details supplied) with regard to the participation of this school in the small schools clusters action research project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15264/22]

*96. To ask the Minister for Education the schools involved in the small schools clusters action research project; the location of these schools; the details of the cluster they are part of in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15265/22]
*97. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the small schools clusters action project; if she has received any interim reports to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15266/22]

*98. To ask the Minister for Education if a second SNA will be allocated to a school (details supplied) given the exceptional circumstances of the case; and if a positive outcome will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [15272/22]

*99. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider providing additional funding to schools to deal with their significantly increased energy bills which are putting a strain on their finances. — Cathal Crowe. [15276/22]

*100. To ask the Minister for Education the status of plans to construct a new ASD unit for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15277/22]

*101. To ask the Minister for Education if she will appoint an exceptional teacher to a school (details supplied) as a matter of urgency given the range of issues and demands facing teachers and pupils in the school; and if a positive review will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [15282/22]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that staff toilets and a secretarial office are excluded from recent works approved by her Department for a school (details supplied); if these necessary works will be included when the project reaches construction stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15292/22]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education if the Butlerstown to Tramore school bus route is included in the changed school bus guidelines announced recently as part of the recent cost of living package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15294/22]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a school (details supplied) has had an infant class teaching post removed despite having a classroom available and a large waiting list of children hoping to attend; and if she will take steps to ensure this is corrected. — Paul Murphy. [15395/22]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the once-off reductions in new enrolments in junior infants in some schools in 2021 due to Covid is now resulting in a reduction in teaching posts for the coming 2022-2023 school year despite a recovery in the numbers seeking enrolment, potentially leading to classrooms being left empty while students are unable to find a school place, and if he has plans to prevent same. — Paul Murphy. [15396/22]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education the number of contracts that her Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15404/22]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education the rationale for providing an extension to the deadline for submitting stage 2B for a school (details supplied). — Mary Lou McDonald. [15425/22]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider making provision for representatives of a union (details supplied) to have an input into school boards of management. — Brian Stanley. [15428/22]
*109. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if financial assistance will be made available to a person (details supplied) in County Cork who will be accommodating six Ukrainian refugees three adults and three children in their home in the coming days given the unexpected challenges they may encounter. — Sean Sherlock. [15117/22]

*110. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the refusal of pandemic unemployment payments to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15133/22]

*111. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when in-person assessments will resume for those applying for disablement benefit; the reason that these assessments have not been restored; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [15134/22]

*112. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons with alopecia and who do not qualify for a medical card can benefit from any other source of financial assistance to help cover the cost of their wig as in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15137/22]

*113. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons enrolled in the activation and family support programme; and the amount of funding allocated to the scheme for 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [15140/22]

*114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount spent on child benefit since 2017 by year; the number of recipients of child benefit since 2017 by year; and the effect means testing child benefit would have on the amount allocated to child benefit and the number in receipt of child benefit in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [15141/22]

*115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors who served in the role prior to 1 July 2008 are not eligible for the recently approved ex-gratia payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [15164/22]

*116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason an ex-gratia payment rather than a pension was agreed with community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [15165/22]

*117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times she has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15188/22]

*118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which her Department can support workers (details supplied) who entered a 30-day collection redundancy period without any income support or social protection payment for themselves during this period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15232/22]

*119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she expects an increase in the demand for social welfare payments in 2022; if she is satisfied that these demands will be met in full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15298/22]
*120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the sections in her Department which currently have waiting lists for the processing of various payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15299/22]

*121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which satisfactory provision continues to be made for those retiring at 65 years of age; the recent progress in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15377/22]

*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she and her Department continue to monitor youth unemployment levels; the extent to which such levels have increased or otherwise in recent months; the plans in hand to ensure that these levels are kept as low as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15378/22]

*123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she expects to be in a position to address the pensions issue for persons that have gaps in their contribution record for any reason with a view to ensuring the availability of a payment including pro-rata payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15379/22]

*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which waiting times for payments in respect of means-tested applications compare with contribution related payments; the extent of progress in reducing waiting times for means-tested payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15380/22]

*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the degree to which the processing of various applications for social welfare payments continues to be in line with best possible waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15381/22]

*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of decisions to refuse for jobseeker’s allowance, illness benefit and disability that have been overturned or otherwise following further appeal or review thereof; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15382/22]

*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the Departmental regulations or legislation which govern and guide deciding officers when assessing medical evidence submitted by an applicant as part of an application for disability allowance and invalidity pension; the length of time such regulations and or guidelines have been in place; if recent changes have taken place in respect of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15383/22]

*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the exact procedure followed within her Department when making an assessment as to whether a person meets the medical criteria for an illness-related payment; if the deciding officers who assess these cases are medical professionals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15384/22]

*129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when assessing if a person is permanently incapable of work for the purpose of an application for invalidity pension, if due regard is had for the age, experience and qualifications of the applicant when making a final decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15385/22]

*130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the circumstances within which section 76(1) (a) of the Social Welfare (Consolidated Claims, Payment and Control) Regulations 2007 can be
disregarded by a deciding officer when assessing an applicant’s medical eligibility for invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15386/22]

*131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps taken by her Department to ensure equity and fairness for all social welfare applicants with particular reference to applications for illness-related payments; if account is taken of the fact that whilst rules and regulations are important in creating fairness, that they should not be applied in such a strict and inflexible manner so as to create inequity to social welfare applicants; the steps taken by her Department to address any unfairness in this regard with particular reference to illness-related payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15387/22]

*132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the standard procedure, regulations and guidance followed by deciding officers and appeals officers when ensuring full disclosure of the reasons and justification for refusal of an application for illness-related payments is communicated to the applicants to enable due process including preparation for any further appeal may take place; if an internal Departmental guidance exists as to the level of detail required in such disclosures with particular reference to medical evidence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15388/22]

*133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of invalidity pension applications received by her Department since 2012 to date; the number of applications granted and refused in each year; the number of applications granted after review following initial refusal in each year; the number of applications allowed and disallowed following appeal in each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15389/22]

*134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons currently in receipt of the State (contributory) pension; the extent to which this number is likely to fluctuate in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15390/22]

*135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons currently in receipt of the State (non-contributory) pension; the extent to which this number is likely to fluctuate in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15391/22]

*136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of recipients of child benefit payments; the extent to which this has fluctuated over the past two years and is likely to so do in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15392/22]

*137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of contracts that her Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15415/22]

*138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial supports that are available for a family that is in inappropriate accommodation which it owns and which is no longer suitable for their child who is a wheelchair user in cases in which the financial circumstances do not allow for the family to purchase a new house; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15443/22]

*139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) was refused the benefit payment for persons over 65 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [15489/22]
*140. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to offset the rising cost of living for persons on fixed incomes particularly pensions and welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15494/22]

*141. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has or will pay full PRSI contributions for all those who were in receipt of the pandemic unemployment payment over the course of the past two years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15495/22]

*142. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to address the barriers for individuals applying for parent’s benefit including digital literacy issues, necessity for a public services card to apply via MyGovID.ie and attendant difficulties in accessing paper application forms for applicants who are unable to apply online. — Holly Cairns. [15506/22]

*143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15175/22]

*144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to establish a working party to investigate the needs of persons living with Huntington’s disease and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15203/22]

*145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if sufficient considerations have been given to inflationary pressures being experienced by the childcare sector; the measures and supports that will be in place to assist providers facing rising costs of providing childcare; if his attention has been drawn to the challenges facing childcare providers in terms of inflation if funding for the sector is benchmarked at 2021 levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15259/22]

*146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to establish a standalone Ombudsman to investigate breaches of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15260/22]

*147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the action being taken to reduce the waiting time for cases being dealt with by social workers at Tusla relative to those seeking information on their details of birth; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons are being informed that the wait time could be two years or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15290/22]

*148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for granting access to the original birth certificates of those seeking information on the details of their birth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [15291/22]

*149. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the Hungarian policy of the grandparent’s childcare fee (details supplied); if his Department plans
to introduce such a scheme here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15111/22]

*150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15402/22]

*151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on providing a quarterly refugee accommodation pipeline report to the Oireachtas Committee on Children, Disability, Equality and Integration, detailing the number of accommodation places due to be brought on stream under the white paper implementation process. — Pa Daly. [15487/22]

*152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of purpose-built early learning and care services that will be built in 2022, 2023 and 2024 through the National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [15488/22]

*153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to establish a specialist tracing team with ring-fenced resources as recommended in a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15497/22]

*154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement he has had with the Minister for Justice with regard to the implementation of the recommendations of the Tusla review of accommodation services for victims of domestic, sexual and gender-based violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15498/22]

*155. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timelines for any potential funding stream in 2022 for community centres and community facilities; and if he will report on the potential to create a specific LGBT+ community resource centre fund in recognition of the need for infrastructure investment for the LGBT+ community nationwide and to build on the positive impact of the LGBT+ project funding in 2021. — Holly Cairns. [15500/22]

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

*156. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide information regarding the scholarships or grants that are available in Ireland for a Palestinian student who is hoping to undertake an MSC in human anatomy here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15169/22]

*157. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15182/22]

*158. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the percentage of alternative education settings including Youthreach and related schemes that have a canteen. — Darren O’Rourke. [15227/22]
*159. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15409/22]

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

*160. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application for permission to remain in the State by a person (details supplied) will be processed given that the application was submitted in October 2019; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [15138/22]

*161. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times she has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15185/22]

*162. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of cash seized by gardaí in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [15222/22]

*163. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of additional gardaí that have been trained as divisional asset profilers in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [15223/22]

*164. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of registrations that the Navan Garda immigration office is processing each week; the wait times for appointments; the current backlog in registration for the Navan office; and the opening hours of this office. — Darren O’Rourke. [15224/22]

*165. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of registrations that the Ashbourne Garda immigration office is processing each week; the wait times for appointments; the current backlog in registration for the Ashbourne office; and the opening hours of this office. — Darren O’Rourke. [15225/22]

*166. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of applications for citizenship by persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15240/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has committed to establishing a reception centre for refugees at Shannon airport similar to the one established at Dublin Airport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [15245/22]

*168. To ask the Minister for Justice when the reception centre for refugees at Shannon airport will become operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [15246/22]

*169. To ask the Minister for Justice if the naturalisation case of a person (details supplied) will be examined given that they are currently unable to represent the national team in an upcoming international competition if citizenship is not awarded in time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [15295/22]
*170. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of contracts that her Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15412/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*171. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the appointment of a dietitian post to the oncology day unit in Cavan General Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15112/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health if he will support the request to establish a working group under the joint auspices of the National Dementia Office and the Integrated Care Programme to determine the needs and solutions to provide people with Huntington’s disease and their families a good standard of care in Ireland (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [15114/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will qualify for the bonus payment for health care workers or part thereof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15119/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health if a mobility scooter will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15129/22]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the Fair Deal Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15130/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health if there have been additional resources allocated to CAMHS to help deal with the sharp increase in referrals to the service in Galway, especially in children being referred for ADHD; if there are plans for additional resources for complementary treatments for ADHD other than medicinal treatment to be allocated to CAMHS such as psychotherapy and behavioural therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [15131/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to implement a specialised unit facility that will have a multi-disciplinary team to deal with Huntington’s disease in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15163/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 457 of 21 February 2022, the breakdown of values across each of the years since 2003; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15167/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health if an expert advisory group has been appointed to support an independent chair (details supplied) with the three year review of the operation of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; if so, the members of this group; their role and remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15170/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15183/22]
*181. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review a report (detail supplied); if his attention has been drawn to this issue; the actions he is taking on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15192/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) working in the resident setting, section 39 intellectual disabilities, with Covid positive patients will receive the €1,000 bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15193/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health the date his Department was first informed of the intention of CHO 4 HSE management to close a centre (details supplied); if he will identify the staff members of his Department and the staff members of CHO 4 HSE mental health services who were in communication regarding the decision at that earliest stage of the process. — Neasa Hourigan. [15199/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health the first communication between CHO 4 HSE managers regarding the proposed closure of a centre (details supplied); the date this took place; the names and roles of the managers in communication at this time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15200/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health the date the chief operations officer and the head of operations, quality and service improvement of the HSE were first informed of the intention of CHO 4 HSE management to close a centre (details supplied). — Neasa Hourigan. [15201/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health if the clinical directors of the West Cork, South Lee and North Cork adult mental health services have agreed with CHO 4 senior HSE management to accept referrals of service-users under the care of the Midleton, Youghal and Cobh Glenville adult mental health teams for long-stay and respite placements in the community residences attached to their local catchment areas into the future; when, in the case of each clinical director, these agreements had been reached; the way that he can reconcile this practice into the future for east Cork service users with the position of the Mental Health Commission and the UK’s Care Quality Commission on the negative outcomes for persons placed out of area specifically with regard to out of area placements in long-stay settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15202/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish a working party to investigate the needs of persons living with Huntington’s disease and their families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15204/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that has been made available to Beaumont Hospital for neurology and neurosurgery services in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the areas or items on which the funding is for. — Darren O’Rourke. [15215/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide funding for research into multiple sulfatase deficiency. — Darren O’Rourke. [15216/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time ocularists employed by the HSE in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the locations in which the ocularists are located. — Darren O’Rourke. [15217/22]
191. To ask the Minister for Health the number of flash electroretinograms tests carried out at the Mater Hospital in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [15218/22]

192. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant neurologists with a special interest in migraine working in the public health services in each of the past two years; and the hospitals in which these consultants are based. — Darren O’Rourke. [15219/22]

193. To ask the Minister for Health the mileage rates or motor expenses in place for public health nurses; the provisions that are provided for in their contracts of employment considering their level of travel and particularly in rural areas; if any review will take place due to current fuel costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15233/22]

194. To ask the Minister for Health the person or body that has been awarded the contract to undertake research with service providers of termination of pregnancy services as part of the three-year review process; the way that providers of services such as services (details supplied) will be able to feed into this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15234/22]

195. To ask the Minister for Health if medical card holders should be charged for tests (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15235/22]

196. To ask the Minister for Health when an assessment of needs will take place for a child (details supplied) in Dublin 11; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [15239/22]

197. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged zero to 18 in each CHO by individual area and by each composite LHO within each CHO awaiting first-time intervention in all areas of early intervention; the number on the public list; the number on the children’s disability network team list in each CHO in tabular form; and the length of time they are awaiting intervention by age. — Sean Sherlock. [15247/22]

198. To ask the Minister for Health the number of individualised family service plans that have been issued and accepted by each individual children’s disability network team by CHO area. — Sean Sherlock. [15248/22]

199. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence (details supplied); the mechanism or procedure being put in place for same; the way that staff might be contacted if eligible for this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15271/22]

200. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if this is a matter his Department is reviewing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15278/22]

201. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which the Medical Cannabis Access Programme clinical review will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [15393/22]

202. To ask the Minister for Health the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15410/22]
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*203. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to engage with a group (details supplied) to discuss future services and improvements for patients; if consideration has been given to proposals in the letter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15418/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Health when full particulars, eligibility and terms and conditions for the assessment panel in relation to the Covid recognition payment scheme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15421/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Health if section 39 and section 10 frontline homeless network staff who continue to operate Covid-19 specific infection prevention and control measures in congregate, clinical and healthcare settings will receive the Covid-19 recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [15422/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Health when the €1,000 Covid recognition payment will be paid to front-line workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15426/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for the ENT hospital in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15427/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Health the Covid-19 safety protocols that are still in place to protect people with disabilities; if he plans to introduce measures specifically to ensure the safety of people with disabilities; and if his Department will consider contributing to the additional expenses incurred by people with disabilities for protective measures throughout the pandemic. — Eoin Ó Broin. [15429/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine a request regarding funding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15441/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Health if he will carry out a review into the travel expenses of public health nurses and community RGNs as a matter of urgency given the increases in fuel costs (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15442/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1055 of 31 March 2021, the entire duration in weeks experienced by the CHO4 staff member referred to in the response from the submission of their grievance prior to a stage 1 hearing until they received feedback from their stage 2 hearing which took place subsequent to the HSEs response to Parliamentary Question No. 1055; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15501/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Health the funding and supports available in each CHO to support home births; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [15502/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide his response to the recommendations in a report (details supplied) concerning progressing disability services for children and young people. — Holly Cairns. [15503/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Health if national community care network carers will be entitled to the healthcare workers bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [15510/22]
*215. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the full list of the categories of eligible workers who are entitled to the healthcare bonus payment. — Cathal Crowe. [15511/22]

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

*216. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of proposals in relation to matters (details supplied) regarding forestry licensing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15128/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times he has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15174/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department issued 70 more licences to Coillte than to the private sector for February 2022; if this trend will continue in March 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15195/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Coillte felling licences in the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15196/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of felling 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. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15197/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of Coillte felling licences included in his Departments dashboard for the week ending 4 March 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [15198/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of vacancies by job title currently in the Sea Fisheries Protection Authority: when each of these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Darren O’Rourke. [15214/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15273/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will examine the issuing of animal passports by a society (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [15274/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will liaise with a society (details supplied) and ensure that it allows DNA investigations into their ponies; if their ponies have been microchips checked and share DNA profiles of their ponies. — Cathal Crowe. [15275/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide assistance in relation to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15281/22]
*227. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of contracts that his Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15401/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that applied for the BEAM scheme in 2019. — Jackie Cahill. [15431/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that received a full payment from the BEAM scheme in 2019. — Jackie Cahill. [15432/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that suffered penalties in regard to the BEAM scheme in 2019. — Jackie Cahill. [15433/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the monetary amount farmers were penalised in regard to the BEAM scheme in 2019. — Jackie Cahill. [15434/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown in percentage terms of penalties applied in regard to the BEAM scheme in 2019. — Jackie Cahill. [15435/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that applied for the BEAM scheme in 2020. — Jackie Cahill. [15436/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that received a full payment from the BEAM scheme in 2020. — Jackie Cahill. [15437/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers that suffered penalties in regard to the BEAM scheme in 2020. — Jackie Cahill. [15438/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the monetary amount farmers were penalised in regard to the BEAM scheme in 2020. — Jackie Cahill. [15439/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown in percentage terms of penalties applied in regard to the BEAM scheme in 2020. — Jackie Cahill. [15440/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 1999, 20010 and 20021 of 19 January 2022, if the information regarding chemical fertiliser provided for the years 2014 to 2021 will be provided per month for each individual year in tabular form; if he will confirm the quantity of chemical fertiliser produced within the State in each of the years 2014 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [15492/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has engaged a company (details supplied) in respect of the services it provides from 2011 to date in 2022; the number of times she has engaged this company; the services used; and the total cost of all engagements with this company. — Catherine Murphy. [15187/22]
*240. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of contracts that her Department has with a company (details supplied); the location, nature, value and type of contract in each case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [15414/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the timelines for any potential funding stream in 2022 for community centres and community facilities; and if she will report on the potential to create a specific LGBT+ community resource centre fund in recognition of the need for infrastructure investment for the LGBT+ community nationwide and to build on the positive impact of the LGBT+ project funding in 2021. — Holly Cairns. [15504/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding streams available to men’s sheds to acquire their own premises to operate out of. — Holly Cairns. [15505/22]

Ceisteananna, Seachas Ceisteananna ar Sonraíodh Uain Dóibh, I gComhair Freagra ó Bhéal Déaradaoin, 24 Márta, 2022
Questions, Other Than Questions Nominated for Priority, For Oral Answer on Thursday, 24 March, 2022

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

1. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline supports provided to date through the Community Sponsorship Model and whether consideration has been given to including Ukrainian nationals in the community sponsorship scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [15316/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to provide details of his Department’s plan to support increased domestic violence refuge provision, including progress on the delivery of refuge provision for counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15307/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way his Department is coordinating the accommodation and welfare needs of Ukrainian refugees coming to Ireland; if there is a coordination person and organisation in each county to manage the needs of refugees on behalf of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15101/22]

4. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the promised payment scheme to make once-off payments of €3,000 to persons affected by illegal birth registration in the files of an institution (details supplied); his plans to extend this payment scheme to all persons affected by illegal birth registrations; the timeline for when the payment scheme will be operational; the calculations or analysis upon which the figure of €3,000 was based; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15471/22]

5. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will detail progress regarding the development and implementation of the Autism Innovation Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [15315/22]

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6. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way he intends to implement the European Union Child Guarantee; the timeline for the implementation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15457/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if new grant aid schemes will be introduced in 2023 in respect of the upgrading of existing childcare facilities and the provision of new accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15371/22]

8. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that will be put in place to ensure the safeguarding of Ukrainian children who come here as refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [15480/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that he is taking to address high childcare costs. — Holly Cairns. [15453/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on measures to make childcare more affordable and sustainable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [15310/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline his engagements while abroad for St Patrick’s Day; the way these engagements were beneficial for the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [15370/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the ongoing work to introduce special leave for a person who has had a miscarriage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [13369/22]

13. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 199 of 3 February 2022, if his Department has liaised with the Department of Health and the HSE in the development of the new accommodation model and wrap around services with regard to the needs of disabled asylum seekers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15324/22]

14. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase the resources to community organisations that are and will be delivering services to the expected 100,000 refugees from Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15321/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects to fully transpose the Work Life Balance Directive EU 2019/1158; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [15359/22]

16. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will detail progress under the Comprehensive Employment Strategy to support people with disabilities who can work and want to work to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [15314/22]

17. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied that non-sporting youth organisations, such as scouting, have adequate grant funding options available to them comparable to sporting organisations. — Cathal Crowe. [15032/22]
18. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if county childcare committees can play a more active role in promoting action which meets gaps in early childhood services. — Richard Bruton. [15367/22]

19. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the ongoing work to dismantle the direct provision system in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [13368/22]

20. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which children at risk including refugees are being identified as being in particular need of specific supports and services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15142/22]

21. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for the establishment of a State inquiry, including a truth commission model into illegal adoptions as recommended in a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15470/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that he and his Department are taking to help meet the increased demand for childcare arising from the influx of Ukrainian families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15512/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied with the level of crèche facilities throughout the country; if provision is being made to accommodate early learners fleeing war torn Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [15357/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the roll-out of the Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021; when the first data will become available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15459/22]

25. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to outline his Department’s supports for Ukrainian nationals arriving in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15306/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to reports that a woman (details supplied) lay dead for days in the direct provision system before their body was discovered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [14268/22]

27. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress made to date on implementation of the White Paper to End Direct Provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [15304/22]

28. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the process to end the direct provision system. — Holly Cairns. [15451/22]

29. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the closure of childcare providers which is creating a situation in which some children do not have a place in a childcare facility. — Richard Bruton. [15366/22]
30. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement
he has had with the Department of Health to address the difficulties children are experiencing in
accessing a timely assessment of needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin
Browne. [15103/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way he
plans to respond to the recent report of the Ombudsman for Children in respect of the practice of
illegal adoption in Ireland; if he plans to establish an inquiry on the historical use of the practice; if
he will progress the Informal Adoptions (Regularisation) Bill 2019, or similar legislation; and if he
will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [15339/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures
he will put in place to support a fair and equitable recovery for children and young persons impacted
by the Covid-19 lockdowns and restrictions of the past two years; and if he will make a statement
on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14665/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when parental
leave will be expanded in 2022; if the leave will be granted retrospectively; the full entitlement to
the leave ultimately and the timeline for the implementation; and if he will make a statement on the
matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15456/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number
of children who received a family support service in the Tusla Louth Meath area in 2021; the Tusla
family support provision and the commissioned community and voluntary sector partners in the
area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15374/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will
ensure that all children and families in direct provision being moved from congregated hotel-style
living are housed in own-door or independent living accommodation as close as possible to the
community in which they have been residing. — Holly Cairns. [15452/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has
engaged with the Minister for Health and the Minister for Education to improve the level of support
offered to children with disabilities. — Thomas Gould. [15333/22]

37. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans for
early intervention and family supports in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the
matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15373/22]

38. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends
to follow the model utilised in New Zealand to outlaw conversion therapy; when he expects to be in
a position to legislate in this State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin.
[15358/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views
on measures undertaken by his Department to tackle child and youth homelessness; and if he will
make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [15311/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to
reduce the costs of childcare for ordinary families. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14666/22]
41. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the recently opened communities integration fund 2022; the work that is being carried out to ensure awareness of the fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15458/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a timeline for the introduction of paid domestic violence leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15360/22]

43. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian refugees, adults and children who have been taken in by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [15102/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the childcare supports available to one-parent families. — Holly Cairns. [15454/22]

45. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the response of his Department to the Ukrainian war crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15100/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the key supports his Department provides to the Traveller and Roma community in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [15308/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way his Department is supporting persons with disabilities to access training and employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15465/22]

48. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on progress made towards the establishment of a national memorial and archive for survivors of institutional abuses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15313/22]

49. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department’s plans to update or replace the National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15464/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will review the refusal of ECCE for a child (details supplied) considering the circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [15099/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the report of the Anti-Racism Committee will be published, including the way he intends to implement its recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [15305/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the total admissions to the Irish Refugee Protection Programme since its inception, including when the next group of refugees from Jordan and Lebanon are expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [15312/22]
53. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that Ukrainian refugees can avail of childcare in an affordable and timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14469/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the plans by Tusla to provide a women’s refuge in the Dún Laoghaire and Rathdown area of County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14566/22]

55. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department’s plans to improve the pay and conditions of professionals in the childcare sector and to help increase the availability of childcare places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [15481/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the core funding proposals for the childcare sector and any delays in the publication of those proposals. — Peadar Tóibín. [14269/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he foresees any change in the implementation of the White Paper on ending Direct Provision in view of the Ukrainian crisis. — Martin Browne. [15104/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way that the new core funding for early years providers will be effective; the interim measures that he will put in place to ensure that fees will not rise for parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [15361/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will detail progress to date in meeting the commitments set out in the Action Plan for Survivors and Former Residents of Mother and Baby and County Home Institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [15309/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the assistance and supports that are being provided by his Department to Ukrainians fleeing the war; if provision is being made to accommodate persons outside of Dublin, to provide holistic supports to children and young people including access to mental health supports; the measures that will be undertaken to integrate these young people into their communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [15447/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the inequality facing one parent families in relation to parent’s leave; if the
matter will be examined for Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [14877/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consultations will take place with representative groups in relation to the roll-out of his Department’s Capital Programme in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15372/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a fast-track funding mechanism for communities seeking to provide preschool and or after-school facilities co-located on the grounds of existing primary schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15513/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that he has made in his discussions with the Catholic Church and the Church of Ireland regarding contributing towards redress; and if he formally requested a meeting with persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [15448/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that he is considering in order to involve the public and local communities in towns and villages to assist in integration measures needed for Ukrainian nationals coming to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15355/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that are being taken to provide accommodation and housing for those fleeing conflict in Ukraine; the number of children to date who have arrived from Ukraine and the services made available to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15354/22]

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

69. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on any or all discussions he has had with his counterparts across Europe with regard to the war in Yemen and the ongoing humanitarian crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14568/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide information on the recent announcement by his Department on increased support for a programme (details supplied); the form of support that it is likely to take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15460/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will detail all the sanctions that Ireland has imposed on Russia in response to its invasion of Ukraine. — John Lahart. [15147/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine with regard to the resultant and expected global food shortages and its impact on Ireland’s overseas development aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15474/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the contact he and his officials are having with the Russian Ambassador; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [15515/22]
74. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of outstanding passport applications that were submitted more than one, two, three, four, five and six months ago; and the envisaged timeframe to clear the backlog in passport applications. — Matt Carthy. [15472/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the situation in Ukraine; if there is a role for regional airports such as Ireland West Airport Knock to provide support via Irish Aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [15461/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he expects the International Criminal Court to take action over the situation in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [15148/22]

77. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of the efforts Ireland is undertaking at the United Nations and the European Union to address the conflict in Yemen and the humanitarian crisis there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15346/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has concluded its examination of a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15466/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures the Government is taking at EU level to assist the people of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14668/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will deploy consular staff from his Department along the Ukrainian borders with Poland, Slovakia, Hungary, Moldova and Romania to support refugees fleeing the war in Ukraine. — Cathal Crowe. [15036/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Albania are likely to join the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [15157/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the next meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [15151/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the action he is taking in relation to retaliatory sanctions imposed by the Russian Federation on Irish interests in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [15149/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications from County Mayo that are currently outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [15155/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagements with the Ukrainian Government and Ukrainian Ambassador to Ireland. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15376/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of Ireland’s relationship with Saudi Arabia; if he has raised concerns about the recent execution of 81 persons there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15347/22]
87. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current position of his Department on neutrality; and the definition of same by his Department. — Brian Stanley. [13306/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions being taken by the Government to help deal with the many thousands of undocumented in the United States of America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15348/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which human right abuses across the globe in warzones or elsewhere continue to be an issue at United Nations level; if the top 20 offenders in this regard are likely to be recipients of action from the United Nations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15145/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his most recent meeting with his EU counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14471/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will support and advocate for an EU programme to grant refugee status to Tibetan people currently displaced from their homeland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15105/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on Ukraine’s application to join the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [15343/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on Irish Aid to Yemen; if Irish Aid to Yemen is due to be increased given the worsening situation in the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [15362/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the Passport Office continues to be upgraded and streamlined to deal with the higher volume of applications in a shorter time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [15144/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the humanitarian assistance being provided by Ireland to alleviate the distress of refugees fleeing Ukraine to border countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14743/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the dates on which he raised the Palestinian issue with his European counterparts since his appointment to this office as he stated in Dáil Éireann on 2 March 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13373/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the circumstances in which Russian businesspersons have been granted Irish passports; the number of such passports granted and in existence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [15160/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his Department’s plans to expand the Irish diplomatic presence in the Middle East given the current circumstances surrounding energy security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [15482/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications from County Tipperary are currently outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15329/22]
100. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government has expressed concerns over human rights abuses to the Saudi Arabian Government following the mass execution of 81 Saudi and non-Saudi citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [15363/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of officials, persons and companies from Russia or Belarus currently sanctioned by the Government in response to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia. — Peadar Tóibín. [15159/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the application by Moldova to join the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [15156/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts that Ireland is undertaking at the United Nations and within the European Union to address the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Afghanistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [15345/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications from County Longford that are currently outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [15327/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on any or all discussions with his counterparts across Europe given the recent report by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [14567/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on Ireland’s action at the United Nations in relation to the situation in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [15336/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of his most recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in relation to the need to implement the Stormont House Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15342/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the work in relation to the Irish protocol. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [15375/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland has offered or been approached to offer additional resources to the Council of Europe as a consequence of the likely exclusion of Russia from the organization. — Dara Calleary. [15154/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the most recent meeting of the Foreign Affairs Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [15153/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications from counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath that are currently outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15040/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of additional staff that have joined the Passport Office to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [15038/22]
113. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he expects any further sanctions to be imposed on Russia and Belarus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [15344/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of the Global Ireland Media Challenge Fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15369/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on any recent conversations with European Union counterparts in relation to the Ukrainian refugee crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [15479/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with his counterparts in Russia, either bilaterally or through Ireland’s membership of the United Nations Security Council since February 2022, to bring about an end to the war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [15467/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the response of his Department to the ongoing invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [14472/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on and the detail of Ireland’s non-lethal aid to Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [13666/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which Ireland is helping countries that border Ukraine to cope with the refugee influx that they are experiencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [15150/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he is taking to address the significant backlog in processing passport applications. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [14667/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the dates on which he has met with representatives of the Israeli Government; the dates on which he has met with the Palestinian Government since his appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [13372/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Government supports the decision by the European Parliament to financially sanction Poland and Hungary in the midst of the 1.5 million refugees Poland has taken in in two weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [15158/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the commitment by his Department to the current position of the State on neutrality. — Brian Stanley. [13307/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current timelines for first-time applications and renewals of passports in Ireland; the number of passports processed to date in 2022 in comparison to 2021; the number of passports that remain to be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [15483/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the supports that his Department is putting in place for Ukraine and the Ukrainian people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [15041/22]
126. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement that he has had with European Union officials in relation to the expulsion of the Russian Ambassador and diplomats from Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14757/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the call by an organisation (details supplied) for the United Nations Security Council to impose targeted sanctions against Israeli officials implicated in the crime of apartheid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15322/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his Department’s support for a programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [15368/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will use its position on the United Nations Security Council to raise the situation of Palestinian residents in East Jerusalem neighbourhood of Sheikh Jarrah and the ongoing violations of human rights by the Israeli authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [15106/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is satisfied that all the activities of the staff in the Russian embassy are compatible with their diplomatic status. — John Lahart. [15146/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the role of Ireland in tackling the future challenges for the European Union in the aftermath of the invasion of Ukraine. — Richard Bruton. [15365/22]

132. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the most recent discussions at the European Union Foreign Affairs Council in relation to the application submitted by Ukraine for membership of the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [15341/22]

133. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if all additional staff for the Passport Office are now in place; the improvements being made on processing times on all types of passport applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15353/22]

134. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position of Ireland in relation to calls by a number of European Union member states for increased defence cooperation and a common defence strategy; the way Ireland has responded to these proposals following the Russian invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [14742/22]

135. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of the recent meeting between the Irish Ambassador to Russia and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in that country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15326/22]

136. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of Ireland’s contribution to the European Union peace fund; the way that contributors will contribute to the provision by the European Union of both lethal weapons and other products needed to support the people of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [13370/22]

137. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the last time he met with the Russian Ambassador; and if he requested the Ambassador to correct the statement that he gave to the Oireachtas Committee on Foreign Affairs. — Thomas Gould. [15331/22]
138. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the ongoing work to resolve the plight of the undocumented Irish in America; if he will consider the appointment of a Government representative to deal with this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [15450/22]

139. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on any recent conversations with his Ukrainian counterpart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [15478/22]

140. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the action being taken to assist Moldova cope with the Ukrainian crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [15335/22]

141. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to the United Nations in New York; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [15328/22]

142. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications by persons in counties Carlow and Kilkenny that are currently outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [15039/22]

143. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on Ireland’s preparations for chairing the Council of Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [15330/22]

144. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures that are being taken to address the issue of lengthy processing times for first-time passport applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [15352/22]

145. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on discussions at the European Union Foreign Affairs Council on the need to progress Ukrainian membership of the European Union as expeditiously as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [14758/22]

146. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the work of his Department and the European Union on the humanitarian crisis in Yemen. — Thomas Gould. [15332/22]

147. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the widespread difficulties parents are experiencing with consent forms for children’s first-time passports being rejected due to incorrect dates; the changes he plans to bring forward to remedy this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [14986/22]

148. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if any sanctions are being considered in relation to the diplomatic presence of Russia in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [15152/22]

149. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position regarding a strategy to increase climate finance for developing countries under growing pressure from both climate crisis and conflict; the position regarding the development of a unit within his Department dedicated to working on Ireland’s response to the global climate crisis as committed to within the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [15473/22]
150. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passports still backlogged in the Passport Office; and the number of new staff that are now in full-time employment in the office. — Paul Donnelly. [15289/22]

151. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the recent engagement he or his Department have had with the Russian Ambassador; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [15325/22]

152. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the role of Ireland in supporting efforts to end the war in Ukraine. — Richard Bruton. [15364/22]

153. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the financial and logistical supports that are available from his Department for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [15028/22]

154. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has sought clarification from the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland on the terms that would trigger a Border poll on Irish reunification; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [15323/22]