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

1. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional measures he is taking to address the alarming increase in homelessness in recent months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33472/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the An Bord Pleanála’s review report published in 2016; his views on each recommendation; the recommendations that have been implemented to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32980/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the delivery of affordable housing in areas (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [33473/22]

4. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the redress that is available to tenants who make a complaint to the Residential Tenancies Board regarding breaches of their tenancy rights when it relates to a tenancy with an unregistered landlord or a landlord who fails to provide an address; the action that is being taken to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [33252/22]

5. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delay in the sale of affordable housing in Cork city and south County Dublin. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33474/22]

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

6. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the review of the social housing income thresholds; and if he will indicate whether he intends to raise the thresholds. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33082/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the targets the vacant homes unit in his Department is working towards to tackle vacancy and dereliction. — Thomas Gould. [32972/22]
8. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for addressing rising homelessness figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32956/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has plans to examine the income limits for social housing; if they will be increased and whether those that have been removed from the list over the last period will be reinstated to their position on the lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32965/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason the remediation of dwellings damaged by defective concrete blocks Bill 2022 does not provide for the replacement of the foundations of homes that will have to be demolished in view that he has asked the National Standards Authority of Ireland to examine the need for this to be done in their ongoing review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33087/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding to local authorities for the adaptation of homes for older persons and persons with disabilities will be reviewed given the rising costs of construction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32889/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention been drawn to the lengthy processing times for both social housing applications and housing assistance payment applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33206/22]

13. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his response to homelessness and, in particular, the rising levels of family homelessness and the lack of homeless temporary accommodation in the past 12 months. — Mark Ward. [32748/22]

14. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to deliver public and affordable housing in County Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [32957/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on affordable housing in Cork city; and if he is satisfied with the progress of the scheme. — Thomas Gould. [32973/22]

16. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his targets for new social and affordable housing in the Cavan and Monaghan areas for 2022; and the progress that has been made in reaching those targets to date. — Niamh Smyth. [32961/22]

17. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding progress on the appointment of biodiversity officers at a local authority level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [33172/22]

18. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking to address cases of untreated wastewater entering streams and rivers. — Holly Cairns. [32968/22]
19. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if community buildings will be included in proposed changes to planning rules to facilitate the easier installation of solar photovoltaic panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32887/22]

20. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new sites identified by the Land Development Agency. — Richard Bruton. [33218/22]

21. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has details in relation to the progress update announced by him on 9 June 2022 in relation to planning measures introduced a year ago by county, or by constituency of where the 15,883 homes are located; the sort of builds they are for example apartments and houses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [31900/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures he is taking to maximise public greenspace in urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [33221/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether there are enough safeguards in place to prevent mass eviction of tenants from private rental accommodation; if the Tyrrellstown Amendment which provides that a landlord may not sell more than ten properties in a single development except with the tenants remaining in situ, other than in exceptional circumstances, is sufficient and being adequately enforced to ensure that such mass evictions do not take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [31899/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm the new HAP rates, the new uplifts and the new homeless HAP rates given his recent announcement to raise the rates by 35%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32942/22]

25. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will indicate given the increasing demand and pressure for housing, the extent, if any, to which he might look at the housing requirements on a county basis with a view to appointing professional builders on contract to the respective local authorities to provide and accelerate a housing programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33191/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his targets for new social and affordable housing in the east Cork area for 2022; and the progress that has been made in reaching those targets to date. — James O’Connor. [32960/22]

27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he aims for the proposed revisions to the existing planning exemptions for the installation of solar panels on the roofs of houses to be implemented. — Jennifer Murmane O’Connor. [32958/22]

28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the promised guidelines on planning matters in the Gaeltacht; the status of the working group established to examine planning policy in the Gaeltacht; the membership of the group; the terms of reference of the group; the dates of all meetings of the group to date; when the next meeting is scheduled for; if the group will produce a final report; the expected timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33208/22]
29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the cap of €30,000 on the Housing Adaptation Grants given of the increased costs in building and supplies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32939/22]

30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will include members of an organisation (details supplied) in the consultative group which regularly meets with advisors from his Department to discuss proposals for a new defective concrete block redress scheme. — Cathal Crowe. [32867/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the introduction of a derelict property tax; if any research has been carried out by his Department into this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [32910/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on affordable and social housing across Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [32978/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to introduce regulations to promote renovation over demolition and reconstruction of buildings to ensure that embodied carbon emissions are reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [33194/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the rising number of evictions; his plans to deal with these; if he will consider a reintroduction of an outright ban as an emergency measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32966/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for the regeneration of social housing and flat complexes in inner city of Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [32979/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps he is taking to assist communities in improving wastewater infrastructure. — Holly Cairns. [32967/22]

37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will work with his Cabinet colleagues to ensure schools can erect solar panels without the need for planning permission. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [28008/22]

38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that the report he requested into the management of conflicts of interest and relevant disclosures by the Deputy Chairperson of An Bord Pleanála in relation to certain Decisions of that Board and related matters is on track to be delivered on 23 June 2022; and if he will confirm the date by which he will make that report available to the public. — Neasa Hourigan. [33092/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable houses that will be delivered in Fingal in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [32955/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will reinstate the eviction ban, given the month on month increase in homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32940/22]
41. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps his Department is taking in relation to Ireland’s contribution to the implementation of the New European Bauhaus initiative to connect the European Green Deal with our living spaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [33195/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions that are being taken to ensure that there is adequate housing for Ukrainian refugees in the medium-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [31796/22]

43. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm if directives have been issued to local authorities permitting them to purchase housing assistance payment, rental accommodation scheme and rent supplement properties where a notice to quit has been issued. — Pa Daly. [32408/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his targets for new social and affordable housing in the Carlow area for 2022; and the progress that has been made in reaching those targets to date. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [32959/22]

45. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions he will take to ensure that disabled children whose parents have shared custody can both apply for a housing grant for people with a disability so as to ensure access and visitation rights for the parents and that the child and one of the parents are not isolated from each other; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [32963/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his considerations on taking steps to award the Gearagh Special Conservation Area in Cork national park status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33207/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken a study to determine the current number of vacant houses in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [31965/22]

48. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he was first informed about allegations of wrongdoing at An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [31795/22]

49. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the introduction of a vacant property tax; if any research has been carried out by his Department into this proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [32909/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address the increased number of homeless persons in County Tipperary. — Martin Browne. [33095/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures being taken to ensure adequate emergency housing supply to local authorities. — Martin Browne. [33094/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications made per local authority for the single stage process housing scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32948/22]
53. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the proposed defective concrete block redress scheme will be operational. — Cathal Crowe. [32866/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered ways of incentivising the long-term letting of properties that are currently being let as short-term rentals in an effort to create increased supply of long-term rental accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33091/22]

55. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his plans for housing provision in north-west Dublin. — Paul McAuliffe. [33216/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his plans for affordable purchase, cost rental and social housing in Dublin 9 and 11. — Paul McAuliffe. [33217/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to introduce new measures to help reduce rental costs across the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O’Reilly. [32954/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that he will take to expand social and affordable housing given the increase in homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [33193/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address the housing crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33222/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a progress update on the delivery of an affordable housing scheme in County Mayo. — Alan Dillon. [33089/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding that has been allocated for affordable housing projects in Cork; the status update on these projects; the envisaged timelines for these projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [32945/22]

62. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidhreachta cad í an mhoill leis na treoirlínte geallta don phleanáil Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [32497/22]

63. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the delivery of affordable housing across the country, and specifically Dún Laoghaire; the updated guidelines on what constitutes affordable housing for each county or constituency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [31901/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount spent on housing assistance payment and other subsidies to those renting in the private sector; if a cost benefit analysis of HAP in relation to investment in direct built social housing has been made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [33192/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding allowing local authorities to purchase a house where there is a tenant in situ; if updated guidance
has been issued to the local authorities; the budget that is available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [32981/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans with respect to funding and support for the four Limerick regeneration areas post the end of the current projects in 2024. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33085/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the progress he has made towards launching the first home scheme. — Niamh Smyth. [32962/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details the work of his Department with respect to the refurbishment of large vacant buildings to provide emergency accommodation of Ukrainian refugees. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33084/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of new build social homes and new build affordable homes that were delivered year to date in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33215/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the work currently being undertaken to reform the local authority funding mechanism to ensure that historical differences between counties are addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [32888/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail the planned recruitment to new posts within the National Parks and Wildlife Service; the way recruitment is progressing; if this is being planned with a view to improving enforcement on a geographical basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [33173/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to outline the commitments made to tackle vacant housing in the Housing for All Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [33088/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage her plans to fasttrack the deliver of affordable purchase homes in the Merlin area of County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [32197/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement he has had with his colleagues in Government regarding housing Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [32825/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans with respect to the Mulcahy Report into planning matters in County Donegal; if he intends to take action on the matter; and if he intends to publish the report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33083/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 67 of 5 May 2022, the status of the Galway social housing taskforce sub-group on homelessness; the number of times the sub-group has met to date; if he has received correspondence to date from the subgroup; if the sub-group will produce a final report; the terms of reference of the sub-group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33209/22]
77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent, if any, to which he might accelerate the Housing for All programme in such a way as to reflect the increased demand from the indigenous population as well as asylum seekers and the necessity to ensure that the requirements of all are reflected in a rapid response which might involve identification of limitations imposed through lack of infrastructure such as wastewater, electricity, potable water or other infrastructure including procurement which might be holding up any such programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33190/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will introduce a rent freeze to take cost of living pressures of workers and families and to stop them entering homelessness. — Mark Ward. [32747/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe in which he intends to introduce new regulations to provide exemptions from the requirement to obtain planning permission with regard to the installation of solar panels on farms; and the intended timeframe with regard to supplementary regulations intended to reduce proposed restriction zones. — Matt Carthy. [33081/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will detail his engagement with the banks on the issue of mortgage provision for households purchasing local authority affordable homes; and if his attention has been drawn to pillar banks refusing mortgages to potential buyers on the grounds that the property is funded via the Affordable Housing Fund. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33086/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the remediation of dwellings damaged by defective concrete blocks Bill 2022 will reflect the ongoing review by the National Standards Authority of Ireland of IS 465 in relation to testing and diagnosing remedies for the full range of deleterious materials that are affecting homes in the west of Ireland including pyrrhotite and the need to replace foundations in homes that have to be demolished. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [33019/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has undertaken any study seeking to quantify the death rate among persons who are homeless in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [31966/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of social homes provided in County Cork in 2021; the way that the figure compares with the totals for each of the previous seven years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [32890/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities are able to buy homes with HAP tenants in situ in cases in which the tenant is threatened with eviction on grounds of sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32941/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views in relation to the recent changes to homeless housing assistance payment rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [32409/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the steps his Department is taking with the Department of Further and Higher Education
Research, Innovation and Reform to deliver affordable student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33214/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when grant aid will be made available for first-time buyers to do up old derelict properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33090/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the European Commission Directorate-General for Competition concluded its investigation into the Croí Cónaithe cities scheme following the pre-notification; if so, the outcome of the investigation; if not, when the outcome is expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian Ó’Callaghan. [31794/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing completions annually since 2016; and the number in the 12 months between Q2 2021 and Q1 2022. — Richard Bruton. [33211/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with the local authority in Limerick city regarding the lack of emergency accommodation in the city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [33225/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will receive a copy of the internal An Bord Pleanála report identified in An Bord Pleanála statement dated 27 May 2022; and if he will confirm the date by which he will make that report available to the public. — Neasa Hourigan. [33093/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to address rising homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [33223/22]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

93. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the Governments response to the decision by the British Government to introduce unilateral legislation which will undermine the Northern Irish Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [32921/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of times he has met with the Irish Ambassador to Britain since he took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [33477/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the efforts that have been made to address the delays in the issuing of passports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [32922/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if, with the surge in the application numbers for passports and the delays in getting them processed, he will consider opening a passport office in the West of Ireland to serve the needs of the population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [33475/22]
97. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if negotiations will begin immediately with the French government to cease its military exercise in order to protect fishermen, the fishing vessels and the environment given that Irish fishermen have again been warned of risks to their safety considering the nature of these exercises which will take place off the southern coast of Ireland outside of territorial waters and within the Irish exclusive economic zone. — Michael Collins. [33485/22]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

98. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the level of economic activity between Ireland and nations in Africa and the work to increase such activity. — Richard Bruton. [33212/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a printer for the Cork Passport Office to facilitate in-person one day rapid renewals in Cork to take pressure and demand off Mount Street; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33167/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update to the Houses of the Oireachtas as to any engagement he has had with the European Union and or the Polish Government regarding the ban on abortions in Poland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [33165/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for passports from counties Mayo, Galway, Roscommon, Sligo, Leitrim and Donegal to date in 2022 from each county; the number of passports issued; and the number of outstanding applications for passports currently awaiting processing in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [32932/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will address the concerns that exist in relation to the recent signing of a trilateral memorandum of understanding relating to the export of natural gas from Israel and Egypt to the European Union given Israel’s repeated breaches of international law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [32923/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on any discussions with his Department and his counterpart in Colombia with regards to the operations of a company (details supplied) and the way that Ireland and Colombia work together to ensure the indigenous Misak people receive justice in their campaign to get their land back; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32947/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passports currently being processed with application addresses in Cork; and the average time for delivery. — Thomas Gould. [32976/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to a recent report published by Observatory of Multinationals in Latin America, SumOfUs and the Latin America Solidarity Centre that has highlighted serious socio-environmental impacts and human rights violations arising from Smurfit Kappa’s operations in Colombia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [33162/22]
106. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position of the Government in relation to the creation of a loss and damage facility to compensate countries in the developing world for the disproportionate effects of climate breakdown in those regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [33099/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure each passport application is checked for validity immediately on receipt to allow time for applicants to submit corrected information if required as anomalies are too frequently being discovered too late in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33168/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to an international armed soldier presence on a ship in Cork city on 16 June 2022. — Thomas Gould. [32977/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been brought to a report (details supplied) which details the impact of the operations of an Irish-headquartered company on indigenous communities and their lands in Colombia; the engagement he or his Departmental representatives have had with representatives of this company on foot of the issues raised in the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33070/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he accepts the assertions made by the United Kingdom government that it has been actively trying to make the Northern Ireland Protocol work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [32933/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the United Kingdom’s use of necessity as a justification for abandoning the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [32920/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent of any recent discussions with the UK/EU authorities in relation to ensuring the protection of the Good Friday Agreement and the attendant Protocol which was agreed internationally; if a particular procedure is required in the event of one of the participating parties taking a unilateral stance which might jeopardise any such agreement; if it is recognised that there may be far reaching consequences in such a case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33200/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on his recent discussions with the British Labour Party Leader Mr. Starmer; if he will provide a further update on the situation in relation to the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33181/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures that are being considered to ensure initial check on all passport applications on receipt to ensure applicants are notified on any issues regarding their application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33204/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for passports to date in 2022 from counties Kildare and Wicklow; the number of passports issued; and the number of outstanding applications for passports currently awaiting processing in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [32919/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the contribution of Ireland to ensuring the safety of journalists, photographers and other members of the media. — Emer Higgins. [32918/22]
117. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on Ukrainian ascension to the European Union. — Alan Farrell. [30546/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the proposed timeframe to honour the Government commitment to recognise the state of Palestine. — Matt Carthy. [33097/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are any plans to reduce the size of the Russian diplomatic presence in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32937/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for passports from counties Clare and Tipperary for each county to date in 2022, in tabular form; the number of passports issued; the number of outstanding applications for passports currently awaiting processing in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [32950/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline any discussions that are taking place at the United Nations Security Council regarding the ongoing situation in Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [32946/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for passports for adults to date in 2022 from counties Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Meath; the number of such passports issued; the number of outstanding applications for adult passports currently awaiting processing in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32897/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of Irish citizens who are in effect under house arrest in other jurisdictions in that they are being prevented from leaving such jurisdictions for reasons to include pending court or other legal proceedings being finalised; the way his Department and consular staff are supporting these citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [33203/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the impact that the result of the recent Colombian presidential elections will have on the Colombian peace process; the actions that Ireland is taking as part of the United Nations Security Council on the Colombian peace process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [32924/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the statements made by the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (details supplied) after their recent trip to China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [33205/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the priorities during Ireland’s six-month presidency of the Council of Europe. — Emer Higgins. [32902/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he expects any further sanctions to be agreed by the European Union against Russia for the invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [32928/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the plans that are in place to tackle the backlog in issuing passports. — Mark Ward. [32745/22]
129. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for passports for counties Carlow, Kilkenny, Wexford and Waterford from each county to date in 2022, in tabular form; the number of passports issued; the number of outstanding applications for passports currently awaiting processing in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [32949/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for passports to date in 2022 from counties Longford and Westmeath; the number of passports issued; and the number of outstanding applications for passports currently awaiting processing in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [32951/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had at bilateral level with his counterparts in Israel with regard to halting the demolition of Palestinian homes in the Masafer Yatta area of the West Bank; his plans to increase Irish aid funding to Palestinian human rights NGOs, particularly in view of the increasing legal constraints faced by such organisations following the designation by Israel in October 2021 of six Palestinian NGOs as terrorist organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [33071/22]

132. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for passports to date in 2022 from counties Cork and Kerry; the number of passports issued; and the number of outstanding applications for passports currently awaiting processing in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [32930/22]

133. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which Ireland’s overseas development aid programme continues to engage with the most seriously deserving cases worldwide in order to address such issues as starvation, famine, conflict, abuse of women and children and other human rights violations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33199/22]

134. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the claim made by the United Kingdom government that the Good Friday Agreement is threatened by European Union action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [32931/22]

135. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent phone conversation with the United Kingdom Foreign Secretary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [32849/22]

136. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for first-time passports for children to date in 2022 from counties Cavan, Monaghan, Louth and Meath; the number of such passports issued; the number of outstanding applications for children’s passports currently awaiting processing in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [32896/22]

137. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way that Ireland is supporting the International Criminal Court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32953/22]

138. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the treatment of parliamentarians in Tunisia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [31902/22]

139. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he expects the united European Union response to Russian aggression against Ukraine to be sustained in the months ahead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [32929/22]
140. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for passports for Dublin to date in 2022, in tabular form; the number of passports issued; the number of outstanding applications for passports currently awaiting processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [32952/22]

141. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his plans to increase the accuracy of the passport tracking service online to show real-time data of each actual step of the application process; if processing application actually means that the application is only in a queue to be seen by a checker; if he will ensure that all applications that exceed their estimated issue date are expedited; the reason that some online applications are not registering on the passport tracking service until the day after they are submitted online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32823/22]

142. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on Poland’s abortion ban; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33169/22]

143. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way his Department has engaged with the organisation frontline defenders and the people with whom they support in conflict zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [33202/22]

144. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will list the countries where Ireland has ambassadors on the ground. — Peadar Tóibín. [31964/22]

145. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Government’s response to the humanitarian crisis in the Horn of Africa, particularly on the United Nations Security Council and the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [32925/22]

146. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if Ireland will use its place on the UN security council or call in the Israeli ambassador to raise the use of administrative detention by the Israeli state, and if it can specifically raise the hunger strike of two detainees (details supplied) who have been held in administrative detention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [32969/22]

147. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of outstanding backlog in passport applications; the number of which originate from County Monaghan; the total number of applications processed in May 2022 and the current number of staff in the Passport Office. — Matt Carthy. [33096/22]

148. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline any discussions at the United Nations Security Council regarding the ongoing situation in Palestine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [33166/22]

149. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps being taken by the Irish Government with respect to the crisis unfolding in the Horn of Africa; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [33098/22]

150. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will detail the process within his Department for appointing persons as Irish ambassadors to other countries; if he will clarify whether such positions are advertised publicly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [31963/22]
151. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the contribution of Ireland to ensuring the safety of journalists, photographers and other members of the media. — Richard Bruton. [33213/22]

152. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether the United Kingdom’s legal rationale for seeking to override the Northern Ireland Protocol has any plausible basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [32936/22]

153. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of interventions made by the Irish consulate and embassy staff on behalf of Irish citizens that have lost or had their passport stolen when they were in a foreign country in 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [32983/22]

154. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had recent discussions with his European Union counterparts on the need to progress Ukraine’s European Union Membership application to candidate status; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33182/22]

155. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider as a matter of urgency opening a passport office in Belfast in view of the current backlog and volume of applications on the island of Ireland including an unprecedented number from the North of Ireland. — Mark Ward. [32746/22]

156. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report back on his recent visit to Finland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [33164/22]

157. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Government’s position on neutrality; his plans to refer Ireland’s position on neutrality to a Citizens Assembly for discussion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [32927/22]

158. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the length of time that it takes once supporting documentation is physically received by the Passport Office for the information to be attached to an application; his plans to reduce the numbers of days it currently takes for this to occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32822/22]

159. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent conversation with EU Commission Vice-President; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [32850/22]

160. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of applications for passports to date in 2022 from counties Offaly and Laois; the number of passports issued; and the number of outstanding applications for passports currently awaiting processing in each county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [32934/22]

161. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on efforts to protect the Northern Ireland Protocol. — Alan Farrell. [27390/22]

162. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he has had with the officials in Myanmar since the 3 June 2022 announcement of the forthcoming execution of four political prisoners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [32982/22]

163. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has concerns regarding human rights violations at the Cerrejón mine in Colombia, given the recent decision to recommence the importation of coal from Colombia to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [32926/22]
164. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his discussions with the United Kingdom Foreign Secretary in relation to the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [32935/22]

165. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on his meeting with the Finnish Foreign Minister; if enhanced co-operation around security and defence at an EU level was discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [31903/22]

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QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the date on which he expects the remote working bill 2022 to be enacted; and if he will provide an update on same. — Catherine Murphy. [33296/22]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the review of a general employment permit will be complete in respect of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [33413/22]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has been liaising with the Minister for Social Protection to ensure that there is a sick pay rebate mechanism to help small business employers with the payment of the double costs of a having a sick employee and having to pay for replacement staff, similar to the employee wage subsidy scheme during the pandemic and as outlined in the Economic Analysis On The Impact Of The Statutory Sick Leave Bill (2022) On Small Business in Ireland report published by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [33480/22]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 240 of 14 June 2022, the name of the 100 fuel stations and the locations of each by county that have been designated to remain open in the event of a national fuel scarcity given that the information requested was not supplied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33297/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will involve all stakeholders in the preparation and development of draft policy papers (details supplied) as part of the new policy statement for the inland fisheries sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33331/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when high-speed broadband will be available to a person (details supplied) given that their house appears to be the only one not included in service available to other houses in the locality; the efforts that will be taken to rectify this issue in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33369/22]
*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the energy security review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33403/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to provide a detailed breakdown of the State funding provided by his Department to all environmental groups in 2019, 2020, 2021 and the budget allocation for 2022; of a cost-benefit analysis of this funding has been undertaken before the 2022 approval given the reported increased budget for environmental groups from €1 million to €1.7 million; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33516/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if persons (details supplied) qualify for energy conservation grant from the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland or Kildare County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33556/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the difficulty of charging an electric vehicle for terraced home and apartment dwellers in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33409/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the difficulty of charging an electric vehicle for current terraced home and apartment dwellers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33410/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request a copy of the expression of interest document the Dublin Airport Authority provided to interested third parties in relation to the operating of the ALSAA facility in Cloghran, County Dublin; if he will provide this document in the reply to this question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33320/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request a copy of the expression of interest document the Dublin Airport Authority provided a company (details supplied) in relation to the operating of the ALSAA facility in Cloghran, County Dublin; if he will provide this document in the reply to this question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33321/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request that the Dublin Airport Authority cease its process to seek alternative providers to run the sports and leisure facilities at ALSAA and request the company (details supplied) to re-engage with the ALSAA committee to work on a long-term lease and long-term plans for much needed investment in the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33322/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport if a matter in relation to a taxi (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33352/22]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to long delays for the national car test; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33395/22]
*182. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the high cost of public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33407/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to address the poor public electric vehicle charging network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33408/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if a company (details supplied) and Dublin bus are unable to provide their full scheduled bus services in Dublin as a result of staff shortages; the reason that in the absence of the company having its required staffing numbers the National Transport Authority has proceeded to expand services with new routes such as the N6 and N4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33422/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if he plans to develop a policy to ensure that as far as possible patrons of large sporting events will be able to travel to these events on public transport; the discussions that he has had with the sporting bodies and the National Transport Authority in relation to this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33436/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test will be urgently rescheduled for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33464/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if he believes that age limits on taxi licenses should be extended to keep more drivers in the industry; if he intends to extend these age limits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33489/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*188. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Questions No. 394 and 395 of 14 June 2022, the number of persons availing of tax relief on pension contributions in 2019 disaggregated by salary band in intervals of €10,000, on an individual level given that the PAYE data on employee pension contributions is now reported to the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [33268/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Questions No. 394 and 395 of 14 June 2022, the cost to the Exchequer of tax relief on pension contributions in 2019 disaggregated by salary band in intervals of €10,000, on an individual level given that the PAYE data on employee pension contributions is now reported the Revenue Commissioners. — Pearse Doherty. [33269/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Finance his views that the gap between the exit tax of 41% and the capital gains tax of 33% with an inclusion of a €1,250 exemption is to be maintained; his further views that the 41% rate of exit tax should be lowered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33292/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider an amendment to the Credit Union Act 1994 to permit credit unions to include a statement when issuing the notice of the AGM to each eligible member in the notice to the effect that the annual accounts may be obtained on the website of the credit union or at the registered office of the credit union (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33302/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding inheritance tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [33317/22]
*193. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to address the rising cost of home heating oil; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33405/22]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to address the rising cost of petrol and diesel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33406/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners will meet with a person (details supplied) in order to further discuss their qualification as a new business owner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33552/22]

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

*196. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that there is a closing time on gate into the Irish National War Memorial Gardens on Con Colbert Road, Dublin 8, given that other gates are never closed; if this is an oversight from the days when all gates closed at same time; and if consideration will be given by the OPW to leaving the gate open till later for example until 10 pm during summer months; and if there is a logical security and safety issue involved in relation to same. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [33315/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consider extending the special leave with pay scheme for public service staff; the measures that he will take to ensure those with long-Covid will not face cuts in income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [33367/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if discussions are expected in relation to the special leave for healthcare workers with long-Covid which they contracted through their work in a healthcare setting to be extended beyond the end of June 2022 given that many have the additional expense of travelling to Dublin for the necessary care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [33416/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current position regarding the payment of long-term sick payments to frontline healthcare workers who suffer from long-Covid; the plans that are in place for the continued payment of these public sector employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33496/22]

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

*200. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the discussions that she has had with the sporting bodies and the Minister for Transport in relation to the need to ensure that large sporting events are held in the locations that minimise the distance that supporters have to travel to attend and that have good public transport links in place for them in order to reduce the carbon footprint of such events and minimise the cost for patrons attending these events at a time of a climate and cost of living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33435/22]

*201. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil an Coiste Comhairleach um Sheirbhísí Gaeilge bunaithe mar a shonraítear é in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021, ó tharla go bhfuil an tAcht i bhfeidhmi le sé mhí anuas agus go
sonraítear san Acht go mbunófar a leithéid laistigh de shé mhí den Acht a bheith rite. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33437/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current status of St. Andrew’s Church, Suffolk Street, Dublin 2 which is owned by Tourism Ireland and that has been vacant and on sale for over five years; the number of offers that have been received for the site; the works that are being carried out to maintain the structure and prevent dereliction; if her Department has sought alternative purposes for which it could use the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [33470/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that the annual audited accounts and financial statements of a public company (Cill Ulta (LAN Teoranta, Cill Ulta, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal), which is funded by several agencies under the remit of her Department, is not published on the company’s website; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33519/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide a copy of the audited accounts and financial statements of a public company (Cill Ulta (LAN Teoranta, Cill Ulta, Falcarragh, Co. Donegal), which is funded by several agencies under the remit of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33520/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to provide a breakdown of the salary scales paid to the management team at a public company funded by her Department (Details Supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33521/22]

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

*206. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the appointment of a harbour master for Fingal, following a business case for the position in March 2022; if he will approve an application by Fingal County Council for a harbour master; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [26518/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when income eligibility limits for social housing will be increased in counties Cavan and Monaghan given existing limits are low at present and are unrealistic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29583/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the Housing for All programme. — Mick Barry. [22301/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase the marine protection areas to 30% by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [28487/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will sanction all the vacant posts across local authorities and provide the necessary resources for these posts to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [31317/22]
*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied with the level of housing assistance payments given the findings of the latest EU survey on income and living conditions on household poverty among those dependent on housing supports. — Paul Murphy. [24511/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the latest EPA water quality report. — Pa Daly. [27941/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the water quality initiatives undertaken by his Department and agencies under his Department’s remit.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [27942/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the senior executive officer roles that were assigned to both Drogheda and Dundalk in 2020; if Louth County Council made a request to extend the roles in either location; if he will also provide details on whether similar roles were offered to local authorities across the country, and if so, if he will advise the number that were offered and the number of SEOs that were approved by location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [33272/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has satisfied itself that there are a sufficient number of affordable properties in the north County Kildare; if he will publish the methods used to reach such a conclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [33298/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has examined the impact of the housing crisis on single persons who are automatically at a serious disadvantage in relying on one salary in order to rent or buy given the now-exorbitant costs of both; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [33299/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify exactly when housing assistance payment rates will be increased; if he will acknowledge that an increase will help some tenants to remain in properties in which rents have risen and will also provide for others waiting to be housed to access more dwellings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33330/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of commercial rates that have been collected by all local authorities since 2018 to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33334/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are supports available for vacant home-owners who wish to bring their property up to a liveable standard to add to the housing stock; if he will provide an update on the Croí Cónaithe (towns) fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [33354/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when local authorities will receive funding (details supplied) to support emergency and planned upgrade works to group water schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [33361/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities are obliged under legislation to make public their housing allocation schemes; and if so, the location in
which this information stored; the way that it can be accessed by members of the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33372/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will investigate the reason a query which was raised with a local authority (details supplied) has not been responded to even though this was promised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33377/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the proposed scheme that will support first-time buyers to repair derelict properties; and if he will provide a timeframe for the opening of the scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [33378/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to provide funding to local authorities to provide serviced sites in towns and villages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33394/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 44 of 15 June 2022, if he will detail the division of the grant funding to Wexford County Council (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [33418/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the caravan loan scheme for Traveller families was extended nationwide; if the local authorities have been informed of the terms and conditions of the scheme; if it is intended to publish them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33438/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when Traveller families will be able to avail of the caravan loan scheme on a nationwide basis; the maximum amount available for each mobile home or caravan under the scheme; if local authorities will be fully reimbursed for the cost of the scheme; if the scheme will be confined to new caravans only; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33439/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to increase funding for housing adaptation grants for County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [33484/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will allocate funding at an early date to local authorities for the voids programme given the importance of this scheme in bringing vacant local authority homes back to habitable use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33487/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the income eligibility limits for local authority housing in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan will be increased without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33488/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which it is proposed to upgrade income qualification levels for local authority housing loans with a view to making such loans more readily available to suitable qualified applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33522/22]
*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent, if any, to which it is expected to increase the income thresholds for qualification for eligibility for the local authority housing list having particular regard to the fact that the current income thresholds make it impossible for certain categories of persons to qualify for either a local or inclusion on local authority housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33523/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of persons housed by way of directly built houses by each local authority in the past five years, on a county basis excluding houses provided by approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33524/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of persons housed by way of directly built houses by Kildare County Council in the past five years excluding houses provided by approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33525/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of houses directly provided by each local authority for rent for suitably qualified houses on a county basis excluding those provided by approved housing bodies or Part 5 provision, in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33526/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of houses directly provided by Kildare County Council for rent for suitably qualified houses in each of the past five years to date excluding those provided by approved housing bodies or Part 5 provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33527/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of houses provided on a county basis by each local authority under Part 5 provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33528/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of houses provided by Kildare County Council under Part 5 provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33529/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of houses provided by approved housing bodies in County Kildare for suitably qualified applicants in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33530/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of houses provided by approved housing bodies on a county basis for suitably qualified applicants in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33531/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding provided to each local authority by way of direct grant to fund the building of new houses in the respective local authority areas for suitably qualified applicants in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33532/22]
*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funding provided to Kildare County Council by way of direct grant to fund the building of new houses for suitably qualified applicants in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33533/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total funds, by way of direct grant or otherwise, paid to approved housing bodies in each of the past five years to date; the number of houses provided as a result in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33534/22]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all locations of pyrite or mica have been identified throughout the country; if the local authorities have been informed or involved in the resolution; if the construction industry, the insurance sector, architects or an organisation (details supplied) or other bodies are involved in the resolution and remediation in line with the concepts of premier home bond or other home protection insurance provision; if all the potentially involved agencies are now making contribution towards remediation; if any further sites throughout the country are likely to be the subject of remediation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33535/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress that has been made since the election of President Joe Biden in rectifying the situation for the undocumented Irish in America; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [33476/22]

*246. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of new embassies Ireland that have opened globally in each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [33478/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason that the director of the Passport Office services spoke on radio and told listeners that the Passport Office was now in a much better situation and would be able to issue passports much faster, when in fact there are still issues remaining regarding issuance of passports (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [33486/22]

*248. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications for adults or children that were received in the Passport Office over three months ago or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32834/22]

*249. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of passport applications that were cancelled in 2021; if the applications were cancelled by the applicants or by the Passport Office; and if cancelled by the Passport Office will provide reasons for same. — Michael Ring. [32841/22]

*250. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of complaints received by his Department in relation the Passport Office in 2021 and to date in 2022, through the customer service feedback or through any other means; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32846/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of freedom of information requests submitted to his Department in each of the past four years which refer to passport applications or the passport service in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32847/22]
*252. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the formal comments and complaints procedure for the passport service can be adapted to make it more accessible to those wishing to lodge a complaint by providing an email address or an online complaints form; the number of formal comments and complaints received about the passport service in each of the years 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32848/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the statistical evidence and level of detail used to calculate the current turnaround times for passport applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32859/22]

*254. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the rigorous analysis process which is in place to verify the identity and citizenship status of passport applicants; the steps involved; if the process is audited regularly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32860/22]

*255. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to introduce a robust system which ensures transparency in the verification, checking, processing and return of documents in the Passport Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32861/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will introduce a faster way for applicants to request a new consent form given that it is currently takes five working days when requested through his Department’s website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32862/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if any consideration is given, in the calculation of the average turnaround processing time of passports, of the length of time that the application is actually lodged with the Passport Office but not progressed given the high volume of passports that are found to have errors on being checked several weeks after they were actually received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [32863/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on passport applications and processing times presently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29580/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagement with the British Government on issues relating to the 1974 Dublin and Monaghan bombings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [29581/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he had discussions on the Northern Ireland Protocol. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30694/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will indicate, arising from his recent expressions of concern at the potential UK proposals to unilaterally set aside important parts of the Northern Ireland Protocol which could be seriously damaging to the Good Friday Agreement and could lead to a trade war; and if he will initiate an international diplomatic campaign with a view to ensuring that international agreements are kept in the letter and the spirit. — Bernard J. Durkan. [32192/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he continues to engage with the British Prime Minister and United Kingdom authorities in order to resolve difficulties caused by Brexit and alleviated by the Northern Ireland Protocol. — Bernard J. Durkan. [30958/22]
*263. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if this Government is committed to the policy of military neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [23757/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33273/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33274/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33275/22]

*267. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33276/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33277/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33278/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33279/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33280/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33281/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) applicants date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33282/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33283/22]

*275. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33284/22]
*276. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) applicants date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33285/22]

*277. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the applicants date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33286/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the applicants date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33287/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the applicants date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33288/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33289/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33290/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a person (details supplied) given that the application has exceeded the target issue date and date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33291/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33300/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33301/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that they are due to travel abroad on Tuesday 21 June 2022.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [33303/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that they are due to travel on Monday 20 June 2022.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [33304/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that they are due to travel on 24 June 2022.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [33305/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application of a person (details supplied) given that they were advised that original paperwork was outstanding but they
claim that all requested original documents were submitted with the application.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [33306/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [33307/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [33308/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that it was due to issue on 17 June 2022. — Joe Flaherty. [33309/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that they are due to travel 24 June 2022. — Joe Flaherty. [33310/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [33311/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person application (details supplied) will be reviewed, the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [33313/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a passport application by a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [33319/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when supporting documents received by the Passport Office on 18 May 2022 will be attached to an application (details supplied) in order that it can progress; when this passport will be dispatched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33355/22]

*297. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a refund will issue for a cancelled passport appointment to a person (details supplied) who has been waiting for over two months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [33356/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that the target issue date has been exceeded and the date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33381/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that the target issue date has been exceeded and the date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33382/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that the target issue date has been exceeded and the date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33383/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that the target issue date has been exceeded and the date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33384/22]
*302. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application of a person (details supplied) given that the target issue date has been exceeded and the date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33385/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that the target issue date has been exceeded and the date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33386/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that the target issue date has been exceeded and the date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33387/22]

*305. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied) given that their date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33388/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application of a person (details supplied) given that the target issue date has been exceeded and the date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [33389/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the fact that parents of multiple children have to make multiple appointments when making an urgent appointment with the Passport Office which will not deal with a single family’s passport applications in one appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [33392/22]

*308. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken to the Ambassador for Saudi Arabia to Ireland in relation to the case of a person (details supplied) who has been sentenced to death in Saudi Arabia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33404/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application of a person (details supplied) given that the target issue date has been exceeded and the date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [33424/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which he continues to bring further pressure on the British Government to fully honour the international agreement on Brexit; and if he continues to use the urgent need for the restoration of the Northern Assembly through all channels in this regard. — Bernard J. Durkan. [27717/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied) given that it has exceeded the target issue date and applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33455/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that a passport will issue on time for travel for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [33456/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied) given that it has exceeded the target issue date and applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33458/22]
314. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application (details supplied) given that it has exceeded the target issue date and applicants travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33460/22]

315. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application of a person (details supplied) given that the target issue date has been exceeded and the date of travel is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33463/22]

316. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a passport application by a person (details supplied) given that it has exceeded the target issue date and the travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33466/22]

317. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport will issue to a person (details supplied) given that they applied for their passport on 16 March 2022 and they have imminent travel plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33471/22]

318. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will have further discussions with representative organisations in Northern Ireland that are concerned about the recent British government proposals in relation to the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33481/22]

319. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will have further discussions with the political parties in Stormont in relation to the recent British government proposals concerning the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33482/22]

320. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the processing of passports has been upgraded to meet the requirements of applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33536/22]

321. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which Ireland continues to highlight at international level the atrocities carried out against the people of Ukraine by Russia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33537/22]

322. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the Ukraine application for membership of the European Union can be accelerated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33538/22]

323. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the top ten most serious worldwide locations of human rights abuses at present; the action being taken at international level to combat the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33539/22]

324. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current position in regard to European Union enlargement; the progress from the point of view of the applicant countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33540/22]

325. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which the international community continues to support, assist and endeavour to secure the release from prison of a person (details supplied); the extent to which the issue continues to be one of international concern; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33541/22]
*326. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which political or religious or other opponents of various regimes globally are currently in prison illegally; if efforts continue to be made for their release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33542/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which the European Union continues to support the Western Balkans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33543/22]

*328. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which the activities of the Boko Haram and the Al Shabaab continue to be monitored and restricted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33544/22]

*329. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the most prominent locations worldwide to which international aid continues to be made available by Ireland and other countries in an effort to combat levels of human rights abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33545/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which Ireland continues to use its place on the United Nations Security Council to highlight atrocities taking place worldwide with a view to bringing the perpetrators and aggressors to justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33546/22]

*331. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the appropriate bodies which may make a retrospective decision against countries causing aggression, death and destruction on a regular basis; if the United Nations Security Council is addressing these issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33547/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which at international level, he continues to highlight the degree to which child soldiers, if any, continue to be used in combat; their respective locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33548/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the degree to which he continues to support the retention of the Northern Ireland Protocol in order to ensure that the interests of the island of Ireland are kept to the fore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33549/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he continues to support the Northern Ireland peace process notwithstanding efforts by others to damage the structure; if it is recognised that an international agreement must be adhered to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33550/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which the trafficking of women and children or vulnerable persons continues to be combatted at international level; the countries cooperating or not cooperating in this effort; the actions taken or pending against the perpetrators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33551/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*336. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that junior certificate students completing the Irish listening section of the examination only hear the listening extracts twice in view of the
fact that Irish is a second language for children in T2 schools and considering that students hear the listening extract three times in the exam for other modern languages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33255/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that there is no oral assessment of the Irish language included in the junior certificate exam considering that the oral exam counts for 40% in the leaving certificate thereby resulting in a disconnect between those exams for students; if she has any plans to introduce an oral assessment of Irish for the junior certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33256/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education if she has plans to make the literature section of the new junior certificate specification more student friendly particularly as critical analysis is not required of the students in other modern language examinations at that level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33259/22]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether it is reasonable that students in the new Junior Certificate Irish exam are being asked to answer 15 questions at higher level or 11 questions at ordinary level in two hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33260/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education the reason in relation to the ICT training for Irish when teachers asked for guidance on exams, facilitators were unable to offer assistance or advice and there was no communication with the State Examinations Commission or those involved in setting the papers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33261/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the upset that the new Junior Certificate specification for Irish has caused to students despite the fact that there has been an increased focus on wellbeing in the new junior certificate programme but Irish is cited to be causing stress and anxiety to students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33262/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education if the changes to the junior certificate Irish have been detrimental to the teaching and learning experience in Irish classrooms; the plans has she to address this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33263/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that an adequate amount of sample papers for the new junior certificate Irish exam were not made available to teachers and students, considering that the one paper which was made available by the SEC was not in line with the actual 2022 exams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33264/22]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education the person or body that are the people making the decisions on the teaching of Irish in T2 schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33265/22]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education the current situation with respect to the proposed extension of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [33316/22]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education the target frequency for whole school evaluations; the current average time between such evaluations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33329/22]
*347. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a method outside of recommendations by a SENO that an appeal for special education transport would be heard. — Sean Sherlock. [33362/22]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has any concerns regarding the proposal in the Greater Dublin Area Cycle Network Plan to facilitate improved walking and cycling access to schools (details supplied) from Waterside along the reservation indicated in the Plan. — Joe O’Brien. [33390/22]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education if she will increase the remote area grant for school transport in view of the cost-of-living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33396/22]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education the number of education welfare officers in each cluster in counties Kildare, Laois and Offaly in tabular form; the number of vacancies in each cluster; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33401/22]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education if it is intended to provide capital funding for the upgrade of older primary schools that were not significantly upgraded over the years and are substandard by modern standards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33447/22]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the Budget 2023 submission from an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [33450/22]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the refusal of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33461/22]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that applications for assistive technology were refused for children (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33462/22]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education if she will immediately assist a student (details supplied) who needs to be facilitated in sitting their junior certificate examination due to being diagnosed with Covid-19. — Holly Cairns. [33504/22]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education if the State Examinations Commission has changed its policy in relation to supporting students who due to unforeseen serious medical circumstances are not able to complete a leaving certificate examination (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [33506/22]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education if students who cannot complete leaving certificate examinations due to unforeseen serious medical circumstances are eligible to apply for access to the deferred sittings. — Gary Gannon. [33507/22]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to claims that the treatment shown to Ukrainian students is preferential to any other children fleeing conflict and war from other regions in the world including Syria, Yemen and Afghanistan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [33508/22]
*359. To ask the Minister for Education if she believes that Ireland’s education should equally support all children fleeing conflict and war in the world; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [33509/22]

*360. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of expanding the 15 additional teaching hours to all children seeking sanctuary from conflict and war. — Gary Gannon. [33510/22]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with a delegation from a school (details supplied) with a view to finalising the future location of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33558/22]

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

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the ongoing issues regarding former RTE staff and access to pensions; if she has met the group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33359/22]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update into the ongoing issues with RTE pensions and the lack of increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33360/22]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that her Department does not automatically issue public services cards when the card expires to those who are currently in receipt of a social welfare payment, especially those with an ongoing entitlement to a free travel pass; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33368/22]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of directly-employed job coaches who have been out in place by her Department; the number of appointments that is envisaged for the years 2022 and 2023; if all appointments will be publicly-advertised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [33370/22]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to support persons currently availing of Jobs Clubs nationwide; the future of Jobs Clubs in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [33371/22]

*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if parents on low incomes who borrowed significant amounts of money to get their children privately diagnosed or assessed due to the lengthy assessment of needs waiting lists are eligible for the additional needs payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [33373/22]

*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who were refused the domiciliary carers allowance annually in each county since 2017, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [33420/22]

*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number who were awarded the domiciliary carers allowance on appeal annually in each county since 2017 to date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [33421/22]

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a carers support grant in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33465/22]
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*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the appropriate level of State pension (non-contributory) available, if any, in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33557/22]

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

*372. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an organisational chart for the IPAS service including details of the section or sections with responsibility for Ukrainian citizens displaced due to the war and including contact details for public representatives to use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [33364/22]

*373. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason for a reduction in the contribution to the ECCE scheme (details supplied); if this can be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [33295/22]

*374. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the roll-out of the baby bundle scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33365/22]

*375. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the national roll-out of the baby bundle will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33366/22]

*376. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to abolish direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33399/22]

*377. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to ban conversion therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33411/22]

*378. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of persons who died while in the direct provision system in each of the past five years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [33448/22]

*379. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children currently in direct provision. — Peadar Tóibín. [33449/22]

*380. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of plans to legally ban conversion therapy. — Cathal Crowe. [33452/22]

*381. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the legislative basis for his policy decision to restrict Ukrainian refugees to a maximum of two offers of accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [33502/22]

*382. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is putting in place an appeals process to accompany his policy decision to restrict Ukrainian refugees to a maximum of two offers of accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [33503/22]
*383. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a breakdown of the number of PhD researchers funded by Science Foundation Ireland; the Irish Research Council; the HSE and any other funding body; the number of persons in receipt of stipends directly from higher education institutions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [33332/22]

*384. To ask the Minister for Justice the current residency status in the case of a person (details supplied) who is the father of an Irish-born child and is anxious to regularise his residency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33555/22]

*385. To ask the Minister for Justice when she will publish the review of the atypical work permit scheme which is in place for non-EEA migrant fishers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [33567/22]

*386. To ask the Minister for Justice when the review of the atypical work permit scheme will be completed and published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [33952/22]

*387. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will consent to giving a person (details supplied) a visa that will permit them to work pending the conclusion of a case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [33258/22]

*388. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of serving gardai, all ranks as at 1 January 1990, 2000, 2010, 2020 and 2021; the number of civilians employed at those same dates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33326/22]

*389. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardai who are presently on sick leave for more than 1, 1 to 3, 3 to 6 and 6 to 12 months and more than a year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33327/22]

*390. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardai who are presently on suspension for more than three months and more than a year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [33328/22]

*391. To ask the Minister for Justice if a stamp 4 visa holder is required to have a UK visa to visit Belfast; and if so, the process for obtaining this visa. — Paul Murphy. [33357/22]

*392. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application by a service (details supplied) will be examined and expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [33393/22]

*393. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a publication date of the review of atypical work permit scheme for non-European Economic Area fishers given that she recently declared that it was imminent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [33490/22]
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*394. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of non-European economic area nationals who have obtained residency in Ireland since the Ireland Immigrant Investor Program was established by country of origin, year, investment option and category of project in tabular form; the total investment made via this programme by investment option to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [33500/22]

*395. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will ascertain the degree to which a person (details supplied) who has lived in this country since he was one year old and is currently awaiting the results of their application for naturalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33553/22]

*396. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 613 of 31 May 2022, if it may be possible for a specific appointment to be made in respect of a person (details supplied) to make arrangements to update their Stamp 4 and who have tried to do so unsuccessfully on several occasions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [33554/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*397. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to restart the children’s ophthalmic clinic in Portlaoise Hospital as at present parents have to arrange transport to get their children to the nearest clinic which is in Athlone. — Brian Stanley. [33257/22]

*398. To ask the Minister for Health when the frontline health workers with Locum Link will receive the one-off Covid bonus payment. — Brian Stanley. [33266/22]

*399. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time for COPD assessments at the hospitals within the Saolta Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [33267/22]

*400. To ask the Minister for Health if matters raised (details supplied) in relation to children undergoing chemotherapy in County Kerry will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33270/22]

*401. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be allocated to a community-based counselling and psychotherapy service (details supplied) in Galway city, that provides counselling services to adults over 18 years of age and who receive a significant number of referrals from general practitioners; the funding schemes are available from his Department for this group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [33294/22]

*402. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their pension given that they retired November 2022 and have been waiting for their pension papers to be processed since than; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [33324/22]

*403. To ask the Minister for Health the procedure that should be followed and the potential repercussions regarding the eligibility of a person (details supplied) for the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33325/22]

*404. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1814 of 14 June 2022, the breakdown of validation figures by month and by category; the processes used in and process of
validation; the categorisations used for recording purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33335/22]

*405. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with autism and special needs who have been referred to an organisation (details supplied) for an assessment for the years 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33336/22]

*406. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with autism and special needs who have been referred to an organisation (details supplied) for an assessment for the years 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of children for whom an assessment has been initiated; the number of children for whom an assessment has been concluded, broken down by CHO and children’s disability network team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33337/22]

*407. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding provided to an organisation (details supplied) for the carrying out of assessments and for the provision of other services to children with disabilities on children’s disability network team waiting lists in each CHO for the years 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33338/22]

*408. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community pharmacists employed in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33339/22]

*409. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to work with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science to increase third level places for pharmacists; if he agrees that there is a shortage of community pharmacists; the action that he is taking to address such shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33340/22]

*410. To ask the Minister for Health if he supports the inclusion of community pharmacists on the critical skills occupations list; if he has engaged with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33341/22]

*411. To ask the Minister for Health if he supports the inclusion of home-help workers on the critical skills occupations list; if he has engaged with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33342/22]

*412. To ask the Minister for Health if he supports the inclusion of speech and language and occupational therapists, child psychologist and physiotherapist positions on the critical skills occupations list; if he has engaged with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33343/22]

*413. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to change prescribing rules to better empower community pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33344/22]

*414. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allow pharmacists to substitute hormone replacement therapy products without a prescription and without having to resort to a general practitioner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33345/22]
*415. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to allow pharmacists to be able to supply additional drugs and medications without a prescription and without having to resort to a general practitioner; if so, the name of the drug and the medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33346/22]

*416. To ask the Minister for Health if he will develop a scheme to enable women access contraception directly from their community pharmacist without prescription and without charge, regardless of eligibility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33347/22]

*417. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the role of pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33348/22]

*418. To ask the Minister for Health if he will halt plans to close the emergency department at Navan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33349/22]

*419. To ask the Minister for Health the number of meetings attended by him on the subject of Navan Hospital; the date of such meetings; the title and role of those attending the meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [33350/22]

*420. To ask the Minister for Health if the epilepsy drug nifedipine will be added to the medical card scheme. — Dara Calleary. [33351/22]

*421. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider adding spinal muscular atrophy to the new-born heel prick test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33363/22]

*422. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a business proposal submitted by a club (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [33375/22]

*423. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to an additional palliative care bed for a care centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [33376/22]

*424. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their medical appliance; the reason for the delay in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [33379/22]

*425. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1568 of 14 June 2022, if he will meet with a group (details supplied) to discuss an inquiry given that at the last meeting with the group it was confirmed to have been with Minister Butler on 12 July 2021 in which the group was informed regarding an inquiry that it is up to him and the Taoiseach; and if not, the reason for not doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [33391/22]

*426. To ask the Minister for Health the details of waiting lists for a public nursing home bed in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33398/22]

*427. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that meters manufactured by an organisation (details supplied) and self-test strips will be made available free of charge to persons requiring such treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33400/22]

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*428. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that general practitioners are being permitted to charge medical card holders for blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33402/22]

*429. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to request the HSE to introduce a test for spinal muscular atrophy for new-borns with the heel prick test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [33412/22]

*430. To ask the Minister for Health if discussions are expected to address the impact of the extraordinary inflationary costs upon private and voluntary nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [33414/22]

*431. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether persons in the mid-west who need neurology services should have to wait for a number of years for this service to be developed and the number of nurses increased as indicated by the CEO of University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [33415/22]

*432. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [33417/22]

*433. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is entitled to the €1,000 HSE pandemic bonus payment. — Brendan Griffin. [33419/22]

*434. To ask the Minister for Health if an assessment of needs appointment will be given to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [33423/22]

*435. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider adding asthma to the long-term illness scheme to allow sufferers access to their inhalers which can cost up to €110 per month and other medication associated with their condition given that it is a life-long illness that must be managed by medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [33426/22]

*436. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that young people who do not receive a vaccine (details supplied) when offered are being prevented from getting it due to the enormous cost; his views on whether cost should be a barrier to accessing a lifesaving vaccine; if, this cost will be removed for those seeking the vaccine given the level of misinformation and scaremongering when the vaccine was rolled out which caused genuine concern to parents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [33427/22]

*437. To ask the Minister for Health when it is intended to introduce regulations under section 12 of the Public Health (Alcohol) Act 2018; if the regulations in relation to labels will require them to carry a warning in both official languages of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33441/22]

*438. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that there is a provision in Budget 2023 to fund multidisciplinary clinics in all counties to provide treatment and care for persons suffering with long-Covid. — Brian Stanley. [33453/22]

*439. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to reform trans healthcare in Ireland. — Cathal Crowe. [33454/22]
*440. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to boost supports for persons with long-Covid (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [33457/22]

*441. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be facilitated with a hospital appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [33467/22]

*442. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a petition regarding luxturna; and if he will consider making provision for reimbursement in respect of the drug. — Catherine Murphy. [33468/22]

*443. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that his Department and the HSE give urgent consideration to the concerns outlined by an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the delivery of healthcare; if he will ensure that the necessary financial resources are provided without delay to maintain existing service levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [33493/22]

*444. To ask the Minister for Health the current position regarding the payment of long-term sick payments to frontline healthcare workers who suffer from long-Covid; the plans that are in place for the continued payment of these public sector employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33494/22]

*445. To ask the Minister for Health the dates that the HSE Estates Department carried out its condition survey of the Owenacurra centre, Midleton leading to its recommendation that the centre be closed down and the residents moved to other facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33497/22]

*446. To ask the Minister for Health the deliberations regarding the closure of the Owenacurra centre that took place between HSE senior management following the issuing of a recommendation by the HSE Estates Department that the centre be closed and prior to the closure decision being finalised; the date that the closure decision was finalised; the managers that were involved in making this decision; the context for this final decision; if records were maintained of these discussions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33498/22]

*447. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to some Owenacurra centre residents who have still not been informed, almost eight months after the service was due to close, of the location in which they will be placed in the near to long-term; if his attention has been drawn to the impact of this prolonged uncertainty on the residents; if his attention has been drawn to the absence of any capacity in east Cork since June 2021 to take in new referrals of persons with severe and enduring mental illness for local, community-based respite or longer term placement; if this can be constituted as a fair or safe service-plan for this cohort who have to avail of placement in other parts of Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [33499/22]

*448. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to statements from the Clinical Lead for the National Clinical Programme for People with Disabilities at the Oireachtas Disability Matters Committee concerning clinical staff in disability services (details supplied). — Holly Cairns. [33505/22]

*449. To ask the Minister for Health to provide a full breakdown including the type of procedure of all persons currently on a HSE waiting list in County Tipperary, including those waiting up to 3 months, between 3 and 6 months, between 6 and 9 months, between 9 and 12 months, over 1 year and over 2 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [33515/22]
*450. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1728 of 19 January 2022 if he will provide an update on vacant suicide resource officer posts in counties Louth and Meath; the date on which these posts will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O’Rourke. [33630/22]

*451. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the situation regarding GLAS penalties for a person (details supplied) in County Cork; the total penalties that applied in respect of this payment and the years involved in respect of the penalties applied; if this case has exhausted all internal appeals; if the file has been referred to the Independent Appeals Office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [33293/22]

*452. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the location in which a person can access the FETAC approved training course in accordance with regulation 32 of the European Communities (Animal Remedies) (No.2) Regulations required to apply for an animal remedies merchants licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33318/22]

*453. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that the harbour authority at Dunmore East will fully engage with a club (details supplied) relative to the traffic management plan being proposed and in particular the access issues for the club arising from the proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [33323/22]

*454. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 407 of 2 June 2022, the way that it is possible that the two horses that were featured in the television programme (details supplied) last ran in Ireland in July 2019 and were then sent to slaughter in the UK, given the previous response supplied. — Paul Murphy. [33380/22]

*455. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he will publish the wool feasibility study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [33397/22]

*456. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when applications will be accepted under the emergency fodder scheme; the areas of the country covered by the scheme; if areas are excluded; the reason for this; if he intends on introducing compensatory measures in the areas excluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33442/22]

*457. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if hay saved on traditional hay meadow is eligible for assistance under the emergency fodder scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33443/22]

*458. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is intended to introduce a scheme in 2022 to incentivise farmers to grow catch crops such as kale and rapeseed as fodder in order to reduce the dependence on imported feedstuffs and to secure further fodder for Irish farmers this coming winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33444/22]

*459. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of engagements or bilateral meetings that his Department has had to date with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the next forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [33451/22]
*460. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total hectares of afforestation applied for each year since 2014 and the actual hectares planted each year for the same period in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [33459/22]

*461. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which persons (details supplied) will be assisted with a scheme application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [33469/22]

*462. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will provide the necessary funding to pig farmers in respect of increased input costs including in fuel, feed, fertiliser and energy; if he has received and reviewed the recently published document by an organisation (details supplied) concerning the pig industry in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [33501/22]

Chun an Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail: To the Minister for Rural and Community Development.

*463. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount allocated to the town and village renewal scheme since 2016, by year; the amount returned to her Department by local authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [33271/22]

*464. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has received an application from a local authority (details supplied) under the CLAR scheme; and when she expects to be in a position to make announcements with regard to these applications. — Michael Creed. [33314/22]

*465. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has made a final decision on whether there will be a reduction of 20% and 50% for students and children to the fares that islanders pay for subsidised ferry and air services to the islands similar to the fare reduction introduced on mainland bus and rail services; the reason for the delay in making this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33440/22]

*466. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the new Leader programme will be announced and the terms and conditions for the programme published; if non-local community development committee groups will be eligible to apply to run the scheme in all areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33445/22]

*467. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if due to the exclusion of the offshore islands, there will be two lots under the new Leader programme in Galway, one covering the east of the County and one covering Connemara; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [33446/22]