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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he has had discussions with other European/NATO leaders in regard to EU Security/Defence issues; and if defence and security issues were discussed at a recent dinner in Madrid. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35894/22]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the EuroAtlantic dinner in Madrid. — Seán Haughey. [45761/22]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meetings with European Union and North Atlantic Treaty Organisation leaders on the margins of a recent NATO summit in Madrid. — Mick Barry. [45762/22]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to Ukraine. — Bernard J. Durkan. [38168/22]

5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the second summit of the Crimea platform. — Neale Richmond. [44785/22]

6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent participation in the International Crimea Platform. — Seán Haughey. [44816/22]

7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his visit to Ukraine. — Seán Haughey. [44817/22]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent visit to Ukraine. — Ivana Bacik. [45725/22]

9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43922/22]

10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met. — Cian O'Callaghan. [44366/22]

11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [44841/22]

12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will meet next. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [44917/22]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met. — Ivana Bacik. [45726/22]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [45764/22]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43923/22]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [45727/22]

17. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [43924/22]

18. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44835/22]

19. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will meet next. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [44918/22]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline his engagements with the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom on the issue of Brexit and Northern Ireland. — Alan Farrell. [44478/22]

21. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he has had conversations with the newly elected British Prime Minister. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44710/22]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his conversation with the new British Prime Minister. — Neale Richmond. [44783/22]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the British Irish Association Conference. — Brendan Smith. [44812/22]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with the new British Prime Minister. — Brendan Smith. [44813/22]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken with the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. — Seán Haughey. [44815/22]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his conversation with the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. — Paul Murphy. [44842/22]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the latest communications with British Prime Minister. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44933/22]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [44624/22]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [44844/22]

30. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45435/22]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of his Department's Shared Island Unit. — Peadar Tóibín. [44623/22]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he plans to advance the Shared Island Initiative in discussion with the newly elected British Prime Minister. — Bernard J. Durkan. [44711/22]

33. To ask the Taoiseach when a citizens' assembly will be convened on a united Ireland. — Mark Ward. [44771/22]

34. To ask the Taoiseach the status of developments under the Shared Island initiative. — Brendan Smith. [44814/22]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Shared Island Unit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [44931/22]

36. To ask the Taoiseach his proposals to advance the Shared Island Initiative with particular emphasis on the need to ensure ongoing dialogue at all levels to move all parties in the direction of peaceful equilibrium. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45711/22]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the European Union Commissioner for Interinstitutional Relations and Foresight Maros Sefcovic. — Neale Richmond. [44784/22]

38. To ask the Taoiseach to report on progress of Housing for All which is led by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [44837/22]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he is satisfied that sufficient progress is being made under the Housing-for-All plan to meet the current and future demands. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45712/22]

40. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the report on the transaction in relation to a company (details supplied) and the principles and policies within a corporation on interest rates published by his Department. — Bríd Smith. [44838/22]

41. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the report on the transaction in relation to a company (details supplied) and the principles and policies within a corporation on interest rates published by his Department. — Paul Murphy. [44840/22]

42. To ask the Taoiseach the actions that he will take following the publication of the report of the IBRC Commission of Investigation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45436/22]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [44839/22]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with matters relating to justice will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [44843/22]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Economic Policy Unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [44928/22]

46. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the national reform programme for the European Semester 2022 that was published by his Department in April 2022. — Mick Barry. [44929/22]

47. To ask the Taoiseach his views on the national reform programme. — Mick Barry. [44930/22]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if there are any plans to expand the membership of the Labour Employer Economic Forum. — Louise O'Reilly. [43742/22]

49. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45437/22]

50. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline for the citizens' assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45561/22]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council, a statutory agency operating under the aegis of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45562/22]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office based in his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45563/22]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level oversight board for the zero-tolerance strategy to be jointly led by the Secretary General of his Department. — Mick Barry. [45763/22]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to reduce the price of electricity and energy for households and businesses over the coming months; if he has examined introducing a price cap on electricity in Ireland or introducing other market reforms or interventions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45782/22]

55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position on the building of an LNG terminal; if it is privately built or State built; the way that such a facility can be compatible with the climate objectives of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45986/22]

56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of retrofits completed under the warmer homes scheme and separately under the one-stop shop service; the measures that he will take to increase the roll-out and to better target supports to those most in need; if he agrees that a dedicated retrofit scheme aimed at households that rely on solid fuels for heating is needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45783/22]

57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that household electricity bills in Ireland are more expensive than the European average; his plans to address electricity costs and energy supply challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [46059/22]

58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will oppose the proposed European Union regulation on land and peat restoration with reference to the bio-

diversity strategy and climate strategy as part of the European Union Council of Ministers, given that the consequences for Irish farming will be detrimental if this regulation is left in its present form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [45814/22]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the emergency meeting of the energy Ministers of the 27 Member States in the European Union on 9 September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45775/22]

60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement that he has had with the Minister for Finance regarding a windfall tax on energy companies' earnings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45676/22]

61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has received a review of the north-south interconnector; when it will be published; and if he will commission a full independent assessment of the potential undergrounding of the project. — Matt Carthy. [45767/22]

62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan; the number of premises that have been passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45632/22]

63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 86 of 24 May 2022, the role of his Department in the decommissioning of the Kinsale and Seven Heads gas fields; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45773/22]

64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the best way communities can be supported by his Department including through the provision of grant aid for energy efficiencies such as solar panels. — Seán Canney. [45112/22]

65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to reduce the waiting times and backlog on the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland better energy warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [45777/22]

66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that he is proposing to support SMEs struggling to meet rising energy bills. — Holly Cairns. [45550/22]

67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his proposals to reduce the amount of polyethylene terephthalate plastic exported from Ireland considering options are available for the domestic recycling of that waste. — Matt Carthy. [45768/22]

68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of households and businesses that are generating electricity through microgeneration; if all energy suppliers are now paying microgenerators for the excess electricity that they are exporting to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45786/22]

69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which future supports for people to deal with energy costs will be administered in view of the fact that some groups such as Travellers were unable to access the previous grants in the same manner as most people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45739/22]

70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends to recoup the excess profits being made by renewable electricity generators contracted under the renewable energy feed-in tariff schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45788/22]

71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has developed a vision for the way in which broadband connectivity can transform lives, particularly in Ireland's regions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [45645/22]

72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can clarify the policy in relation to building a liquefied natural gas terminal in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45744/22]

73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans regarding supports for SMEs that are seeking to significantly reduce energy consumption; if any capital grant funding proposals for permanent alterations to premises are under review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [44622/22]

74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the hydrogen strategy for Ireland and the role that green hydrogen will play as a fuel for power generation, manufacturing, energy storage and transport. — Alan Dillon. [45778/22]

75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan in County Cork from 1 January 2022 to the 31 August 2022; the number of premises connected including schools and Broadband Connection Points during this timeframe in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45776/22]

76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that he is proposing to support households struggling to meet rising energy bills. — Holly Cairns. [45551/22]

77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he is taking to reduce the cost of insulating homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [45548/22]

78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that he is taking to increase public and community-owned and led renewables projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45787/22]

79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which progress is being made towards emission reduction in line with targets while ensuring that food production continues to avoid food shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45692/22]

80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding reporting from the Inter-Departmental Working Group to explore the skills deficit and

existing climate change expertise and training; the position regarding the gap analysis in climate training across the civil service as outlined in the Climate Action Plan Annex of Actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [45722/22]

81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered a directive to install PV or solar panels on public buildings; and if he will support community groups and sporting organisations to do same. — Thomas Gould. [45673/22]

82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to bring measures forward to make energy-saving easier for people to achieve over the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [45646/22]

83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 118 of 2 June 2022, the details of any engagement he or his Department has had since May 2022 with Galway City Council and Galway County Council with regard to supporting and promoting efforts at local government level on climate action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45772/22]

84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the progress of the national retrofitting programme. — Cormac Devlin. [45689/22]

85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will work to ensure that EU plans for decoupling gas from setting the overall price of electricity will not be replaced by a situation where nuclear and coal set the prices for cheaper to produce renewable energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45723/22]

86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding the support scheme for energy audits; the number of SMEs that have successfully applied for this scheme to date; the initiatives that are in place to increase the uptake of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [44621/22]

87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding the development of a regional approach to noise enforcement as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [45721/22]

88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans for further electricity costs credits in coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [45749/22]

89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the sectoral ceilings for greenhouse gas emissions as announced are compliant with the Climate Act 2021 and with the states obligations under the Paris Treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45737/22]

90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of his plans to deal with the increase in the cost of energy. — Cormac Devlin. [45691/22]

91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the provisions in place for Budget 2023 to include a windfall tax on energy providers profiteering from the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45750/22]

92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of Ireland's level of energy security ahead of this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45732/22]

93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the expected requirement for gas and oil in the State up to 2050, allowing for the full implementation of our climate targets; the percentage of this that is likely to come from indigenous sources; the efforts that have been made to increase this percentage in order to provide security of supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45733/22]

94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the feasibility of introducing energy price capping to provide customers with stability of price during the current cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45751/22]

95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which progress is being made towards alternative energy production in the past year with particular reference to specific instances of on and offshore wind electricity-generation and any other emergency energy storage or generating projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45693/22]

96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will detail his engagement to date with European leaders on the issue of rising energy prices. — Alan Farrell. [44477/22]

97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will examine the current liberalised energy system and its impact on energy prices; if his Department will look at the policies of other states who have moved to some forms of renationalisation of energy generation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45745/22]

98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify the policy in relation to building a liquefied natural gas terminal here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45736/22]

99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the National Broadband Plan in Cork. — Thomas Gould. [45671/22]

100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications to report on his emergency meeting in Brussels with the 27 Energy Ministers from EU Member States; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45731/22]

101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he will take to address the situation where a domestic gas producer is making record profits selling into the Irish market driving up domestic energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45724/22]

102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will examine the current liberalised energy system and its impact on energy prices; if his department will look at the policies of other States that have moved to some forms of renationalisation of energy generation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45740/22]

103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on his Department's policy on supporting the development of anaerobic digestion plans for electricity production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45675/22]

104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement he has had with National Broadband Ireland to ensure escalation of roll-out of fibre broadband in the mid Cork region; the measures being taken to address the delays due to Covid on roll-out for this region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [45716/22]

105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland grants ahead of Budget 2023 to support homeowners, business owners, communities and large industry to reduce their energy costs and greenhouse emissions. — Alan Dillon. [45779/22]

106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he is taking to promote the insulation of homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [45547/22]

107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 73 of 1 June 2022, the status of the promised statutory guidelines for Local Authority climate action plans, which will include the guidelines for the implementation of Local Authority decarbonising zones; the timeline for the publication of the statutory guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45771/22]

108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider giving schools the option to apply for an energy audit with the SEAI as currently only registered businesses can apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [45720/22]

109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the outcome of the recent EU meeting of Energy Ministers with regard to EU rules regarding energy pricing and any changes being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [45688/22]

110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the energy security review will be published; the immediate actions that he will take to improve the State's energy security and independence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45784/22]

111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the outcomes of the recent North Seas Energy Cooperation meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [45766/22]

112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that he opposed decoupling gas from electricity prices at the European Energy Council in October 2021; if he now supports the proposal to decouple gas from electricity prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45785/22]

113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will introduce a bin waiver for carers considering the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [45780/22]

114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports available to encourage the installation of photovoltaic solar panels on houses, schools, business premises and community facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45774/22]

115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has examined reports on the use of the current energy crisis by the fossil fuel industry to expand its growth and infrastructure; if he is concerned about this trend in relation to the state's climate targets; and if the advocacy for liquefied natural gas within the Government poses a threat to Ireland's Climate obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45741/22]

116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps he has taken in the past year to expedite the roll out of renewable energy sources including solar, wind, biomass etc; the projected increase in the output from renewable energy sources over the next 5 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [45734/22]

117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to address the affordability of retrofitting under SEAI grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [45748/22]

118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department have given any further consideration to support full time residents in mobile homes for future rounds of energy rebates considering that they were unable to access the €200 payment earlier this year; if the Minister will issue a statement of intent to support this vulnerable cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45756/22]

119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to develop green hydrogen storage facilities and infrastructure to support the green hydrogen economy in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [45765/22]

120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagements that he has had in recent weeks regarding the security and cost of the State's energy supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [45631/22]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA **QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

Chun an Taoiseach: To the Taoiseach.

*121. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the High-Level Oversight Board for the Zero Tolerance strategy to be jointly led by the Secretary General of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [34514/22]

*122. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons within his Department who received the special leave with pay for Covid-19 up to 1 July 2022; the number of workers who have availed of this payment for an extended period of 12 weeks or more; the number of persons who availed of the special leave with pay for COVID-19 since 1 July 2022; and the number of such persons who have been in receipt of this payment in excess of 14 days. — Denis Naughten. [45328/22]

*123. To ask the Taoiseach the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45588/22]

*124. To ask the Taoiseach the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45963/22]

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

*125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [45926/22]

*126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on genuine concerns raised by a local business (details supplied) in respect of the worsening energy crisis that is debilitating businesses across Ireland; his plans to support businesses in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45498/22]

*127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to report on the establishment of the proposed new Expert Group on Global Value Chains and Supply Chains, including details of its membership, remit and processes for engaging with export businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [45531/22]

*128. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45577/22]

*129. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way in which mentors are chosen for the Enterprise Ireland mentoring network; the way in which these mentors are evaluated; if Enterprise Ireland staff have received training on how to evaluate mentors capabilities; the amount that has been spent on mentors by Enterprise Ireland in the past 3 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [45685/22]

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the case of a work visa appeal (details supplied) will be examined. — Chris Andrews. [45842/22]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45952/22]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has reviewed the number of financial transactions over the past 12 months which would have met the threshold of a notifiable transaction under the proposed Screening of Third Country Transactions Bill 2022; if so, the number of total transactions which would have met those requirements; and the estimated number of transactions that his Department expects to be notified of annually once this legislation has been enacted. — Catherine Murphy. [45966/22]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of Irish businesses which have declared bankruptcy due to unpaid invoices over the period of 2018 to date in 2022; and the total number of Irish businesses which have declared bankruptcy over the same period. — Catherine Murphy. [45967/22]

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

*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of funding that Ireland has applied for under the REPowerEU programme; the projects for which the funding would be allocated towards; the maximum amount of funding that Ireland is entitled to under this programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [46013/22]

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 146 of 8 September 2022, if he will confirm that 3,678.966MW of renewable energy production is contracted under the renewable energy feed in tariff schemes, and is therefore not obliged to refund the Public Service Obligations if the wholesale electricity price is higher than the REFIT reference price, while just 633.48MW of renewable energy is contracted under the renewable electricity support scheme, and is therefore obliged to refund the Public Service Obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45402/22]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views in respect of the possible large-scale introduction of tulip wind farm technology (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45417/22]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position on proposals to ban the use of oil and gas boilers in domestic households; the timeline for when such a ban will come into effect; the steps that he has taken to address concerns that in the absence of heating alternatives such a ban would create considerable difficulty for families and households; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45419/22]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will publish the review of the implementation of the Strategy to Combat Energy Poverty which he stated would be completed over the 2022 summer recess. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45449/22]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of export grid applications that have been processed and accepted for exporting micro generated electricity back to the grid; the cost to applicants of establishing an export grid connection; if the electricity network needs to be upgraded to three phase to allow for export grid connections; the areas of the country that already have three phase cabling and the areas that don't have three phase cabling and need to be upgraded; the cost of upgrading the network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45459/22]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on genuine concerns raised by a local business (details supplied) in respect of the worsening energy crisis that is debilitating businesses across Ireland; his plans to support businesses in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45499/22]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45578/22]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that his Department will support persons with long-term incontinence with respect to the disposal of medical incontinence wear; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [45594/22]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if grants are available to assist in the purchase of electricity generators (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45656/22]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the projected roll out of the National Broadband Plan in County Laois; the areas that have and will benefit from this development; if his attention has been drawn to the urgent need to have the broadband infrastructure upgraded in parts of County Laois due to increased demand for faster connectivity for households, businesses, community and public facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [45682/22]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the projected roll out of the National Broadband Plan in County Offaly; the areas that have and will benefit from this development; if his attention has been drawn to the urgent need to have the broadband infrastructure upgraded in parts of County Offaly due to increased demand for faster connectivity for households, businesses, community and public facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [45683/22]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are grants available to support people with medical needs to purchase a generator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45697/22]

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45698/22]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 97 of 2 June 2022, the timeline for the establishment of the promised statutory Just Transition Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45792/22]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the development of the new Energy Poverty Action Plan; the timeline for the completion of the Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45793/22]

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 72 of 1 June 2022, the status of the preparation of the finalised terms of reference for the Offshore Renewable Energy Scheme (ORESS 1); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45794/22]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated full-year revenue from introducing a price-cap on inframarginal generators in Ireland at a rate of

€180 per megawatt hour, compared to current wholesale electricity prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45855/22]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to address the higher-than-average prices charged to customers of district heating companies which purchase and charge for gas at the commercial rate rather than the residential rate. — Ivana Bacik. [45875/22]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to incentivise the installation of solar PV panels and the selling of electricity to Electric Ireland during the cost-of-living crisis, given that credits on electricity bills are provided at the end of the year, rather than periodically throughout it; and if he plans to change the frequency of credit provision. — Ivana Bacik. [45877/22]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he can expect to be in a position to alleviate hardship for urban or rural communities arising from the energy crisis in the course of the forthcoming winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45096/22]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the missions that are undertaken by the National Cyber Security Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [34216/22]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the changes that have occurred within the National Cyber Security Centre since the illegal Russian war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [33653/22]

*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that have been taken to help consumers deal with the cost of energy; the further measures that will be introduced. — Colm Burke. [44997/22]

*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45890/22]

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when stakeholders can expect the consultation on private wires and direct lines to be released in relation to data centres (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45917/22]

*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the level of current activity in installing small scale solar capacity with battery backup; and if he will consider introducing greater incentives towards this activity as a cost-effective means of supplementing the national generation capacity. — Richard Bruton. [45923/22]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that his Department can take to mitigate the gas price increases that are being experienced by some Approved Housing Bodies and their tenants who are paying commercial energy rates as a result of a district heating system. — Darren O'Rourke. [45931/22]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the work of the District Heating Steering Group that was formed under the Climate

Action Plan 2021; and if this group is examining ways in which residential units can exit district heating systems that are subject to commercial energy rates. — Darren O'Rourke. [45932/22]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide information on the area of land that will require to be drained to facilitate the proposed-Derryadd windfarm by Bord na Móna; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45937/22]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will respond to an invitation request by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45938/22]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45953/22]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the level of natural gas used in Ireland in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021; the projected use in 2022; the level of natural gas produced at the Corrib field or other sources here in each of those years; the projected requirement in 2022; the projected production volume at Corrib in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [45974/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a list of reports used, and consultants availed of, in the preparation of the sectoral emission ceilings, broken down by the reports used for each sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45976/22]

*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish all of the modelling and economic analysis used in the preparation of the sectoral emission ceilings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45977/22]

*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish the McKinsey Report on the cost of decarbonisation up to 2050; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45978/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reports used and consultants availed of in the preparation of the sectoral emission ceiling, by sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45979/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish a report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45981/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason for the number of power outages in areas (details supplied) on an ongoing basis; if these outages are due to an energy shortage with grid capacity issues; the remedial action that he proposes to take to ensure the continued power supply and increased grid capacity given the unprecedented growth across all these areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [46021/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which continued success can be reported in regard to meeting Ireland's emission reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46022/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which ongoing progress can be reported in regard to the provision of high-speed modern broadband in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46023/22]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which ongoing efforts are being made to meet applications for modern high-speed broadband from those areas that may be between serviced areas but are yet without service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46024/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the ongoing provision of modern, high-quality, high-speed broadband is being made available throughout Ireland by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46025/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which Ireland's emissions have been reduced in the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46026/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which high air-quality is being maintained throughout the country; the areas that are most at-risk in this regard; his plans to improve the situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46027/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which air-quality monitoring continues in all areas throughout the country; if the same technology is involved over the years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46028/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that measures to address carbon emissions do not damage the productive agricultural and manufacturing sectors here; if the best practice in other jurisdictions to meet such requirements can be followed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46031/22]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he expects to be in a position to protect the consumer from rising energy prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46032/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which it can be found possible in the short term to ensure that ESB and other energy providers do not pass price inflation to the consumer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [46033/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of retrofits completed per month in County Louth under the warmer home scheme in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [46053/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Government has plans to repeat the €200 electricity account credit to domestic electricity customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [46054/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Government has plans to assist small, local businesses on the spiralling costs of electricity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [46055/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if grant aid is available to community centres, GAA clubs and local youth clubs for the installation of solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [46056/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the current staffing levels of the Department of Transport's regional offices in Cork; if they have increased or decreased in the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [45429/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can examine a submission (details supplied); if he can provide feedback on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45479/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of monies returned from the four local authorities in Dublin to his Department, or agencies under his remit by category for each of the years 2019 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45537/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the total number of taxis and hackneys currently operating in County Cork by location, in tabular form. — James O'Connor. [45558/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45590/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the parameters of the TaxSaver tickets for public transport in the context of employees working increasingly in hybrid set-ups as the current system benefits those who commute on a daily basis but not other work patterns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45616/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport has been drawn to concerns related to the Low Emissions Vehicle Toll Incentive as some EV users have experienced difficulty in accessing this reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45625/22]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 12 July 2022, if the work has now been completed by his Department and the Road Safety Authority to provide for electronic transfer of driver disqualification details from the Courts to the National Vehicle and Driver File; the proposed date for this new system to go live; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45658/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of new and or existing stations not in current use that Irish Rail plans to open in each of the years 2022 to 2030. — Catherine Murphy. [45662/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if the SEAI purchase grant for EV vehicles will be retained to encourage the purchase of new EV's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [45738/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if the grant for electric vehicles extends to local area hackney licence holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [45747/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated cost of increasing the number of Irish Rail security rapid response hubs from nine to 15. — Alan Kelly. [45866/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if assistance will be provided to a person (details supplied) whose taxi license lapsed due to a serious illness and who now wishes to renew the license but is having difficulty doing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45898/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Road Safety Authority's review of road traffic collision data sharing policies and procedures in light of GDPR requirements. — Ivana Bacik. [45913/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions that a taxi driver (details supplied) whose taxi licence expired during the pandemic and was not in a financial position to renew it until now can take to have it renewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45915/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45965/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the backlog in securing an appointment for the NCT; if any measures are being taken to alleviate the pressure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [46012/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to plans to change the method of communication used in motorbike driving tests between the applicant and tester; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [46050/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a comprehensive list of all of Ireland's double taxation agreements; if he will provide a breakdown of the percentage rate of withholding tax on dividend payments to Ireland, interest, royalties and technical fees for each country with which Ireland has a double taxation agreements in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45415/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45418/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will respond to a proposal from a person (details supplied) in respect of the possible withdrawal of VAT on newspapers to support the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45458/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the year in which the remote working relief was set at the current rate of €3.20; the inflation in Ireland since that year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45477/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on genuine concerns raised by a local business (details supplied) in respect of the worsening energy crisis that is debilitating businesses across Ireland; his plans to support businesses in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45500/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the recommendations put forward by a charity (details supplied), in particular those relating to issues of pay parity, funding adjustments, and multi-annual funding agreements in relation funding for Irish charities, community, voluntary groups and social enterprises in the upcoming Budget for 2023; and if he will ensure they are implemented in the upcoming budget. — Paul Murphy. [45523/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the tax-free thresholds at which children in Group A and close relatives in Group B can inherit property and assets from their family as part of Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45534/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45579/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that he will take to support fundraising to recover post-Covid-19 through increasing tax and VAT measures to support charities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45134/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance if he agrees that bank charges should be abolished; if he will instruct financial institutes here to eliminate banking fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45672/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if there will be an extension on the current 0% benefit in kind scheme for Electric Vehicles (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [45742/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Government will make plans to extend the VRT relief for Electric Vehicles beyond 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [45743/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans that the Government has to incentivise the business electric vehicle fleet (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45758/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing a scheme, for example, a car swappage scheme for those who are not financially in a position to change (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45760/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the feasibility of adding beauticians, hairdressers and childcare workers to the existing list of workers who can claim flat-rate expenses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45770/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will suspend major changes to taxation or supports (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45781/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider any additional vehicle registration tax on vehicles (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45790/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of nitrous oxide cannisters seized by the Revenue Commissioners on a monthly basis in each of the years of 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45791/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Finance if the case of a person (details supplied) who has been placed on emergency tax for several months will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [45796/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of excise duty that would be foregone if energy prices were capped as follows: Petrol at €1.75 per litre; Diesel at €1.75 per litre; Electricity at 25c per kilowatt hour; Natural Gas at 8c per kilowatt hour; Oil (kerosene) at €1 per litre. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45818/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated yield if the life assurance exit tax rate increased to 45%. — Alan Kelly. [45867/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to invite his Canadian counterpart to Ireland before the end of this year. — Alan Kelly. [45868/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans, if any, to carry out a full review of the levy imposed on private occupational pensions; the total revenue collected by the pension levy on pensions funds; and if there are plans to restore any of the monies collected. — Ivana Bacik. [45876/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter regarding the newspaper industry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45911/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 1383 of 8 September 2022; his Department's plans, if any, to improve the security of ports to ensure that dogs that have been stolen are stopped before they are exported from Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45947/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45954/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons are being rejected mortgage protection insurance for past mental health issues by using the three-strike rule, for example if they have attempted to commit suicide three times in the past 10 years;

the impact that this has had on those who are fully recovered yet still unable to secure mortgage protection insurance; if he will review this insurance policy with insurers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [46010/22]

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

*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the annual revenue raised by private businesses operating in OPW sites nationally for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [45460/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of private businesses operating in OPW sites nationally, by county for 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [45461/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total number of 10-year contracts that were entered into by the OPW from 2013 to date for the operation of private businesses at OPW sites in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [45462/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total number of contracts of any duration entered into by the OPW from 2013 to date for the operation of private businesses at OPW sites in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [45463/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total number of private business contracts terminated by the OPW from 2019 to 2022 in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [45464/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total number of three-year licences entered into by the OPW from 2013 to date for the operation of private businesses at OPW sites in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [45465/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total number of licences terminated by the OPW from 2013 to date for the operation of private businesses at OPW sites in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [45466/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW has ceased issuing long term contracts at their sites for the operation of private businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [45467/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to update rule 4(1)(b) of the Pension Declaration Rules 1966 regarding an eligible witness to include additional persons such as elected members of both the Houses of the Oireachtas and local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45468/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW has received a licence request from a person (details supplied) to use the swimming pool at Templemore Garda Training College to train Special Olympics swimmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45471/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45585/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he plans to issue a formal circular to all Government Departments and all public bodies in relation to their responsibilities and statutory obligations under the Public Sector Equality & Human Rights Duty under Section 42 of the Irish Human Rights & Equality Commission Act of 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [45806/22]

*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his attention has been drawn to efforts to develop an OPW managed site (details supplied); if any engagement has taken place in relation to these efforts; if consideration could be given to allow these plans to progress; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45858/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the refurbishment works that the OPW carried out on the Rock Of Cashel in 2021 and to date in 2022. — Alan Kelly. [45860/22]

*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45960/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 271 of 5 April 2022, the status of a project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [46046/22]

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

*248. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she intends to develop a new food and drinks tourism strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [45530/22]

*249. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps that she is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by her Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45589/22]

*250. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider including equestrian centres for funding under the Sports Capital Programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45824/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if further funding or supports will be given to Horse Sport Ireland for its high performance programmes (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45840/22]

*252. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if an increase in participation grants will be given to Horse Sport Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45844/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of the 2,000 artists selected for the basic income project that have been accepted; and if there is a standby list for consideration to replace any who may not have been accepted. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45912/22]

*254. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by her Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45964/22]

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

*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects the Heads of the Local Government (Maternity Protection for Local Authority Elected Members) Bill 2022 to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [46125/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for the defective block grant scheme in counties Donegal and Mayo; the number of applications pending; the average length of applications pending in each county; the number of applications approved; the average grant amount approved; the number of grants drawn down to date; and the average amount drawn down, by county, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45406/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the review of the social housing eligibility thresholds. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45407/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide information on Irish Water's request to the Commission for Regulation of Utilities to allow Irish Water to use the funding previously allocated for pre-planning works on the Eastern and Midlands Water Supply Project to be used in the current day-to-day budget; the reason for this request; the level of funding being sought for this purpose; the full current deficit in Irish Water's budget; the way in which Irish Water will fund the ongoing pre-planning works on the Eastern and Midlands Water supply project if the budget is being used elsewhere and if all correspondence between Irish Water and the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in relation to this request will be made available to Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45414/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a decision will be made regarding Limerick City and County Council's application for additional resources for a dedicated affordable homes team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45421/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications that have been made under the new first-home scheme; the number that have been approved to date; and the reason that they have been refused the first-home equity. — John Lahart. [45430/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's role, if any, in the processing of phase 1 and phase 2 offshore wind foreshore licence assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45446/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current average processing times with respect to phase 1 and phase 2 offshore wind foreshore licence assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45447/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if foreshore licenses are required for non-invasive marine survey work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45448/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of customer names and valuation dates in respect of valuations undertaken by the State Valuation Office from 2011 to 2021 for Higher Education Authority-funded higher education institutions. — Matt Shanahan. [45480/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of monies returned from the four local authorities in Dublin to his Department by category for each of the years 2019 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45536/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of monies provided to the four local authorities in Dublin by his Department for the provision of retrofitting of council housing stock by category for each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45539/22]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45583/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of applications anticipated for the Mica redress scheme in 2023; the cost associated with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45596/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that he is taking to tackle the increase in homelessness in recent months. — Sorca Clarke. [45603/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider reintroducing a ban on evictions given the rising numbers of homelessness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [45605/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant sites listed per county; the amount received in vacant site levies per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45621/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the increase of HAP payments will be extended to homeless HAP payments. — Chris Andrews. [45665/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that he is taking to address concerns impacting disabled persons including the lack of available accessible houses with supported living packages, difficulties navigating the social housing application process due to its inaccessible nature, and issues regarding decision-making when they enter into tenancy agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45700/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the examination of the alignment and EPA certificate of authorisation of a number of small-scale waste water treatment plants servicing small local authority housing estates, including Rocksprings in Kilross, has been completed; and if not, if a date for its completion and publication is envisaged. — Martin Browne. [45797/22]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to help halt the spread of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) by applying the Precautionary Principle and ordering an immediate cessation of all shooting and hunting including driven shoots; if he is of the view that at this critical moment, every effort must be made to eliminate all risks to wild birds, many of whom are already under threat and categorised as amber and red-listed. — Joan Collins. [45819/22]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when plans to advertise for a new grant scheme to allow private water schemes to upgrade or refurbish their schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45826/22]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number, location and timeframe involved in delivering cost rental housing to County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45828/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable houses delivered in County Kildare over the last 3 years; the plans for the next 3 years; the location and delivery times of those built and those proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45829/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to increase the HAP rate for single people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45830/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications received and approved for the croí cónaithe scheme by county and by applications submitted and approved respectively to date in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45845/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Department's financial support for the Traveller led approved housing body Cena including the possibility of funding provided by way of a service level agreement via the housing agency to assist in the development of culturally appropriate Traveller specific accommodation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45881/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will examine an anomaly in the local authority loan scheme which is preventing joint tenants from securing a loan to purchase their social house (details supplied) due to one of the tenants' age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45904/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that individuals cannot avail of the local authority home loan and the first-home scheme at the same time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45919/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when it is envisaged that the foreshore unit and the National Parks & Wildlife Service will conclude whether there is a

need for updated or new guidance in relation to the assessment of proposed geophysical activities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45920/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to update and expand the 1990 definition of dereliction to allow for more accurate reflection of derelict properties. — Patrick Costello. [45945/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any plans to increase the resources available to local authorities to allow for greater enforcement and capacity to collect the derelict sites levy, noting that only €1.1 million of derelict site levies for 2021 were collected by city and county councils resulting in a collection rate of just 23%. — Patrick Costello. [45946/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45958/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if circulars relating to the Land Development Agency and land acquisition state agencies and other public bodies have been circulated; if so, when; to whom; and if a copy will be published. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45971/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage for an update on the mid-term review of the Traveller Accommodation Programmes. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45972/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable homes delivered to date in 2022 via the Affordable Housing Fund, the Cost Rental Equity Loan and Project Tosaigh in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45973/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for a public inquiry into the circumstances that led to the defective blocks and products issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [46006/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the income limits for social housing will be increased for counties Cavan and Monaghan given that the present levels are totally unrealistic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46040/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the publication date for the Heads of the Local Government (Maternity Protection for Local Authority Elected Members) Bill 2022 that provides maternity leave for local authority-elected members. — Mary Lou McDonald. [46045/22]

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

*294. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the detention of a person (details supplied); if his Department has taken any steps to intervene in the situation; if he will condemn Christian persecution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45409/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the detention of a person (details supplied); if his Department has taken any steps to intervene in the situation; if he

will condemn persecution of Christians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [45410/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45580/22]

*297. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the case of persons (details supplied); if he will have the Irish Consulate in Pakistan assist in the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45612/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if consideration will be given to increasing overseas aid with a view to reaching 0.7% of GNI as set out in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45614/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken formally with the United Arab Emirates Ambassador to Ireland to date in 2022. — Alan Kelly. [45861/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts that will be made beyond what has already been done to reunite an Irish mother and child (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [45933/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45955/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*302. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the sale and transfer of lands from Edward Street Barracks to a school (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45432/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Defence the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45575/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Defence the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45950/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*305. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm the maintenance of the school library book fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [45403/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will make a decision to sanction an additional medium bus for a school route (details supplied) in County Mayo for the academic year 2022-2023 in view of the immense distress that this is causing to concessionary students of

working parents who have been left without school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [45404/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) who has availed of school transport to their secondary school for the past three years, continues to be provided with transport which is their only means of getting to school; if she will review the circumstances of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [45423/22]

*308. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a Budget 2023 submission from an association (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [45425/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a student (details supplied) was instructed to change bus for their school transport considering that there is sufficient capacity on the bus that they had been using; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [45426/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Education if extra routes, extra buses or buses with bigger capacity have been procured for the Cork South West constituency in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [45427/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45431/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider an application for school transport for a person (details supplied) in Louth in view of the unique circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [45469/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the proposed new school building for a community college (details supplied); the basis for any delays; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [45519/22]

*314. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an appeal for a child (details supplied) for school transport; and if she will speed the process up for families. — Sean Sherlock. [45564/22]

*315. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school transport appeal (details supplied); and the measures that parents are meant to take given that there is no bus service now where previously there was one. — Sean Sherlock. [45565/22]

*316. To ask the Minister for Education the number of enrolled children in each year of secondary level education across the State in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [45566/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education the number of enrolled children in each class of primary level education across the State in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [45567/22]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by her Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45576/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education if she will reverse the decision to reduce the content in set works to be examined in Leaving Certificate Music Examination 2023. — Holly Cairns. [45591/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she is taking to assist schools which cannot recruit staff due to rising cost of living in urban areas. — Holly Cairns. [45592/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a breakdown of the number of children and young people who have been found eligible for a special class but who have not received a place in a special class or school per county in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [45593/22]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an appeal for a person (details supplied); and if she will fast-track the appeal. — Sean Sherlock. [45595/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement that she has had with Bus Éireann and private bus operators regarding the lack of places for pupils availing of school transport. — Sorca Clarke. [45604/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education the date on which Leaving Certificate appeals results will be available to students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [45610/22]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education if she will establish a pilot programme (details supplied) for students; if the Department will cover the cost of teacher training in this topic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [45622/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that many schools have been unable to fill their allocated teaching posts and some schools having reported up to eight unfilled teaching posts, and that principals and staff have significant concerns about the increasing difficulty of delivering the expected level of education to the children in their schools; the measures that schools are expected to take during the coming months as teacher absences increase; the immediate steps she is taking to rectify the teacher shortage crisis as a matter of priority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45626/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a second-level school place will be made available for a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45630/22]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that she will implement to ensure that the delays endured since October 2021 by retired members of the Cork Education and Training Board do not happen again (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45637/22]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school transport appeal (details supplied); and if she will expedite the case given that pupils have returned to schools. — Sean Sherlock. [45639/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on her Department's support for an Irish-medium secondary school in the Dublin 6 and Dublin 6W areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [45649/22]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will explore the feasibility of using vacant classrooms in the building currently being used by a school (details supplied) for a new Irish-medium secondary school on a temporary basis until a more permanent home can be secured. — Chris Andrews. [45650/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education the number of new school buildings that have been constructed since 2020; the type of heating system provided in each school constructed in tabular form; if a solar panel was installed in each instance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [45660/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [45666/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education if she recognises that some schools require extra staff including teachers and SNAs, and more access to psychology, counselling and mental health supports (details supplied); if she will advocate for the establishment of a DEIS+ status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45679/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has seen and evaluated the content of an alcohol education campaign created by an alcohol industry funded organisation (details supplied) in some Irish schools; the reason this content has not been made publicly available; if she intends to ban the use of alcohol education materials in schools which are provided by alcohol industry funded organisations; if she will issue clear guidelines prohibiting partnership with alcohol industry funded organisations in the delivery of education and services related to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45680/22]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to draw up a fully-costed plan for the provision of therapeutic supports within schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45704/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support the provision of comprehensive, rights-based training for teachers and SNAs which focuses on understanding the child as an individual and the supports that they require to access their rights (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45705/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education to provide an update on the review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45706/22]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on commitments to the further reduction of class sizes over time through the recruitment of more teachers and special needs assistants and support staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45707/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support an increase in capital expenditure to ensure that school environments can be inclusive for all pupils, particularly those with a disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45708/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education when a response will issue to correspondence (details supplied) in relation to school transport in Clonmany, Co Donegal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [45752/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education the status of school transport for a family (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45802/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for school transport for children (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45803/22]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the decision to award patronage to the new second level school planned for Cherrywood; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [45810/22]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an appeal for a person (details supplied); and if she will fast track the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [45812/22]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education if she agrees with the policy of removing schoolchildren from buses if their ticket is under appeal; and if she will give a direction for that not to happen. — Sean Sherlock. [45813/22]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education the time frame for the School Transport Appeals Board meetings to hear these appeals (details supplied) and the number of planned meetings for the remainder of the year, as Bus Éireann have to compile a report for an appeal; the agreed timeframe Bus Éireann have to compile the report for the appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [45817/22]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education when a student (details supplied) in County Cork who is approved under the school transport scheme for children with special educational needs will be provided with transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [45822/22]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education if a student (details supplied) will be issued a bus ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45836/22]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided as a matter of urgency for children (details supplied) in County Sligo. — Marian Harkin. [45846/22]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by her Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45951/22]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide clarity on the mandatory retirement age of both school bus drivers and school bus escorts who work on the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [45968/22]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be provided to all students who are eligible for same; the efforts that are being made to resolve this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [46002/22]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that all late applicants who otherwise would be eligible for school transport, will be provided with school transport for the 2022/2023 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [46002/22]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she will take to ensure that as many students, who have been receiving concessionary school transport for the past number of years, as possible are provided with school transport for the 2022/2023 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [46003/22]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education her views regarding no formal response being issued to this Deputy in relation to school transport in an area (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [46007/22]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a child (details supplied) who has no school transport will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [46009/22]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education if she will re-assess the needs of schools (detail supplied) that are recipients of the original DEIS Band 1 but require more resources; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a need for additional bands to be added for these disadvantaged areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [46011/22]

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

*359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the materials grant to community employment schemes will be increased in view of the current issue of high inflation which is making the cost of materials prohibitively expensive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45759/22]

*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to a pre-budget submission by an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45532/22]

*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will investigate the provision of making free travel passes available to persons with epilepsy who are temporarily barred from driving for one year or more due to having a breakthrough seizure; if she will consider uncoupling the free travel pass from other qualifying payments to ensure that there is a direct application process for a free travel pass (details supplied); if she will consider this request as part of her Department's Budget 2023 proposals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45560/22]

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the analysis that her Department has carried out into extending the enhanced illness benefit to persons suffering from long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45568/22]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that she is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by her Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45587/22]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a payment to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45597/22]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider a proposal from an organisation (details supplied) for improved access to the free-travel scheme for people with epilepsy in Ireland. — Cathal Crowe. [45598/22]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if epilepsy will be considered as a qualifying condition in order to qualify for the free travel scheme; the steps that have been taken to improve access to the free-travel scheme for people with epilepsy in Ireland; the timeline for when the exploratory work by her Department on proposals submitted by a group (details supplied) will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [45599/22]

*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will publish her response to the report of the Pension Commission and put her recommendations on this matter before Dáil Éireann; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45608/22]

*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the job initiative scheme payment is €11.56 per hour, the community employment and TUS schemes are €11.56 per hour yet will raise to €13 hourly for the duration of fuel allowance (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45623/22]

*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that job initiative participants are still not entitled to fuel allowance given that many are now suffering from fuel poverty. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45624/22]

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to extending child benefit to persons over 18 years of age who remain in full-time secondary education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45638/22]

*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for carer's benefit by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [45642/22]

*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) has had their community employment scheme participation terminated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [45643/22]

*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) who is currently on a community employment scheme and who has been invaluable in their position can have their employment extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45661/22]

*374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider introducing measures to improve access to employment opportunities for disabled persons, including programmes like the ability programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45702/22]

*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection why a constituent (Details Supplied) whose Illness Benefit payment has been reduced should be penalised due to government decisions to close her industry in March 2020. — Thomas Pringle. [45735/22]

*376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a non-contributory pension will be reinstated for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45746/22]

*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the remuneration of the supervisors of community employment schemes have been linked to any grade in the public service; and the

progress in negotiations of recognising such people in terms of pay and conditions and pension rights. — Richard Bruton. [45755/22]

*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the State pension (contributory) arrears will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry following a successful backdating appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45789/22]

*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the materials grant to community employment schemes will be increased in view of the current issue of high inflation which is making the cost of materials prohibitively expensive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [45804/22]

*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the changes her Department are introducing to the Community Welfare Service throughout the country; if these intended changes include the centralisation of the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [45827/22]

*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full year cost of increasing the disability allowance for all recipients to €350 per week; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45838/22]

*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full year cost of increasing all headline social protection payments to €300 per week excluding the disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [45839/22]

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is aware of the possibility of some closures of physical Citizen Information Centres, and her assessment of the impact this may have on those who have weak digital literacy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [45848/22]

*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that carers applying for Carer's Allowance are not having their spouse's travel to work income included in the means assessment where the spouse has availed of the cycle-to-work scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [45852/22]

*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection whether she is considering expanding the grant towards the cost of a wig or hairpiece for those suffering hair loss due to illness to also include children suffering hair loss due to illness whose parents have the necessary PRSI contributions or self-employed equivalent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [45853/22]

*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a State pension rate for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45874/22]

*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review of the State pension (contributory) of a person (details supplied) will take place. — Brendan Griffin. [45900/22]

*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the procedure for individuals and families seeking international protection to secure PPS numbers; the number of such applications currently pending; and the average length of time that it is taking to provide the PPS numbers from the date of application. — Eoin Ó Broin. [45922/22]

*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any social welfare payments which take a person's outgoings, for example a monthly mortgage payment, into account when calculating an entitlement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45924/22]

*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if entitlements to a benefit payment are restricted to those who ceased employment in 2019, 2020 and subsequent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45939/22]

*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons who took early retirement in 2016 are entitled to a benefit payment for the 12 months up to and reaching the age of 66 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45940/22]

*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale for excluding persons aged 65 years from the benefit payment depending on when they ceased employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45941/22]

*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of family income supplement and working family payment in each of the years 2016 to 2021 and to date in 2022. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45943/22]

*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount spent on the family income supplement and working family payment in each of the years 2016 to 2021 and to date in 2022. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45944/22]

*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by her Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45962/22]

*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide information regarding lone parent's allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45969/22]

*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide information regarding carer's allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45970/22]

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

*398. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has reached an agreement with the relevant religious orders on contributing towards redress for survivors of mother and baby homes. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45472/22]

*399. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress to date in implementing each of the seventeen recommendations of the Special Rapporteur on Child Protection Proposals for a State Response to Illegal Birth Registration in Ireland in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45483/22]

*400. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the dates on which he has met with the Collaborative Forum of Former Residents of Mother and Baby Homes and Related Institutions in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45524/22]

*401. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will publish the report of the Collaborative Forum of Former Residents of Mother and Baby Homes and Related Institutions, submitted in December 2018. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45525/22]

*402. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he consulted with the Collaborative Forum of Former Residents of Mother and Baby Homes and Related Institutions prior to or following his announcement last year of his intention to appoint a human rights legal expert to review the evidence given to the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby confidential committee and his subsequent decision not to proceed with this commitment. . — Mary Lou McDonald. [45526/22]

*403. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the efforts that his Department has made to identify the burial places of approximately 850 children known to have died in Bessborough Mother and Baby Home in Cork but the locations of their remains are unknown. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45527/22]

*404. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a pre-budget submission by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45533/22]

*405. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which TUSLA are allowed to hold up registration of Early Years Services because of inadequacies in their office and leave children without a service knowing that the school term begins in September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [45559/22]

*406. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45574/22]

*407. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is a need for regulation to recognise epilepsy alert dogs and seizure alert dogs as service animals. — Patrick Costello. [45611/22]

*408. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if measures will be put in place to address concerns (details supplied) with the new CORE funding model. — Cathal Crowe. [45808/22]

*409. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the policy proposals for the provision of transport supports for persons with disabilities including the Working Group established under Action 104 of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy to review transport supports encompassing all Government-funded transport and mobility schemes for those with disabilities and the review of the disabled drivers and passengers (tax concessions) scheme by the Department of Finance . — Charles Flanagan. [45856/22]

*410. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will advise on delays with Tusla to registration and provision of early years services; the steps that are

being taken to resume services as soon as possible where there are delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [45873/22]

*411. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the pay of staff working with vulnerable children in Section 56 organisations will be restored; if these staff can be given parity with staff working in Section 38 and 39 organisations; if the service-level agreement funding model for Section 56 organisations can be reviewed to allow for multi-annual funding; if Section 56 staff can be given the same pension rights and entitlements as granted to their Section 38 and 39 colleagues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [45925/22]

*412. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that those workers in Section 56 agencies, who were subject to the same pay cuts as Section 39 agencies, who have not had their pay restored, will receive a much-needed pay increase in line with inflation and the cost of living. — Paul Murphy. [45942/22]

*413. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45949/22]

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

*414. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a bus service can be sanctioned to assist an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45416/22]

*415. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when approval by the European Commission of the Operational Programme for Ireland under the European Social Fund Plus 2021 to 2027 is expected. — Ivana Bacik. [45473/22]

*416. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that the National Student Accommodation Strategy 2016-2024 targeted no additional student accommodation in Waterford over the eight years of the plan; if this plan is to be updated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45481/22]

*417. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the two building projects on the TU Dublin Tallaght campus announced by the Minister on the 18 August 2020. — Paul Murphy. [45484/22]

*418. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the basis on which TU Dublin paid two separate individuals a salary at the president's grade in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45485/22]

*419. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the job title and job description for each person in receipt of a director's grade salary in TU Dublin on 1 January 2021. — Paul Murphy. [45486/22]

*420. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the job title and job description for each person in receipt of a director's grade salary in TU Dublin on 1 October 2021. — Paul Murphy. [45487/22]

*421. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the job title and job description for each person in receipt of a director's grade salary in TU Dublin on 1 January 2022. — Paul Murphy. [45488/22]

*422. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the job title and job description for each person in receipt of a director's grade salary in TU Dublin on 1 April 2022. — Paul Murphy. [45489/22]

*423. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the approval, if any, that was given to TU Dublin to make appointments at director-level since its establishment in January 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45490/22]

*424. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the job title and job description for each person in receipt of a secretary financial controller level one grade salary in TU Dublin on 1 April 2022. — Paul Murphy. [45491/22]

*425. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the job title and job description for each person in receipt of an SLIII grade salary in TU Dublin on 1 April 2022. — Paul Murphy. [45492/22]

*426. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of money that TU Dublin is projecting to spend on organisational design consultants for the full calendar year 2022. — Paul Murphy. [45494/22]

*427. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the amount of money that the TU Dublin governing body approved to spend on organisational design consultants when it approved the procurement of these services and appointment of consultants. — Paul Murphy. [45495/22]

*428. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress, if any, that has been made in ensuring that staff in TU Dublin Tallaght have the same academic allowances as TU Dublin staff in Blanchardstown and City Campus. — Paul Murphy. [45497/22]

*429. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the work and timeline of the development of a borrowing framework by his Department for the technological sector since the 2019 TURN report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45501/22]

*430. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a detailed schedule for each housing finance agency loan to Higher Education Authority-funded higher education institutions including the name of the project, institution, value, date of approval, and the number of bedrooms. — Matt Shanahan. [45502/22]

*431. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a detailed schedule for each Ireland strategic investment fund-loan to Higher

Education Authority-funded higher education institutions including the name of the project, institution, value, and date of approval. — Matt Shanahan. [45503/22]

*432. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the arrangements with respect to the €5 million in emergency funding provided to IT Tralee in 2019/2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45504/22]

*433. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a breakdown of the proposal and closing date, institution and value with respect to each land acquisition undertaken by the Higher Education Authority-funded higher education institutions between 2011 and 2021. — Matt Shanahan. [45505/22]

*434. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a detailed explanation of the process and milestones, including a schedule of Department circulars or regulations, with respect to open-market opportunity land acquisitions by Higher Education Authority-funded higher education institutions. . — Matt Shanahan. [45506/22]

*435. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that the National Student Accommodation Strategy 2016-2024 targeted no additional student accommodation in Waterford over the eight-year life of the plan; if this plan is to be updated or replaced and is still fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45507/22]

*436. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his Department's governance, assurance and oversight activities of Carlow College, St. Patrick's CHY number 10584. — Matt Shanahan. [45508/22]

*437. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of the dates of each of the project milestones with respect to the Coonagh Campus development undertaken by Limerick Institute of Technology / Technological University of the Shannon since the project's inception. — Matt Shanahan. [45509/22]

*438. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of formal correspondence between the Department, the Higher Education Authority and Limerick Institute of Technology / Technological University of the Shannon with respect to the Coonagh Campus development undertaken by LIT/TUS since the project's inception. . — Matt Shanahan. [45510/22]

*439. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of the funding made available to the Coonagh Campus development undertaken by Limerick Institute of Technology / Technological University of the Shannon since the project's inception to include a breakdown by date, value and purpose of all current and capital exchequer funding. — Matt Shanahan. [45511/22]

*440. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of the dates of each of the project milestones with respect to the acquisition of Crowley Park by Galway Mayo Institute of Technology / Atlantic Technological University since the project's inception. — Matt Shanahan. [45512/22]

*441. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of formal correspondence between the Department, the Higher Education Authority and Galway Mayo Institute of Technology / Atlantic Technological University with respect to the Crowley Park development undertaken by GMIT/ATU since the project's inception. — Matt Shanahan. [45513/22]

*442. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of the expenditure with respect to each year of operation of each of the ongoing public-private partnership projects at the Cork Institute of Technology, now Munster Technological University, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45514/22]

*443. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of the capital expenditure by Cork Institute of Technology, now Munster Technological University, since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [45515/22]

*444. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a schedule of all funding made available to the Grangegorman Development Agency since its inception by date, value and purpose of all current and capital exchequer funding, and other funding including borrowings, all identified by source. . — Matt Shanahan. [45516/22]

*445. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45581/22]

*446. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the PhD completion rates over the past 10 years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [45629/22]

*447. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the parameters under which DARE programme places are allocated in Munster Technological University (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [45668/22]

*448. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the Government intends to open up the new PhD programme for PhD researchers that will be valued at €28,000 per annum; If he acknowledges that introducing a new stipend will cause an up-to €21,500 pay-gap between current and new researchers given that the current PhD stipends which are between €6,500 and €18,500 per annum for a full-time PhD, when their work and contribution to the Irish research economy is equal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45713/22]

*449. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated annual cost of the administration of SUSI. — Holly Cairns. [45801/22]

*450. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if funding will be available to Horse Sport Ireland for skillnet networks (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45832/22]

*451. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student (details supplied) who attended college in the academic year 2016/2017 and who is now going to attend a different college in academic year 2022/2023 will be approved tuition fees for the four-year duration of this new course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [45859/22]

*452. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of places in medicine in each institution by undergraduate and graduate entry medicine for students from Ireland, Northern Ireland, Britain, other EU and non-EU internationals for 2021, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45865/22]

*453. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45956/22]

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

*454. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the progress of the regularisation of the long-term undocumented migrant scheme. — Ivana Bacik. [45879/22]

*455. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Irish residency applications under the domestic violence concession for non-European Economic Area spouses and partners of Irish and non-EEA legal residents under various headings (details supplied) received in the past three years in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [45450/22]

*456. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications received under her Department's scheme for the regularisation of the long-term undocumented migrants scheme; the current situation with respect to processing times for such applications; the number of applications processed to date; the number processed that have been successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45493/22]

*457. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that she is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by her Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45584/22]

*458. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [45663/22]

*459. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is considering changes to champerty and maintenance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [45798/22]

*460. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the delay in issuing a visa in the case of a person (details supplied) who has received a full-time contract with the HSE and who may now possibly be rescinded on foot of a delay in receiving an appropriate visa, who applied in April last; if a visa can issue forthwith; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45807/22]

*461. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles assigned to each Garda divisional armed support unit as of 1 January 2021 and 13 September 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45869/22]

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice the average hourly and daily number of uninsured vehicles that are identified by An Garda Síochána through the use of the automatic number plate recognition system. — Alan Kelly. [45870/22]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Gardaí by rank attached to the Tipperary divisional scenes of crime unit as of 1 January 2021 and 13 September 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45871/22]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the restoration of birthright citizenship for all persons born in Ireland. — Ivana Bacik. [45878/22]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application for a work employment visa submitted by a doctor (details supplied) will be reviewed given that they are waiting to start employment in a HSE-managed mental health services facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [45921/22]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by her Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [45959/22]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will obtain a status update from the Office of Public Works on the acquisition of a site for a proposed Garda station in an area (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [46049/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*468. To ask the Minister for Health the progress of negotiations on a special scheme of paid leave for public health service employees with long-Covid to date; the expected timeline for the commencement of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [45906/22]

*469. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the availability of the Freestyle Libre 2 device in Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [45405/22]

*470. To ask the Minister for Health if he will increase core funding to community drug projects by 10% in Budget 2023 in view of the fact that there has been no increase in core funding since 2013 despite the escalating demands on these projects; if he will consider the substantial increases in energy and fuel costs experienced by drug and alcohol taskforces and commit to this much-needed increase in core funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [45408/22]

*471. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the payment of the Covid healthcare bonus; when the payment will be paid to all non- HSE staff; the number of health care workers that have received the payment to date; the number of health care workers that are awaiting the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45411/22]

*472. To ask the Minister for Health his plans, if any, to introduce further regulations into the sale and supply of vapes to reduce their attractiveness to young people; if there is any estimation on

the number of people that currently vape; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [45412/22]

*473. To ask the Minister for Health if a cataract procedure will be scheduled for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [45420/22]

*474. To ask the Minister for Health if a homecare package will be provided to a child (details supplied) in County Dublin. — Michael Ring. [45422/22]

*475. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult medical card holders presently eligible for dental services under the dental treatment scheme in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [45428/22]

*476. To ask the Minister for Health when a job evaluation application by a person (details supplied) will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [45434/22]

*477. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline changes in the patient waiting lists across all disciplines for Tallaght University Hospital. — John Lahart. [45441/22]

*478. To ask the Minister for Health if general practitioners have been allocated to the new primary care centre in Ballyboden, Rathfarnham; if not, the reasons for the delay in appointing general practitioners to this centre; and if his attention has been drawn to there being an increasingly serious shortage of GP practices in Dublin South West. — John Lahart. [45442/22]

*479. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the latest HSE plans for a nursing home (details supplied). — John Lahart. [45443/22]

*480. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive a medical appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45444/22]

*481. To ask the Minister for Health if the families of the children affected by the CAMHS scandal in County Kerry will receive compensation or if it is to be restricted to the affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45445/22]

*482. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that ambulances cannot transfer medically complex children to hospitals for appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45452/22]

*483. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts that he is taking to ensure that children with medically complex needs are not waiting in hospital for long periods of time to receive an MRI scan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45453/22]

*484. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that medically complex children are transferred to adult services; the reason that there is no young adult level of care for medically complex children and children needing palliative care; if there are plans to provide services specific to children with medically complex needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45454/22]

*485. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to include support teams in hospitals for parents that spend long periods of time in hospital with their sick child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45455/22]

*486. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that a child with highly complex medical needs, when they turn 18, do not have to lose or change vital palliative support, school supports, or respite supports in order that there is continuity of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45456/22]

*487. To ask the Minister for Health if children with medically complex needs have to choose between a specially-adapted seat over a specialised bed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45457/22]

*488. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE are going to pay a local community organisation (details supplied) for the use of the car park and their property which is being used as a health centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [45470/22]

*489. To ask the Minister for Health if mental health treatment will be put in place for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 9; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45474/22]

*490. To ask the Minister for Health to list the engagements his Department and the HSE has had with Long Covid Ireland in 2021 and 2022. — Róisín Shortall. [45475/22]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that he refused a request from an organisation (details supplied) for a meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [45476/22]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health if he can assist a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [45478/22]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time that the review of funding for the Mater Hospital long-Covid clinic will take; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45482/22]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health if certain charges apply in the case of patients with long-Covid requesting their files from a hospital (details supplied); if so, if in the circumstances of the pandemic, still ongoing, such charges could be waived; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45517/22]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health if long-Covid will be classified as a long-term illness given the number of persons with the condition who have been unable to work at all, or as usual, in the past two years, the cost of numerous general practitioner and consultant visits and various medications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [45518/22]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health when agency staff employed during Covid will receive their Covid payment; if some have done so already; the community health areas that have paid this to contract workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [45522/22]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health if firefighters in Dublin Fire Brigade are entitled to the €1000 pandemic bonus payment for frontline workers; when they and staff in private nursing

homes may expect payment; the number of workers who are entitled to this payment and who remain unpaid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [45529/22]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the roll-out of the ex-gratia scheme for medical workers who died from Covid-19 during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45535/22]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health the financial allocation to respite services from the HSE by agency for persons with a disability in CHO6 for each of the years 2016 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [45538/22]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health the infectious disease experts who were consulted in the development of the model of care in relation to long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45540/22]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which general practitioners will be upskilled to support long-Covid patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45541/22]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health the neuro-rehabilitations supports which are being made available for long-Covid patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45542/22]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the enhanced illness benefit has not been extended for those suffering from long-Covid given the fact that the European Commission has recognised long-Covid as an occupational disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45546/22]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health the considerations that have been given to create a long-Covid clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [45544/22]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to update the HSE guidelines on long-Covid to take into account research regarding the neurological symptoms of the disease; the engagement the HSE has had with infectious disease experts in the development of the Model of Care for long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45569/22]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health the details of any training or advice currently provided to general practitioners with regard to supporting long-Covid patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45570/22]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the establishment of a centre for neurorehabilitation at the Mater Hospital, led by a team of neurorehabilitation specialists, neurologists, infectious diseases physicians, psychologists, psychiatrists and neurophysiotherapists, in order to improve treatment for patients of long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45571/22]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Scheme of Paid Leave for Public Health Service Employees with long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [45572/22]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45582/22]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that he has had with representatives of general practitioners regarding work practice changes since Covid-19; the availability of face-to-face appointments specifically for medical card patients. — Sorca Clarke. [45602/22]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health if sufficient funding will be provided to an association (details supplied) to continue a programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [45609/22]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 764 of 12 July 2022, the current status of the recruitment of the approved whole-time equivalent senior dietitian post for the Wexford CAMHS services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [45617/22]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the recruitment of a senior speech and language therapist to the children's disability network team service in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [45618/22]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the recruitment of an occupational therapist to the children's disability network team service in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [45619/22]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of vacancies within the children's disability network team service in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [45620/22]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health further to the funding that was provided in November 2021 for dedicated principal social work posts for adult safeguarding in each of the seven hospital groups, if he will seek a full update on the current status of the posts; if they have been filled; if job descriptions have been set out; if so, if a copy of same can be provided; if he will outline the assurances that are in place to ensure consistency of practice across these roles; if he will provide any other relevant details on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [45627/22]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated monthly cost to the Exchequer of providing universal free antigen tests. — Gino Kenny. [45628/22]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccines which have been pledged by Ireland to other countries since March 2020; and the details of these pledges and donations, broken down by terms of location and vaccine type, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [45633/22]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Covid-19 vaccines that have been donated to other countries since March 2022; and the details of these pledges and donations, broken down by location and vaccine type, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [45634/22]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health the date that each consignment of Covid-19 vaccine doses arrived in each respective recipient country; and the expiry date associated with each respective consignment. — Ivana Bacik. [45635/22]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department records the number of Covid-19 vaccine doses procured by the Government which have expired without being used; and if so, the details of these expirations, broken down by vaccine type, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [45636/22]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a dental appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45640/22]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health when carers employed by an organisation (details supplied) can expect to receive their pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [45641/22]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health if an interim payment arrangement can be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied) who is awaiting a document to be signed by the Courts but is encountering significant delays through no fault of their own, who does not have the money to pay the fees of €1,200 per week; if an interim nursing home payment can continue pending receipt of a document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45654/22]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 184 of 22 June 2022, the basis on which the findings of a report with minimal supporting evidence are being accepted by his Department; and the reason that a report composed by a human resources director as opposed to a clinical expert is being accepted (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [45655/22]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health when the members of Dublin Fire Brigade will receive their frontline pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [45659/22]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a pre-budget submission by an organisation (details supplied); if he will consider its requests and ensure that they are implemented in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [45664/22]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug gammacore which is recommended by a consultant for the treatment of chronic and cluster headaches is being considered for approval; if not, if it will be considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [45667/22]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health the dates that the members of the national HSE executive management team were offered first-dose Covid-19 vaccines in 2021 as part of the national roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine programme to HSE staff; if the executive management team was notified in writing or by phone of the vaccine schedule being offered to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45677/22]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the management personnel in the HSE who had responsibility for the scheduling of first-dose Covid-19 vaccines to executive HSE managers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45678/22]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a Budget 2023 submission from a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [45687/22]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider the pre-budget submission by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [45690/22]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health when an invitation to tender for home support services will be published; when tender arrangements will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [45754/22]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a case (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect an appointment for admission to the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dun Laoghaire, County Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [45769/22]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which pharmacies will be reimbursed for medications and items distributed under the free contraception scheme. — Holly Cairns. [45799/22]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to address the shortage of pharmacists. — Holly Cairns. [45800/22]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a policy issue raised by an organisation (details supplied) regarding the closure of sexual health services in the north east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [45805/22]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health when persons (details supplied) in County Clare will receive their Covid-19 recognition payment for frontline workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [45821/22]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health to indicate when full death certificate for a person (details supplied) will issue to their daughter which is required for probate given the interim death certificate is no longer acceptable for such purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45825/22]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health to indicate if and when required surgery is likely to be scheduled in the case of a person (details supplied); if all efforts can be made to ensure that the operation takes place as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [45831/22]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commit to providing an increase of €600,000 in annual investment in the National Multiple Sclerosis Care Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45833/22]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health if he will increase sustainable funding for national physiotherapy services for people with Multiple Sclerosis, and other neurological conditions totalling €880,000 per annum across all 9 Community Healthcare Organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45834/22]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that an organisation (details supplied) say there is a need for the provision of a further 100 neurology nurses in order to address unacceptable waiting period, delays with diagnosis and treatment, with at least 20 to be provisioned in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45835/22]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health if he will include women with gestational diabetes in the long-term illness scheme; the reason there is no provision to cover the costs associated with gestational diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [45837/22]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health if and when the new weight loss injections may be covered under the drug payment scheme card (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [45841/22]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health the number of those who are waiting for home care packages in CHO 9, broken down by each of the three geographical areas within CHO 9. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [45843/22]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting for a physiotherapy appointment at a medical centre having been referred there by University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45849/22]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) who needs urgent surgery will be on a waiting list for the next three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [45854/22]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health when the new transport support scheme providing supports for persons with disabilities will come into operation; the assistance that will be provided for those holders of primary medical certificates who do not have the finances available to purchase or adapt a suitable vehicle for their transport needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [45857/22]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent vacancies by job title currently in the minor injuries unit at Our Lady's Hospital, Cashel; when each of these vacancies will be filled, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45862/22]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health the levels of psychologist services that are available in Tipperary; if there are plans to improve the service. — Alan Kelly. [45863/22]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time community nurses in County Tipperary in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [45864/22]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health the position on the importation of medical devices in respect of equipment used by people with disabilities; and the criteria for shipment here, such as whether the frequency of importation is decided on the basis of cost, volume or need. — Ivana Bacik. [45880/22]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent vacant posts by role currently unfilled in each of the individual symptomatic breast disease clinics, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45883/22]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent vacant posts by role currently unfilled in each of the individual prostate rapid access clinics, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45884/22]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole time equivalent vacant posts by role currently unfilled in each of the individual lung rapid access clinics, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45885/22]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent radiology posts currently unfilled in each of the individual symptomatic breast disease clinics, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45886/22]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiologists to perform diagnostic tests working in each of the individual symptomatic breast disease clinics in each of the years 2012 to 2022 respectively, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45887/22]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health when the national lymphoedema clinical guidelines will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45888/22]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health when the National Cancer Strategy Implementation Report 2021 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45889/22]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for when the business case submitted by the Mater Hospital seeking the resources required for the continued support of their long-Covid Clinic will be decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45891/22]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of children and young people referred by the HSE to the Tavistock Centre in London for treatment as of August 2022. — Neasa Hourigan. [45894/22]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the revised care plan for children and young people referred to the Tavistock Centre for treatment following the publication of a review (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45895/22]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health the status of his plans for the provision of care for trans children and young people; the staffing levels and current funding available for such services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45896/22]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the current outstanding pandemic recognition payments; the number of payments outstanding to eligible healthcare workers; the healthcare sectors that are yet to receive the payment; when the pandemic recognition payment will be paid to frontline healthcare staff in private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [45897/22]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a national database for recording and documenting cases and related information on diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [45901/22]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a national policy on the provision of mobility equipment and disability aids such as wheelchairs that ensures equality of access and provision across each CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [45903/22]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take measures to expedite the payment of the pandemic recognition payment to eligible staff in the non-HSE and non-Section 38 sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [45905/22]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health if he will retain the 18-bed capacity at the centre for mental health care in Bantry and reject the recommendation of the Mental Health Commission to reduce the capacity to 11 beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [45907/22]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health when frontline workers employed by private nursing homes will receive their pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45914/22]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who following a CT scan has been referred to the ear, nose and throat section of University Hospital Limerick to address a sinus issue, and has been advised by the section that there are no available dates for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [45916/22]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that oral sex was maintained as grounds for deferral of men who have sex with men in donating blood, following a previous decision of the board of an organisation (details supplied) to remove oral sex as a basis for deferral; if there was concern about this specific change in policy; the reason that this was not raised during the process engaged in by the Social Behaviours Review Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45928/22]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health if the individualised risk assessment system to be introduced for all prospective blood donors from December 2022 will reflect the three-month deferral policy used in the United Kingdom; if not, the reason for the difference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45929/22]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health if the replacement of the health and lifestyle questionnaire with an electronic self-assessment health history questionnaire by an organisation (details supplied) will be completed, as anticipated, in Q3 of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [45930/22]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45957/22]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the hiring of a personal assistant for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45975/22]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a child (details supplied) remains waiting for a diabetic pump; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [46004/22]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are waiting for ophthalmology treatment by county as of 15 September 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [46005/22]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that the necessary preparatory work including planning and design will be progressed, without delay, in relation to the provision of

much-needed facilities at a health care centre (details supplied) in view of the present inadequate accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [46039/22]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who was referred by the paediatric unit at University Hospital Limerick for assessment to a medical team and has been advised that they will be waiting 24 months for an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [46051/22]

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

*581. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if further supports for future capital investments on farms will be made available to the horse industry in Ireland (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45811/22]

*582. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that he will not impose any impositions or proposals to ban ploughing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45413/22]

*583. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a tax exemption will be given to farmers who opt to cut their suckler cow numbers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45424/22]

*584. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the expenditure by the forest service of his Department is in line with budget for the months of July and August 2022, thereby ensuring that there is no underspend again in this Department for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [45438/22]

*585. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown of the actual applications versus the phased projected monthly plan for licence and scheme applications in his Department's plan for Coillte felling, private felling, roads, afforestation, and ash dieback RUS for the months of July and August 2022 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [45439/22]

*586. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown of the expenditure by the forest service of his Department for the months of July and August 2022 versus July and August 2021 and to date in 2022, to enable comparison in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [45440/22]

*587. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Forest Service of his Department is on track to deliver on the commitment in the Forestry Licencing Plan 2022 to approve 350 applications for reconstitution of woodland scheme – frost damage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45555/22]

*588. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the cost for the ecological input into each file processed through the ecology unit of the Forest Service of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45556/22]

*589. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if brash harvesting is permitted under the standards for felling and reforestation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [45557/22]

*590. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by his Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45573/22]

*591. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to ensure that there is sufficient supply of fertiliser available within the State for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45652/22]

*592. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the qualifications that a National Parks and Wildlife Service inspector has; if a vet with experience attends the inspections at Dublin Zoo; and if it has been considered that there should be a multidisciplinary team inspecting if there is such a range of animals (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [45669/22]

*593. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the National Parks and Wildlife Service attended an inspection at Dublin Zoo with an authorised officer under the Animal Welfare and Health Act 2013 and request them to issue a welfare notice at any stage since the Act was enacted in 2014 (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [45670/22]

*594. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to introduce an e-passport for the identification of equines (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45816/22]

*595. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that financial support will be given to Horse Sport Ireland for the integrity programme and the National Equine Anti-Doping Programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45820/22]

*596. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider increasing the amount of funding available for breeding and production supports for Horse Sport Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45847/22]

*597. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding will be increased from the expected €850,000 in 2022 to €1.5 million in 2023 to grow the share of Irish bred horses sold to overseas markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45850/22]

*598. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine to consider introducing a voucher scheme (Details Supplied) for Horse Sport Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [45851/22]

*599. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will use his powers under Section 7b (2) of the Forestry Act before 1st March 2023 to retrospectively amend the conditions of any relevant previously issued unexpired and unexercised licences to amend the dates so that they recognise the Hen Harrier breeding period to start on the 1 March of any given year with a concomitant increase in the period of protection for this threatened species given the change (based on expert ornithological advice) in the officially recognised start of the Hen Harrier breeding period from 1 April to 1 March; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [45892/22]

*600. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular

form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45948/22]

*601. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 888 of 14 July 2022, the manner in which a farmer can demonstrate that hens are accessing the full range area necessary to meet the threshold set out in Annex II of Commission Regulation No. 589/2008; if photographic or video evidence is sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46020/22]

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

*602. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps that she is taking to increase the percentage of electric or hybrid vehicles owned by her Department and state agencies and bodies under the Department's remit. — Holly Cairns. [45586/22]

*603. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a hub service is to be provided through the post-office network for persons who have difficulty with accessing online public services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [45644/22]

*604. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding for meals-on-wheels community groups can be accessed through her Department; the programmes that offer support to these groups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [45651/22]

*605. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which an area is designated as 'rural' under the CLÁR Programme; if she is concerned that some areas and communities that would have long considered themselves as rural communities are being denied access to funding under the CLÁR Programme due to the existing eligibility criteria; if she will consider reviewing what constitutes a rural area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [45695/22]

*606. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will give detailed consideration to a pre-Budget submission of a national organisation (details supplied) in view of the urgent need to increase funding to ensure the continuation of community services in both urban and rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [45809/22]

*607. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there will be opportunities for rural community groups to access CLÁR funding to purchase vehicles as part of their operation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [45918/22]

*608. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by her Department in tabular form; and the date by which each study, review and research is scheduled to be completed. — Catherine Murphy. [45961/22]