



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH**  
**QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY**

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

1. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an léir di na fadhbanna bunúsacha, atá soiléir ón Taighde ar Dhúshláin na gColáistí i gCorca Duibhne a rinneadh le déanaí, atá ag Coláistí Samhradh maidir le lóistín a sholáthar amach anseo do na mic léinn a fhreastalaíonn orthu agus cé na céimeanna atá á nglacadh aici chun feabhas a chur ar an scéal sula ndúnfar coláiste nó coláistí samhraidh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47273/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has considered the introduction of a leisure card for children and young people that would allow for State funding to be given directly to families for the purposes of paying for sport and or cultural activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [47809/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the assistance that is available to community festivals and shows to help with their running costs, including insurance. — Marian Harkin. [47526/22]

4. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps that she will take to protect the tourism industry that employs 10% of all employees in the country (details supplied) and if there are plans to protect this industry against energy price rises. — Richard O'Donoghue. [47830/22]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

5. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for promoting regional tourism in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [47580/22]

6. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her strategy to support and encourage greater use of the Irish language; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47368/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding, if any, that is available to voluntary groups to partake in Irish-language activities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47369/22]

8. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén fáth nár tógadh maoiniú do Chlár na Leabhar Gaeilge ar ais chuig na leibhéil a bhí ann roimh 2010; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47289/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps that she is taking to promote female involvement in sports from a young age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47505/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps that she is taking to address rising costs of operation for the hospitality sector, specifically with regard to their impact on tourism. — Holly Cairns. [47326/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline her engagements with the representatives from the hospitality sector specifically with regard to tourism since 1 January 2022. — Holly Cairns. [47327/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the implementation of the night-time economy support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46892/22]

13. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 20 of 21 June 2022, the status of the legacy framework arising from Galway 2020; if she will provide a breakdown of the way that the remaining €1 million from her Department's commitment to Galway 2020 will be spent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47574/22]

14. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way that the Sport Action Plan is delivering on greater participation for disadvantaged communities and women; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [47523/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the development of a major events strategy. — Seán Haughey. [47531/22]

16. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if additional funding will be provided to an organisation (details supplied) which recently announced that it cannot afford to continue operating due to a lack of Arts Council funding. — Gary Gannon. [47588/22]

17. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to promote the uptake of the newly launched solar grant for public organisations including sports clubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [47503/22]

18. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her Department's plans to offer additional supports to swimming pools given the increased energy costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47584/22]

19. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán conas a thacóidh sí leis an ngealltanas in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú), 2021 go mbeidh Gaeilge ag 20% d'fhostaithe nua na seirbhíse poiblí chun a chinntiú go gcuirfear seirbhísí ar fáil i nGaeilge; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [47578/22]

20. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress that has been made under the basic income for the arts pilot scheme; the uptake to date by county and sector in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47259/22]

21. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to liaise with cultural and artistic groups in County Kildare and throughout the country at large, with a view to encouraging interest in the arts, sports, Gaeltacht affairs and cultural activities given the importance of these issues by way of recovery after Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47512/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if additional supports will be made available for sports clubs who support initiatives to open their facilities to persons with disabilities. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [47528/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which an awarding of further sports grants is anticipated in the coming year; the extent to which those who were beneficiaries in the past three years and found themselves unable to complete the works can be accommodated by time extensions or top-up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47511/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the engagement that has occurred with Government colleagues regarding recruitment and retention challenges in the tourism sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47596/22]

25. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimhir 5 den 21 Meitheamh 2022, cad é stádas an ghrúpa idir-rannaigh atá ag obair chun cúrsaí pleanála i gceantair Ghaeltachta a chur chun cinn; cad é líon na n-uaireanta a bhuail an grúpa idir-rannach le chéile go dtí seo; an fhoilseofar na miontuairiscí; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [47576/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department is investigating ways to offset rising ticket prices for arts events during the cost-of-living crisis; and, if not, if it will consider same. — Gary Gannon. [47587/22]

27. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sé i gceist aici turas a thabhairt ar cheantair Charn Tóchair i gContae Dhoire mar fhreagairt ar chuireadh ón gcomharchumann áitiúil chun an obair atá déanta acu maidir le hathbhunú ceantar Gaeltachta i gceantair thuaithe a aithint. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47287/22]

28. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimhir 25 den 21 Meitheamh 2022, an ndéanfaidh sí soiléiriú a thabhairt ar stádas an tríú gné den obair athbhreithniúcháin atá idir lámha ag Údarás na Gaeltachta maidir leis na córais agus maidir leis an gcur chuige atá i ngníomh ag an Údarás faoi láthair chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna cliantchuideachtaí agus ar na bealaí ina ndéantar an t-ábhar a bhaineann leo a riaradh. — Catherine Connolly. [47573/22]

29. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán i dtaobh bhaile seirbhíse Mhuscraí, cén dul chun cinn atá á dheanamh agus cad iad na céad céimeanna eile chun go mbainfidh Maigh Chromtha stádas amach mar bhaile seirbhíse Gaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [47534/22]

30. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a breakdown of the areas in which the basic income for the arts pilot scheme grants was awarded in Dublin. — Gary Gannon. [47590/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on her meeting with an organisation (details supplied) and action taken thereafter. — Gary Gannon. [47586/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans, if any, to expand the mobility-of-collections scheme to support loans from the national collections for display in public buildings across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47123/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the National Velodrome and Badminton Centre project will commence construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [47516/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way that gender inequality on the boards of Ireland's major sporting bodies in receipt of Government funding will be addressed, both now and into the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [47585/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the progress of the establishment of Coimisiún na Meán; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [47592/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for the development of the Ireland's Hidden Heartlands Tourism brand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47122/22]

37. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé na céimeanna atá glactha aici chun cloí le cás maoinithe amharclann agus chomplacht náisiúnta drámaíochta na Gaeilge, An Taibhdhearc, chun a ról a chaomhnú agus a fhorbairt; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47285/22]

38. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé na céimeanna atá glactha aici maidir leis an ngá atá ann maoiniú óna Roinn a chur ar fáil chun stáisiún raidió don aos óg a chur á craoladh ar bhonn buan, go luath agus go náisiúnta. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47288/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will repurpose the underspend in the allocation for the basic income for artists scheme in 2022 due to delays as a one-off grant/commission scheme for those artists who were not selected for the pilot scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47286/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the up-to-date position on the Wild Atlantic Walkway and the Carlingford to Cobh Irish Sea Way as included in the Programme for Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47508/22]

41. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for the future Sports Capital Grants programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47506/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports that are in place to enable new swimming pools to be established in locations in which a need for such a facility has been researched and proven; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [47583/22]

43. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte Uimhir 25 den 21 Meitheamh 2022, an ndearbhóidh sí go bhfuil oifigeach pleanála teanga ceaptha i mBearna agus Cnoc na Cathrach; an ndéanfaidh sí soiléiriú a thabhairt ar stádas chur i bhfeidhm Phlean Teanga Bhearna agus Chnoc na Cathrach; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [47572/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a comparison between Ireland's arts expenditure and that of Spain, France, and Denmark. — Gary Gannon. [47589/22]

45. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans for the Invitation initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47507/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to support additional households to become host households for Gaeltacht summer colleges. — Seán Haughey. [47532/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps that she will take to promote and activate climate action in the wider sports sector, national governing bodies and Sport Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [47522/22]

48. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are any energy efficiency grants for sports clubs to upgrade their all-weather floodlights to LED lights, or more energy-efficient lighting. — Paul Donnelly. [47374/22]

49. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte 71 den 20 Eanáir 2022, an ndéanfaidh sí soiléiriú a thabhairt ar stádas an ghrúpa oibre a bunaíodh mar thoradh ar thaighde a rinneadh do Thuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta; cad é líon na n-uaireanta a bhuail an grúpa oibre le chéile go dtí seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [47575/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will request the institutions with responsibility for State exhibits which are currently held in storage to consider offering them on loan for display in public buildings across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47124/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on work that is underway to promote female participation in sport and to promote enhanced female participation in leadership within sport. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [47529/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of her engagements with the hospitality sector with regard to pricing and its impacts on tourism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [46891/22]

53. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán conas a chinnteoidh sí go mbeidh Coimisiún nua na Meán ábalta plé leis na meáin Ghaeilge trí Ghaeilge agus riachtanais phobal na Gaeilge a thabhairt chun cinn. — Aindrias Moynihan. [47535/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the steps that her Department is taking to promote Sliabh na Calliagh at Loughcrew, County Meath, as a tourism destination. — Peadar Tóibín. [46930/22]

55. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the basic income for the arts pilot scheme. — Niamh Smyth. [47258/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the interactions that she has had with the Minister for Social Protection to ensure that disabled artists in receipt of the basic income for the arts will not lose their disability allowance or blind pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [47515/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if additional supports will be made available to support sporting organisations recovering from the impact of Covid-19. — Paul McAuliffe. [47579/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects the review into the Large-Scale Sport Infrastructure Fund to be completed; the timeframe to re-open the fund once it has been received; and the process that Monaghan County Council will have to engage in following the review in order to secure funding to provide a public swimming pool in Carrickmacross, County Monaghan. — Matt Carthy. [46981/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to increase supports for disabled persons in the arts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47513/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports that her Department is providing to keep children in sports. — Thomas Gould. [47509/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total amount that her Department has spent on Galway 2020; the number of times that she has met with representatives of Galway 2020 since she took office; and the dates on which those meetings took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [46931/22]

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## CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

\*62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details of the nominating bodies and appointees to the Early-Years' Service Joint Labour Committee. — Ivana Bacik. [47749/22]



\*63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will extend the remit of the eligible countries for work permits, in order to attract bus drivers from third countries, given the acute shortage of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [47818/22]

\*64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a State agency has been granted work permits for drivers from a third country (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [47819/22]

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

\*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the length of time that an application has been with his Department (details supplied); when it is going to be finalised in view of the current energy crisis in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [46980/22]

\*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the channels through which persons with turbary rights can continue to sell turf beyond the end of October 2022; and the financial supports that will be made available to self-employed persons whose livelihood is wholly dependent on turf sales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47623/22]

\*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details on the resourcing and staffing for the Environmental Protection Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47634/22]

\*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the future of the waste-to-energy sector in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47635/22]

\*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on whether further subsidies for the waste-to-energy sector will be necessary to facilitate a route to market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47636/22]

\*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the appointment of a regulator for the waste-to-energy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47637/22]

\*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the development of a National Hydrogen Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47638/22]

\*72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a recovery levy as it relates to the landfill levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47639/22]

\*73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the exemption of some waste products under the landfill levy which can be used in energy production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47640/22]

\*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he proposes to introduce a ban on the installation of new oil and gas boilers in existing homes as early as 2025; the way that this will work in practice for homeowners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [47663/22]

\*75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends to amend the feed-in tariff (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47664/22]

\*76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the grants, if any, that are available for a house (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [47684/22]

\*77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that the persons who are living in stone-constructed homes are being refused the warmer homes scheme; the steps that he is taking to permit some remediation measures on such homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47687/22]

\*78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to address the matter of energy suppliers and the extortionate standing charges that in some cases have increased dramatically given that many tens of thousands of smart meters are currently being installed which should lower any standing charge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [47693/22]

\*79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that persons who require a constant power supply for life-saving home treatments or persons with serious medical conditions or disabilities can obtain guarantees from their energy provider that their homes will not experience electricity blackouts this winter; the measures that are being taken to alleviate these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47714/22]

\*80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average cost of grid connection for farmers intending to take part in the microgeneration support scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47764/22]

\*81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications targets that apply to the adoption of solar energy; the targets as they relate to farmers and agriculture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47765/22]

\*82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if groups of farmers are prohibited from bidding jointly in the renewable electricity support scheme; if he has considered modifying such parameters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47766/22]

\*83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends to conduct a review of legislation with regard to direct line energy connections between renewable energy sources such as on farm solar, to meet local demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47767/22]

\*84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of former employees of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs prior to its separation into An Post

and Telecom Éireann who can check if their pension contributions yield any pension benefits; if they can recover pension contributions from their years at the State body; and the agency and body that is responsible for the administration of such funds and queries. — Bríd Smith. [47781/22]

\*85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the terms and conditions of the new grant scheme for business installing solar panels; if businesses are prohibited from installing more than 6kw of panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47828/22]

*Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.*

\*86. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Oxford Economics Review of Future Capacity Needs at Ireland's State Airports (details supplied); and her views on whether the forecast figures are fair to regional tourism. — Richard O'Donoghue. [47831/22]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [47657/22]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the substantial delays when booking NCT tests through the National Car Testing Service (details supplied); if any measures are being taken to alleviate the pressure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47683/22]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the substantial delays when booking in-person appointments to renew a driving licence (details supplied); the steps that he is taking to ensure the full resumption of walk-in appointments for renewing driving licences; the measures, if any, that are being taken to alleviate the pressure on the renewal of driving licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47685/22]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Transport if assistance will be provided in relation to an issue (details supplied) regarding public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [47688/22]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the problems being experienced by persons using the number-17 bus route; if he will request the company (details supplied) to provide two additional number-17 buses during the morning and evening rush hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47694/22]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding funding for local authorities to provide for noise-mitigation measures related to national roads; the discussions, if any, that have taken place with Wicklow County Council on its noise-action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [47697/22]

\*93. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to the introduction of contactless card payment on electric-vehicle chargers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [47699/22]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of schools in Cork that submitted applications for the safe-routes-to-school scheme; the number of these schools that were successful with their applications; the names of the schools that were awarded funding; when applications will open for the next tranche of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [47702/22]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions that the Marine Survey Office has taken with regard to the recent listing of the Hebble Sand dredging vessel on the River Boyne in Drogheda; the way that the Office proposes to work with the vessel owner and the Drogheda Port Company to make the vessel safe and or have it removed from Drogheda Port; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [47705/22]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the impact that the NCT delays are having on the industry; the way that he will address the lack of NCT tests available for cars registered in the first and second halves of 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [47741/22]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to fast-tracking driving test applications for students in order to assist them in the accommodation challenge given the current shortage of accommodation for students attending third level colleges. — Charles Flanagan. [47759/22]

\*98. To ask the Minister for Transport if Bus transport from Charleville in County Cork to Limerick and Cork cities can be improved upon given that the existing services are both too infrequent and insufficiently early to deal with commuter and student travel to these locations; if public transport commuting from Charleville will be included in the Leap card programme; if other operators are entitled to operate on the route in the event that the service cannot be improved by existing service providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [47760/22]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will change the rule that when a taxi-car or people-carrier that has more than one owner cannot be used as a taxi beyond ten years. — Brian Stanley. [47794/22]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that his Department intends taking to deal with the backlog of NCT appointments currently being experienced in the Midwest; and if motorists will be covered given that they have to wait many months for their appointments, despite booking well in advance. — Cathal Crowe. [47796/22]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will give serious consideration to the addition of an NCT centre in west County Clare. — Cathal Crowe. [47797/22]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide assistance on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47805/22]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which the Road Safety Authority engaged and or consulted with advanced driver instructors in the context of the latest essential driver training review; the full costs associated with the review; the consultancy that conducted the latest review; the costs and the name of the consultant who produced the 2009 report; and if the RSA will clarify whether a tender process was utilised to engage a consultant. — Catherine Murphy. [47815/22]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*104. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General has full confidence in all financial transactions involved in healthcare received via the Cross-Border Healthcare Directive and the Northern Ireland Planned Healthcare Scheme; if the Office conducts

or plans to conduct an audit of the schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [47716/22]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a 0% VAT rate for a lime product (details supplied) given that it is environmentally friendly and it will encourage more farmers to use it and reduce their carbon footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47649/22]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will allow registered-company owners to purchase certain vehicles (details supplied) once they can demonstrate a genuine need within their business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [47659/22]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount paid by companies and employees in PAYE and PRSI contributions in each of the years 2020 and 2021 and from January to August 2022, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [47736/22]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of revenue paid by businesses at the different VAT rates for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [47737/22]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Finance if discussions are expected to amend the current vehicle registration and custom duties applicable to the importation of used vehicles from Great Britain including those with European Union or third-country-origin, due to the record low number of vehicles in the car fleet industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [47740/22]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is possible to seek tax relief at 20% on medical expenses where said medical expenses have also been subject to a refund under the drug payment scheme. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [47747/22]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of individual packages that were refused entry to Ireland due to a lack of a valid Customs declaration form or electronic Customs declaration form for each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the percentage that the refused packages constituted of the total number of packages handled by Customs for each of these years. — Ged Nash. [47751/22]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of foreign postal services that have registered to use the automated-import system to date (details supplied), which will enable them to register electronic customs declaration forms on behalf of customers; and the names of these foreign postal services. — Ged Nash. [47752/22]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned that Irish citizens living or travelling in countries whose postal services have failed to register on the automated-import system will be prevented from sending parcels of any kind to Ireland; and the way that this may shut off Ireland from the global postal system. — Ged Nash. [47753/22]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that an individual can take to send items to Ireland if they are posting such items from countries whose postal services have yet to register on the automated-import system; and if he is concerned at the risk of Ireland developing a reputation that is unfriendly to international business and trade. — Ged Nash. [47754/22]

\*115. To ask the Minister for Finance if any foreign postal service has refused to register for the automated-import system to date; and if he will provide the identities of these postal services. — Ged Nash. [47755/22]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the rising home insurance costs; his view on whether these increases are fully justified based on increased construction costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [47762/22]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Finance the VAT rates that apply to solar equipment, including rooftop solar photovoltaic; the amount of revenue raised arising from such 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the allowable VAT rates under European Union Directives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47771/22]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Commissioners Revenue have adequate internal risk management and audit controls in place to detect and prevent abuse of their seize and release vehicle registration tax enforcement procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47822/22]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that the Revenue Commissioners seize and release vehicle registration tax enforcement procedure has not been disproportionately targeting women; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47823/22]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners is satisfied that the use of the seize and release vehicle registration tax enforcement procedure which sees on-the-spot roadside cash payment of compromise penalties is lawful; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47824/22]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners sets annual seizure vehicle registration tax enforcement performance targets across the regions for vehicle registration tax enforcement officers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47825/22]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Revenue Commissioners' vehicle registration tax manual section 5 enforcement will be updated and available on its website once again; the procedure that has been in place while the manual has been unavailable online in respect to the use of seize and release; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47826/22]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Revenue Commissioners has commenced any investigations into evidence or concerns of potential abuse of its vehicle registration tax enforcement powers; if any report on such an investigation will be made public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47827/22]

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

\*124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which a pension entitlement is calculated for a person that becomes a PRSI worker in the private sector following 35 years of pensionable State service in the Department of Defence, and subsequently An Garda Síochána, and who chooses to retire at 55 years; and if the matter will be clarified in cases in which that person becomes self-employed following an example provided (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [47807/22]



\*125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will examine the case of a person (details supplied) who is responsible for a stream at a property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47667/22]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the opportunities that are available to public-sector employees to transfer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47734/22]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department, the Office of the Chief Information Officer, or the Office of Government Procurement provide any advice to Government Departments or bodies under their aegis with regard to acquiring or making use of advanced programming interfaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47772/22]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will make a partnership agreement document and the accompanying European Commission assessment available to this Deputy, which is referenced in a newspaper report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [47785/22]

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

\*129. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding that is available to sporting bodies to deliver mental health and well-being training; the process by which clubs can avail of this funding in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47680/22]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of the 60 governing bodies of sport which are in receipt of annual funding; the number that are not in receipt of funding; the amount of funding that was provided to each governing body by organisation for each of the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47718/22]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding that is available to sports clubs to deliver mental health training; the process required to avail of this funding and the amount of funding that is available in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47719/22]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of volunteers and coaches in the 60 governing bodies of sports who have completed coaching certificates; the type and level of certificate by sporting body in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47720/22]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if suitable premises will be located and financial assistance provided to a club (details supplied); the supports that are available to the club; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47726/22]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a date and location has been decided for the 2022 An Gorta Mór overseas remembrance day. — Cathal Crowe. [47731/22]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are plans to include the public in the commemoration of An Gorta Mór 2023 given the public's exclusion from the celebration in 2022. — Cathal Crowe. [47732/22]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a date has been decided for An Gorta Mór 2023 commemoration; and if additional notice will be given than the 24 days that was given in 2022 which made it difficult for the general public, particularly those living abroad, to participate in the ceremony. — Cathal Crowe. [47733/22]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that a person (details supplied) in County Tipperary has not been accepted into the artists' basic income project; if there is a standby list for consideration to replace any successful applicant who may not have accepted the offer of entry into the scheme; if this person will be automatically considered for any future artists' basic income schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47735/22]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will clarify her plans in relation to the current basic income for arts scheme; if applicants who were unsuccessful for the current scheme can reapply in the coming year; if any possible anomalies in the lottery system will be removed; if any assessment of artists' current income and circumstances such as risk of poverty will be taken into account concerning future plans for the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [47782/22]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will engage with Dublin City Council to ascertain the supports that may be needed to open the Dublin Fruit Market on a full-time basis particularly given its potential as a major tourism attraction. — Gary Gannon. [47835/22]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to engage with the tourism sector in order to ensure full recovery following Covid-19; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47838/22]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she has received submissions from all elements of the tourism sector in regard to facilitating full recovery post-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47839/22]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which her Department continues to monitor the tourism sector in order to identify trends with particular reference to aspects of the industry that appear to still suffer from the effects of Covid-19 restrictions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47840/22]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she continues to engage with cultural groups of local and national importance throughout the country and County Kildare with a view to maximisation of culture as a means of promoting business and boosting the economy at local and national level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47841/22]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her office continue to encourage cultural projects at local and national level with a



view to ensuring maximisation of economic benefit through the medium of culture and tourism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47842/22]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she and her Department continue to encourage all forms of the arts including the stage and film industry, local voluntary groups and those interested in the promotion of the arts at amateur; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47843/22]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which opportunities continue to exist for philanthropists to engage in and support the arts nationally and locally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47844/22]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she can facilitate those who have previously been awarded Capital Sports Grants and have not been in a position to complete the projects due to Covid-19 or other related issues; if arrangements will be made to ensure they be given an extension of time to meet their requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47845/22]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she expects to be in a position of offer Capital Sports Grants in the current or future years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47846/22]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which endeavours continue to be made to host international sporting events in this country with particular reference to ensuring full recovery post-Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47849/22]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which business tourism continues to be encouraged with the obviously necessity of having to compete internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47850/22]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures that she continues to take to encourage the growth of and further development of the film industry, indigenous and international here; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47851/22]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which this country remains an attractive base for film locations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47852/22]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she continues to ensure the continued growth and viability of all portfolios under her aegis with obvious benefit for tourism, culture, arts, sport and media; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47853/22]

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

\*154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date that the croí cónaithe scheme will become available for persons in rural areas with a population of under 400; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47618/22]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [47621/22]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional resourcing that he has given to local authorities to staff affordable housing units. — Thomas Gould. [47647/22]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on the cause of death for each of the 300 animals in locations (details supplied), including euthanasia, gender, age at time-of-death and the origin of these animals. — Paul Murphy. [47651/22]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47661/22]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the vacant-property refurbishment grant scheme will be extended to derelict rural properties in order that those who live in rural areas may benefit from the grant, as well as those who reside in towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [47662/22]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when new planning regulations for the installation of solar panels on private homes, community buildings and schools will be published; the reason for the delay in doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47672/22]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the support that he plans to offer county and city councils to meet increasing costs as a result of general inflation, higher energy costs and public-sector pay increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47704/22]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the grants that are available for persons living in thatched cottages for the upkeep of their roof; the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47728/22]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that his Department is taking in relation to the issues that owners of thatched cottages are having in obtaining home insurance; if his Department has liaised with the Department of Finance on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47729/22]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is reviewing the amount in grants that is available to the owners of thatched cottages (details supplied) to cover roof maintenance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47730/22]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the terms of the housing in situ scheme which allows a local authority in certain circumstances to acquire a house with HAP tenants and retain the house as part of its rental stock converting the HAP tenant to a Council tenant; the assessment of suitable tenants that applies; the rules governing acquisition of the home that apply in 2022 and in the years ahead; and the estimated number of council tenancies that will be delivered in this way. — Richard Bruton. [47761/22]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when local authorities will be provided with the detail of the croí cónaithe fund in order to approve applications for towns

and villages; the details of the extension to rural areas; the additional funding to be provided to local authorities for this extension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47778/22]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to amend the Building Regulations 2010 (details supplied) to include technical guidance documents for wheelchair liveable housing; if he will engage with the disability groups to hear their perspective on the current regulations and the way that they impact negatively on their lives. — John McGuinness. [47783/22]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the lack of an available stock of wheelchair-liveable housing in Ireland; and the steps that he will take to amend the outdated Building Regulations 2010 (details supplied); the number of liveable units that have been delivered in the past five years; and the number that are being funded currently by his Department. — John McGuinness. [47784/22]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will assist residents in an estate (details supplied) with a water issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [47795/22]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider increasing the income threshold to a minimum of €50,000 in order to qualify for council housing assistance supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [47810/22]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a direction will be issued to local authorities authorising the payment of the Covid-19 recognition payment to fire brigade personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47833/22]

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

\*172. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that have been and will be taken to help address the deteriorating social, economic and political situation in Lebanon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [47695/22]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has communicated Ireland's concern at the disturbing events in Iran in which authorities are repressing peaceful protest to the Iranian government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [47696/22]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason that Ireland agreed to reconvene the European Union-Israel Association Council in October 2022 given that Israel's actions on the ground in Palestine show that it remains a serial human rights abuser and international law violator. — Paul Murphy. [47708/22]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the aid that will be provided for internally displaced civilians in Armenia given the invasion by Azerbaijan of Armenia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [47792/22]

\*176. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that the passport applications for siblings and their father (details supplied) will be processed urgently by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [47803/22]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the 0.7% international aid commitment will be enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [47811/22]

*Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.*

\*178. To ask the Minister for Defence if consideration has been given to the striking of a medal for the members of the Defence Forces involved in Operation Fortitude, and other related Covid-19 military deployments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47679/22]

*Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.*

\*179. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure the provision of school transport for a pupil (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [47626/22]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 226 of 15 September 2022, if the project at a school (details supplied) was initiated in 2017 and subsequently agreed in 2019; if she will provide further details and clarity in relation to the start and completion dates for the project; and the interim plans, if any, that are in place to address the educational needs of the increasing population in the area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [47628/22]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a proposal for a school building project (details supplied); the engagement that she or her Department have had with the school in relation to progressing this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47642/22]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47654/22]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure the provision of school transport for pupils (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [47655/22]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the school bus route between Maigh Cuilinn and Galway city, and the school bus from Cashel to Carna; if additional students will be allowed to avail of these bus services; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [47677/22]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Education if the building section in her Department has been in contact with the landowner of the site for a school (details supplied) with a view to discuss the provision of further accommodation on the site; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [47698/22]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools in the State; the number of physical education teachers employed in each school, by school in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47722/22]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Education the number of post-primary schools in the State; the number of physical education teachers employed in each school, by school in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47723/22]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are in place to employ physical education teachers for each primary and post-primary school in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47725/22]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will provide the necessary funding for a Mica defective block schools programme, an educational and wellbeing programme for second level students as submitted to Donegal Education and Training Board by affected homeowners in the county. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47758/22]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Education the reasoning behind the recently announced free school transport scheme, with reference to the closing of the registration portal and in particular, the position of pupils who had registered and paid the fee for an annual ticket in April 2022, and who were then informed that the tickets were revoked and refunds issued; if her attention has been drawn to pupils having been granted tickets and not availing of the scheme resulting in places becoming available; if tickets may re-issue to those whose places were revoked having been accepted and paid for, in view of current challenges and anomalies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [47763/22]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that her Department will take to source the schoolbooks as announced in the new scheme to provide free schoolbooks to all primary school children from September 2023 through local independent suppliers and bookshops; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [47804/22]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Education when the State Examination's Commission will issue the 2022 Junior Certificate results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47813/22]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that the results of appeals in respect of the Leaving Certificate Examination 2022 will issue without further delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [47834/22]

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

\*194. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance will be provided in relation to an issue (details supplied) regarding public transport. — Niall Collins. [47688/22]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there will be any changes to the assessment to qualify for the working family payment in Budget 2023; and if there will be an increase in the payment that persons will receive. — Paul Murphy. [47715/22]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive a widower's pension. — Paul McAuliffe. [47619/22]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who is living alone and who is renting a room with a tenancy agreement in an owner-occupied property will be affected in relation to their additional benefits such as the living alone allowance and fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [47624/22]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for fuel allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47625/22]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a payment will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47643/22]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will implement a proposal by an organisation (details supplied) regarding the improved access to the free-travel scheme for persons with epilepsy in Ireland in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47656/22]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a payment will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47686/22]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the up-to-date position on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [47727/22]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the organic farming scheme was not included in the expanded list of schemes as of June 2022, which are assessed differently concerning the disregard within farm assist; the estimated cost of including the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47745/22]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of famers or agricultural workers who have sought jobseeker's allowance, jobseeker's benefit, or family income support in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [47786/22]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a reply will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [47829/22]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a partial carer's allowance will be offered to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47858/22]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs' payment will be made available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47859/22]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the job seeker's allowance will be restored immediately in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47862/22]

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

\*209. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of ECCE centres, playschools and day care service in the State; the physical education requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47724/22]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will support a campaign by an organisation (details supplied) for 2023, to increase funding for youth work and youth work organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47703/22]



\*211. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Ukrainian childcare qualifications are recognised in Ireland for those seeking to work in the childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [47706/22]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons from Ukraine who have come to Ireland since the beginning of the Russian attack who have been provided with housing in private residential properties by the Government and an organisation (details supplied) since the beginning of the war; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47742/22]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons who have agreed to provide residential accommodation to Ukrainian refugees through an organisation (details supplied) since the beginning of the war; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47743/22]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the early-learning and care services that are in receipt of the graduate premium for lead educators, and the graduate premium for graduate managers; and the sum allocated to each service in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [47748/22]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to make public the list of signatories to the new core-funding model; and the consequences for organisations which sign up to the scheme but do not pass-on the benefit of a fee-freeze to parents. — Ivana Bacik. [47750/22]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a list of all special care units in operation in Ireland is maintained and published; and if the location and details of certain units are kept confidential for security reasons. — Ivana Bacik. [47756/22]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the adequacy of Health and Information Quality Authority inspection protocols of special care units; and if he will report on the standard criteria which are applied to such inspections. — Ivana Bacik. [47757/22]

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

\*218. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the financial support that is available for students studying abroad in Scotland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47620/22]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [47816/22]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Irish third level students who were studying in Ukraine have had to transfer to courses in other European Union Member States, and that the students were not offered places in Ireland to complete their course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47641/22]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 435 of 20 September 2022, the reason that the National Student Accommodation Strategy 2016 to 2024 targets no additional student accommodation in Waterford over the eight-year life of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [47644/22]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider allowing the Leaving Certificate candidates of 2020 and 2021 who change courses to avail of free fees given that the disruption from Covid-19 is a factor in the difficulties in staying in a course. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [47689/22]

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

\*223. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of visa applications by persons (details supplied) who have received work permits from the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment. — Michael Creed. [47645/22]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí that are attached to the K district traffic division in each of the years 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [47653/22]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí employed; the number of gardaí on sick leave, and the number who are not fit for duty in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [47738/22]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí recruited in each of the years 2020 and 2021, and from January to August 2022, in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [47739/22]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of probate applications that had to be withdrawn due to circumstances (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47820/22]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected residency position in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47854/22]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*229. To ask the Minister for Health if a service will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47622/22]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Health if he will facilitate the transfer of a healthcare employee (details supplied) to an alternative location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47627/22]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the engagements with stakeholders with regard to the appointment of a chief pharmaceutical officer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47629/22]



\*232. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work of the Community Pharmacy Planning Forum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47630/22]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Health his views with regard to the potential of early cancer screening in community pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47631/22]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts that are being made to address pay and conditions issues within the community pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47632/22]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the shortage of staff with regard to community pharmacies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [47633/22]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are available for young adults over 16 and 18 years of age with severe eating disorders; the number of beds that are available in Ireland to deal with severe eating disorders; his plans, if any, for nursing specialists in this area to be employed nationwide; and his plans, if any, to secure and increase funding for same. — Peter Burke. [47648/22]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that his Department is taking to tackle the shortage of qualified staff in an industry (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the calls from the industry for more third level places and a reduction of needless paperwork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [47658/22]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the payment of the Covid healthcare bonus to non-HSE workers; and the date for the commencement of same. — Martin Browne. [47660/22]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of specialist, multidisciplinary treatment and care for children with long-Covid; the reason that there are currently no long-Covid clinics for children in Ireland given that those affected are being treated by general paediatricians and general practitioners without the necessary level of expertise to manage this debilitating illness; if there are plans to assemble multidisciplinary teams including physicians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists, dieticians et cetera within dedicated long-Covid clinics; if so, when these will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [47666/22]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there is no multidisciplinary team including paediatricians' expertise in post-viral illnesses, physiotherapists, occupational therapists, psychologists and dietitians, in any of the children's hospitals to deal with long-Covid among children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47673/22]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are being treated in the children's hospitals as in-patients or out-patients with symptoms of long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47674/22]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there are no outpatient dietitian appointments in Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47675/22]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there is no outpatient psychologist in Our Lady's Children's Hospital Crumlin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [47676/22]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the lack of on-call services for the HSE in the community at weekends from Friday evening until Monday morning (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [47678/22]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Health the number of sports organisations that have received mental health and well-being training by sport, by club and gender, in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47681/22]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Health when the regulations for counsellors and psychotherapists through CORU will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [47682/22]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Health the name and location of each Section 38 and Section 39 organisation; the number of staff employed at that location and their grades; and the disparity between those staff and directly employed HSE staff at the same grade in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [47690/22]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Health if he will inform this Deputy whether he will meet trade union representatives on the issue of pay equality for Section 39 workers. — Sean Sherlock. [47691/22]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1899 of 8 September 2022, the category that the private cleaning staff who were working in a hospital during the pandemic fall under, regarding the pandemic recognition payment (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [47700/22]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request the HSE to pay a significant interim payment to all those awaiting payment of the €1,000 Covid pandemic payment in the private, voluntary and Section 39 organisations pending the outcome of a HSE tendering process to assist with the payment of this pandemic bonus; the current timelines anticipated for payment under this HSE arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [47707/22]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Health the number, size and cost of properties owned by the HSE or his Department that are not in use. — Peadar Tóibín. [47721/22]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that he will put in place to ensure that prescribed medication can be accessed by patients, who would otherwise need to go into accident and emergency units, after 10pm in Cork due to the fact that there are no longer late-night pharmacies open past 10pm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [47744/22]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider opening procurement for private companies to tender to help with recruitment of much-needed nurses and doctors from countries such as India (details supplied). — Emer Higgins. [47773/22]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the availability of evusheld to immunocompromised patients in Ireland; the reason that it is not available; when it will be made available; the cohorts of patients to be included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47775/22]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff on the paid-leave for public health service employees unfit for work post-Covid-infection scheme; the breakdown of staff numbers by region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47776/22]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions that the Westdoc service has been extended to include an additional general practitioner rota group; the groups involved; when they were incorporated into the service; if he will list the GP rota groups presently not part of Westdoc or similar groups in the adjoining counties of Galway, Mayo and Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47777/22]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Health if advice will be provided to a person (details supplied) in relation to the pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [47780/22]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies born suffering from addiction to drugs or alcohol in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [47791/22]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost of the cyber-attack experienced by the HSE during the Covid-19 pandemic; the estimated total cost of repairing the damage done by the attack; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [47793/22]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give detailed consideration to the pre-Budget 2023 submission by an organisation (details supplied) particularly its call for fair pricing for prescription charges and increased support for community pharmacists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47798/22]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate a matter (details supplied) as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47800/22]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that the HSE is putting in place to assist general practitioner practices in County Donegal with supporting Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47802/22]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that day care transport is recommenced for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [47806/22]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many private nursing home staff are experiencing substantial financial difficulty as a result of the cost-of-living crisis and are relying on the pandemic payment of €1,000 to help them in the coming months; if he will give a definitive date for when they will receive the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [47808/22]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid payment will be made to the staff of a nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [47812/22]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered the provision of support on the medical card for patients whose treatment requires an expensive diet. — Richard Bruton. [47814/22]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Health when a direction will be issued to local authorities authorising the payment of the Covid-19 recognition payment to fire brigade personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [47832/22]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [47836/22]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting ten months for an appointment with Croom Orthopaedic Hospital Limerick following a referral from the Fraser rheumatology clinic in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [47837/22]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Health if a deferral for the time being will be offered in respect of a debt (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [47860/22]

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

\*271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the regulations on the keeping, breeding, sale or supply of exotic pets following the commitment in the Programme for Government to introduce regulations; if there will be a public consultation; and when the regulations will be introduced. — Paul Murphy. [47652/22]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will approve a lime product (details supplied) for use by organic farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [47650/22]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the up-to-date position with an appeal within his Department for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo; when this appeal will be finalised; the reason that it is taking a prolonged length of time for a decision to be reached on this appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [47668/22]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the correspondence from a group (details supplied) with regard to the building of Ros a'Mhíl deep-water pier; if he will provide details of the engagements, if any, that he or officials from his Department have had with this group on foot of this correspondence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47669/22]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the decision was made to seek tenders to dredge to a depth of -10 metres in relation to the building of the deep-water pier at Ros a'Mhíl harbour, particularly given the fact that the existing planning permission is for a deep-water pier of a depth of -12 metres at low tide; the basis on which the decision was made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47670/22]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the analysis that his Department has carried out into updating the terms of the current tender process for the deep-water pier development project in Ros a'Mhíl harbour in order that tenders are sought for dredging to a depth of -12 metres, rather than -10 metres, in light of reports and design work over the past 20 years which conclude that a depth of -12 metres in the berth pocket is optimal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [47671/22]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if mink farmers received compensation for the closure of mink farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [47717/22]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the minimum and maximum livestock-unit values per hectare, and the values per individual-type of livestock for the organic farming scheme, areas of natural constraint scheme, and the ACRES scheme in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [47746/22]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of forestry licence applications predating 2021 that remain to be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47768/22]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be mandatory professional forester involvement in the small-scale tree planting scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47769/22]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expected allocation under the targeted agriculture modernisation schemes for solar equipment for the period 2023 to 2027, as per his indicative allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [47770/22]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will give detailed consideration to the pre-Budget 2023 submission by an organisation (details supplied) particularly its call for measures to tackle generational renewal and the need for greater income support at the level of taxation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [47799/22]

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

\*283. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has received a valid application from a community organisation (details supplied) in County Tipperary under the Community Centres Investment Fund; when is it expected that applications will be validated and funding allocated to successful applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [47646/22]