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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [44624/22]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [44844/22]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [45435/22]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [45730/22]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48121/22]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — John Lahart. [48122/22]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48748/22]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [48749/22]
9. 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]
10. To ask the Taoiseach the status of developments under the Shared Island initiative. — Brendan Smith. [44814/22]
11. 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]
12. To ask the Taoiseach to report on the work of his Department's shared island unit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48259/22]

13. To ask the Taoiseach the funding that has been allocated to the shared island unit of his Department in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48332/22]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Shared Island Unit. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48333/22]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Shared Island Unit. — Paul Murphy. [48336/22]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Shared Island Unit. — Ivana Bacik. [48471/22]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of his Department's Shared Island Unit. — Mick Barry. [48635/22]

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

19. 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]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on progress of Housing for All which is led by his Department. — Mick Barry. [48636/22]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

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

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [48034/22]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48334/22]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [48337/22]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [48472/22]

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

30. 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]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [48035/22]

32. 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. [48470/22]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Economic Policy Unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48746/22]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Economic Policy Unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [48747/22]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue coordination unit in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [48039/22]

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

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit will meet next; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48331/22]

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

39. 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]

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

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [48038/22]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if it has become apparent that the United Nations needs to adopt a more vigorous stance on violations of human rights, hunger, famine and starvation and an immediate response in which aggression is becoming more prevalent on a worldwide basis following his interaction with the United Nations in the context of Ireland's membership of the Security Council. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48273/22]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. — Mary Lou McDonald. [48037/22]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA
QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [48473/22]

*45. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form. — Michael McNamara. [48743/22]

*46. To ask the Taoiseach the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date. — Bríd Smith. [49006/22]

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

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will seek an update on the provision of an advanced building solution in Drogheda's new IDA landbank; if he will seek a technical brief on the proposed development; the expected timelines for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [48724/22]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48732/22]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48995/22]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if all his Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49556/22]

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

*51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number and cost of each website that falls under his remit; the number of unique visitors per month to each website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48714/22]

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has issued a directive or guidance to local authorities in respect of festive lights being erected in towns and cities across Ireland during the forthcoming Christmas period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48715/22]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48733/22]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that have been carried out to remove man-made waste from the rivers Liffey, Tolka and Dodder in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [48755/22]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are measures in place along the rivers Liffey, Tolka and Dodder to prevent rubbish and general waste entering into Dublin Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [48756/22]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a matter raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) in relation to standing charges on electricity bills will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48771/22]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the further retrofitting funding measures that are included for Approved Housing Bodies in Budget 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [48788/22]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department conducted a feasibility study regarding the reopening of Derrybrien windfarm considering that this windfarm is able to provide additional power into the national grid within a matter of weeks once recommissioned; the additional measures that are being taken to alleviate the risk of electrical blackouts or controlled grid shutdown this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [48790/22]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider taking steps to ensure that those gas and electricity customers who have pay-as-you-go meters will not have their electricity or gas cut off this winter and therefore avail of the moratorium on disconnections; the consultation that his Department has had with the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [48797/22]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the date that the first electricity credit will be paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [48825/22]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 90 of 28 September 2022, if a response will issue to same (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48830/22]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for the Energy Transformation Programme; the capital, current and total 2022 budget allocation for the Energy Transformation Programme,

and the percentage difference compared to the Budget 2023 allocation; the capital, current and total allocation under the 2022 Revised Estimates for the Energy Transformation Programme, and the percentage difference compared to the Budget 2023 allocation; the capital, current and total allocation under the 2022 March Supplementary Estimates for the Energy Transformation Programme, and the percentage difference compared to the Budget 2023 allocation. — Darren O'Rourke. [48837/22]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the capital, current and total 2023 budget allocation for residential and community retrofit programmes; the capital, current and total 2022 budget allocation for residential and community retrofit programmes, and the percentage difference compared to the Budget 2023 allocation; the capital, current and total allocation under the 2022 Revised Estimates for residential and community retrofit programmes, and the percentage difference compared to the Budget 2023 allocation; the capital, current and total allocation under the March Supplementary Estimates 2022 for residential and community retrofit programmes, and the percentage difference compared to the Budget 2023 allocation. — Darren O'Rourke. [48838/22]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the breakdown of the 2023 Budget allocations for each programme under subhead B4. — Darren O'Rourke. [48839/22]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of the 13,800 homes forecasted to be brought to a building energy rating of B2 as part of the Budget 2023 allocation will be delivered under the better energy warmer homes scheme, the better energy homes scheme, the community energy grant scheme and the national home energy upgrade scheme; and the average cost of bringing homes to a BER of B2 for each of the schemes that has been used to underpin the overall target B2 output of 13,800. — Darren O'Rourke. [48840/22]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of the 6,000 target free upgrades under the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland energy poverty scheme announced as part of the Budget 2023 allocation are forecasted to be brought to a building energy rating of B2. — Darren O'Rourke. [48841/22]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average cost of bringing a home to a BER of B2 under the better energy warmer homes scheme in 2022, inclusive of VAT. — Darren O'Rourke. [48842/22]

*68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an investigation which was carried out on a board (details supplied) has been completed; if so, the outcome of the investigation; if he will provide a copy of the investigation to this Deputy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [48862/22]

*69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to a matter (details supplied); if he will provide details of any engagement that he or his Department has had with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities with regard to the classification of customers as urban domestic customers or rural domestic customers; the methodology used in this classification; if he will provide details of any engagement that he or his Department has had with the CRU, or energy providers, concerning the reason that rural domestic customers pay higher standing charges than urban domestic customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48915/22]

*70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48996/22]

*71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average household energy bill expected in 2022; the estimated energy bill for a household in 2023; the analysis that his Department has carried out to determine this; if he will publish that analysis; if he will confirm the rationale that informed the decision to set the credit at €600; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49032/22]

*72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which the €600 energy credits will be funded in 2022 and 2023; the spending programme through which these funds will be transmitted; if there will be supplementary estimates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49033/22]

*73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there will be measures this winter to claw-back the energy credit from those with holiday homes and second or third properties; if any consideration has been given to a clawback mechanism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49034/22]

*74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if all his Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49101/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*75. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will liaise with the National Transport Authority to have a village (details supplied) in County Cork included in the Local Link service on an existing run; if he will direct them to provide funding in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48671/22]

*76. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of driving test testers in County Wexford; the current number of driving tester vacancies in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [48675/22]

*77. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of persons awaiting a driving test in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [48676/22]

*78. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of bus driver testers in County Wexford; the current number of vacancies for bus driver testers in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [48677/22]

*79. To ask the Minister for Transport the current number of persons awaiting a bus drive test in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [48678/22]

*80. To ask the Minister for Transport the discussions that he is having with both the Road Safety Authority and Bus Éireann in regard to the current policy not to allow persons after the age of 70 years to drive a bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [48679/22]

*81. To ask the Minister for Transport the training in legislation that is provided to staff at the Road Safety Authority; the intervals that staff are provided with refresher training in legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [48680/22]

*82. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for investment in services and on-site facilities at Ennis bus station given its importance to promoting sustainable transport and contribution to the local tourism economy in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48696/22]

*83. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made on the proposed provision of a rail stop at Crusheen, County Clare, in view of his Department's goal of increasing public transport usage in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48697/22]

*84. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and cost of each website that falls under his Department's remit; the average number of unique visitors per month to each website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48699/22]

*85. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48745/22]

*86. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to changing toll barrier policy as it relates to heavy goods vehicles to bring in line with other European countries and to save fuel and reduce emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48764/22]

*87. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which he will support the transition to cleaner engines for heavy goods vehicles; if he will introduce a targeted scrappage scheme; if he will support the move to Euro VI engines; if so, the way that he will support same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48765/22]

*88. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the call for the introduction of a tiered fuel rebate scheme for heavy goods vehicles to encourage and support the transition to cleaner vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48766/22]

*89. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has plans to reform the driver certificate of professional competence system for heavy goods vehicle drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48767/22]

*90. To ask the Minister for Transport if he or his Department have explored the possibility of securing an extension of the Ghyvelde Corridor exemption to Irish heavy goods vehicles given the significant increase in direct ferry crossings and haulage between Ireland and France post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [48768/22]

*91. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider running a national safety campaign, similar to the Stayin Alive at 1.5 undertaken by Cycling Ireland to advise motorists to stay a distance apart from pedestrians when overtaking them. — Cathal Crowe. [48769/22]

*92. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is intended for the chief surveyor to have oversight of the proposed new marine accident investigation unit; and if so, the measures that are being considered to prevent any conflicts of interest. — Catherine Murphy. [48845/22]

*93. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will detail the impact of the Marine Casualty Investigation Board dissolution on currently contracted investigators; if investigators have been notified of the planned dissolution of the MCIB; and if it is intended to transfer these contracts to the marine accident investigation unit once it is formed. — Catherine Murphy. [48846/22]

*94. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are any funding updates with regards to the M11/N11 upgrade which was previously refused funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48852/22]

*95. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to include Naas in the €2 90-minute fare zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [48865/22]

*96. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine the anomaly by which those driving on full driving licences from other countries, who have either moved to or returned to live in Ireland, are treated as unqualified drivers and must undertake lessons, a test and so on (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [48871/22]

*97. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test date can issue to a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [48873/22]

*98. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49008/22]

*99. To ask the Minister for Transport if a driving test will be expedited for an employee (detail supplied) who cannot get to work unless they can drive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49087/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*100. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that the tax credit for renters does not apply to recipients of RAS and HAP tenancies; the reason that it will not apply to the top-up payment paid directly to landlords under such tenancies; if the relief will apply to families paying rents to local authorities or housing associations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48947/22]

*101. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on a Medical Board of Appeal case by a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [49081/22]

*102. To ask the Minister for Finance the supports that are in place regarding benefit-in-kind to reduce the impact of higher financial costs for those workers who commute as part of their job considering the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, the recent changes to the benefit and the fact that these workers use vehicles for their work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48674/22]

*103. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of and dates of meetings that have taken place between him and or the Secretary General of his Department and the Governor of the Central Bank of Ireland since June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48702/22]

*104. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a report published by an organisation (details supplied); if he has considered the recommendations made in the report in relation to the provision of mortgages and other financial products to cancer survivors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [48708/22]

*105. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48734/22]

*106. To ask the Minister for Finance if clarification will be provided regarding rent credits (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48773/22]

*107. To ask the Minister for Finance his views in relation to the trajectory of the Euro; the steps that are being taken at both national and European level to protect the value of the Euro; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48781/22]

*108. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider reducing VAT on all reusables to make reusable items more affordable; if he will consider making period pants 0% VAT, similar to other sanitary products given that reusable period pants are a sanitary product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48854/22]

*109. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider introducing right-to-be-forgotten legislation which will ensure that after a specified period of time, those who have survived cancer either do not have to declare their diagnosis, and or can no longer be treated differently to those who have not had a cancer diagnosis when applying for some types of insurance and or loans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48855/22]

*110. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration is being given to a deferral of the planned changes to the company car benefit-in-kind regime, which is due to come into effect on 1 January 2023, in view of the impact that it will have on sales representatives who require a car as a tool of their trade; if there is any provision to be made for such employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48945/22]

*111. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost of the provision of the tax credit to renters of accommodation which is their primary principle residence; the reason that it does not apply to the rental of student accommodation; the reason it does not apply to recipients of RAS and HAP tenancies and the reason it will not apply to the top-up payment paid directly to landlords under such tenancies; if the relief will apply to families paying rents to local authorities or housing associations; his plans, if any, to consider such categories of tenants; when it is expected that the relief will be available to tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48946/22]

*112. To ask the Minister for Finance the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48997/22]

*113. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an urgent update regarding the replacement of the Medical Board of Appeal (details supplied); and the way in which appeals are currently being progressed in the absence of the Board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [49024/22]

*114. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline all of the taxation measures announced in Budget 2023 that form part of the 2022 cost of living package and the one-off cost of each in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49025/22]

*115. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline all of the taxation measures not announced in the Budget 2023 documentation or his speech that he intends to legislate for with the Finance Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49026/22]

*116. To ask the Minister for Finance if the change to the threshold for the higher income tax band introduced in Budget 2023 also applies to retired persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [49085/22]

*117. To ask the Minister for Finance if persons who are renting under a licence agreement will be able to avail of the proposed renter's €500 tax credit that was announced in Budget 2023; the process which is required to apply for the €500 tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [49086/22]

*118. To ask the Minister for Finance if the new vacant homes tax will accrue to the local authority within which the empty home is based; if not, if it will accrue to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [49102/22]

*119. To ask the Minister for Finance if all his Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49550/22]

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

*120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the BER rating of all Government department buildings in tabular form; the date each was last assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49100/22]

*121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has any contracts with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [49171/22]

*122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 275 of 22 March 2022, when works will resume at a facility (details supplied) in County Cork under the ownership of the OPW; if he will provide a clear timeline as to when works will be completed; if there will be public access to the structure itself when the works will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48672/22]

*123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the visitor numbers to each visitor attraction operated by the Office of Public Works for each month to date in 2022; the number for the same period in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48709/22]

*124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the overall annual cost of managing, maintaining and staffing the total number of national monuments in State care in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48710/22]

*125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total revenue generated from visitor entrance fees at national monuments in State care in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48711/22]

*126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48740/22]

*127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of recruitment campaigns that have been undertaken by the Public Appointments Service in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of recruitment campaigns that were due to be undertaken by the Service in 2022 and which have been postponed or abandoned; if he will detail these specific campaigns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48782/22]

*128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of staff in the Public Appointments Service in each of the years 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48783/22]

*129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of persons that visited Kilkenny Castle in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [48786/22]

*130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 451 of 8 September 2022, the name of the main contractor procured to deliver the installation of the modular units in order that building companies can express their interest to the contractor directly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48831/22]

*131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he will make a decision on the recommendations made in a report (details supplied) on the pay and conditions of secretarial assistants in the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Patrick Costello. [48933/22]

*132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49003/22]

*133. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of all the one-off cost of living measures announced as part of the €4.1 billion package; the estimated cost of each measure and the measures which will arise in 2022 or 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49027/22]

*134. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of additional supplementary estimates required in 2022 following the Budget 2023 announcements; if he will provide a list of each by Department, agency or vote; the estimated amount of funds required for each Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49028/22]

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

*135. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on the progress of the Irish Language Network in Ennis since the approval of an Irish language plan by her Department in January 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48722/22]

*136. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of persons within her Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48744/22]

*137. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will seek advice as to whether a local sports club (details supplied) in County Louth is eligible for supports to offset rising electricity costs for the upcoming winter months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [48870/22]

*138. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of any contracts or services procured by her Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49007/22]

*139. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if all her Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49552/22]

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

*140. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to bring forward proposals to prevent landlords from skirting the spirit of rent pressure zones by charging tenants additional charges for miscellaneous items such as cleaning, waste disposal and parking; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [48673/22]

*141. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding allocated to Met Éireann in each of the years 2002 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48719/22]

*142. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48738/22]

*143. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the current income threshold eligibility for social housing in the greater Dublin area including counties Wicklow, Meath and Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [48760/22]

*144. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the €87 million in funding announced in Budget 2023 to support alleviation of fuel poverty and ensure more energy

efficient homes, through the upgrading of 2,400 local authority social homes includes funding for homes owned and managed by Approved Housing Bodies. — Darren O'Rourke. [48789/22]

*145. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total family income permissible to remain in receipt of supports and on local authority waiting lists; the position when a child reaches 18 years of age and begins working; if this additional family income could place the family outside of State supports and access to waiting lists; if there are any exemptions in relation to fixed income limits in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48800/22]

*146. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grant-aid is available for the purposes of purchasing and renovating vacant properties which will not be occupied by the purchaser (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48813/22]

*147. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will expedite the publication of the Mulcahy Report in view of the fact that to not do so gives rise to a perception that the integrity of the planning process is compromised further; if he has received any external advice on the contents of the report; if he will provide the number of requests that his Department has received to date to publish the report. — Catherine Murphy. [48815/22]

*148. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the new updated guidelines will be released following changes made to the tenant purchase scheme in early 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [48834/22]

*149. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way that the allocation of funding to the croí cónaithe towns fund specifically in Budget 2023 will be spent. — Thomas Gould. [48955/22]

*150. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding that he intends to allocate to local authorities for the voids programme returns in 2023; and the funding allocated in each of the past five years in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [48956/22]

*151. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of additional Housing First tenancies that will be delivered with Budget 2023. — Thomas Gould. [48957/22]

*152. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49001/22]

*153. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A4 local-authority housing at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49035/22]

*154. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A7 capital assistance scheme at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49036/22]

*155. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A10 mortgage-to-rent at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49037/22]

*156. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A11 capital advance leasing facility at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49038/22]

*157. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A12 Traveller accommodation and support at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49039/22]

*158. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A15 estate regeneration and refurbishment at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49040/22]

*159. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A16 energy efficiency – retrofitting at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49041/22]

*160. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A17 repair-and-leasing scheme at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49042/22]

*161. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A28 cost-rental equity loan at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49043/22]

*162. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A31 first-home scheme at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49044/22]

*163. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A32 affordable housing fund at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49045/22]

*164. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of capital spent under vote A33 Croí Cónaithe (cities) fund at the end of September 2022; the projected amount to be spent under this heading by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49046/22]

*165. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the allocations in 2023 due to the increase of €108 million from the Local Government Fund for local authorities by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [49103/22]

*166. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if funding from the Local Government Fund for local authorities that retain 100% of the local property tax revenues will be reduced; the allocations from the Local Government Fund for 2022 by local authority; the projected allocations in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [49104/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will correspond regarding housing assistance payment for a person (details supplied); his plans to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49113/22]

*168. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all his Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49551/22]

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

*169. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48735/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on support for ecocide legislation both internationally and nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48853/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport office will be established in the province of Ulster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48977/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48999/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason that overseas police stations (details supplied) are opening in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49055/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if engagement between the Irish and Tunisian authorities is continuing in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [49092/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*175. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48730/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for Defence the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48991/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of monthly progress reports that he has received to date from the review group pursuant to the terms of reference of the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies, systems and procedures in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces; his plans for the publication of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49114/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide details of any interim assessments or recommendations addressing issues for immediate action that he has received from the review group pursuant to the terms of reference of the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies, systems and procedures in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces; his plans for the publication of same; the details of any actions taken or planned on foot of any such assessments or recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49115/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies, systems and procedures in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces; if the review group is on track to complete its final review report within the 12-month timeframe, pursuant to the terms of reference; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49116/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for Defence if all his Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49549/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*181. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that special schools are not sanctioned for the post of home school liaison officer. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [48665/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for Education if she will resolve an issue facing a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48694/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) will receive a school bus transport ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [48704/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications that have been received and approved, respectively per county for school bus transport in the 2022-2023 school year in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48717/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's strategy to support digital skills and highspeed broadband in primary schools; if her Department's attention has been drawn to issues in relation to a school (details supplied) that are impacting the ability of the school to access highspeed broadband; the measures that are being taken to alleviate these obstacles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [48720/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for Education the number of persons within her Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48731/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address payroll issues in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48799/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a person (details supplied) will continue to be provided with transport and issued a bus ticket given that State-provided school transport 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. — Michael Lowry. [48819/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a person (details supplied) will continue to be provided with transport and issued a bus ticket given that State-provided school transport 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. — Michael Lowry. [48820/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give consideration to an appeal by a school (details supplied) for additional staff. — Cathal Crowe. [48843/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for Education if an application by a student (details supplied) who is availing of special education transport will be processed without further delay. — Peadar Tóibín. [48844/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional seats on school buses that have been allocated in County Limerick from the last academic school year, 2021/2022 and this school year, 2022/2023 since the announcement that students availing of the school bus transport scheme would not be charged fees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [48875/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for Education when a pupil (details supplied) will receive their school bus ticket. — Pa Daly. [48929/22]

*194. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students there are enrolled in primary education and separately in post primary education as of 30 June 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [48939/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the additional funding that has been made available in Budget 2023 to provide free school transport from October 2022 to children who had concessionary tickets for bus transport in 2021 and who had applied in-time for inclusion in the 2022 scheme; when these children can expect to receive their tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48940/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [48944/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a school (details supplied) which has an application for additional accommodation and new-build SEN classes currently with her Department's technical team; if she will review the circumstances of this case and assist this school in progressing this project and have these unacceptable delays resolved immediately; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [48984/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education the details of any contracts or services procured by her Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48992/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education when the information supplied by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [49054/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 372 of 31 May 2022, if the joint application has been made by her Department and a third-party developer to Cork County Council to have the roads in question taken in charge; if not, when she expects the application to be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [49082/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children who are still awaiting school transport places in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49088/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children who are still awaiting school transport places nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49089/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to issues impacting a school (details supplied) and their ability to access highspeed broadband; the measures that are being taken to alleviate these obstacles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [49090/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine an anomaly in the Pobal deprivation map for two schools (details supplied) which are split on their campus according to the map; and if rectification of this would lead to DEIS status. — Sean Sherlock. [49091/22]

*205. 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. [49093/22]

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

*206. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a disability application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48667/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on disability allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48668/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the fuel allowance has been extended to recipients of the jobs initiative scheme. — Chris Andrews. [48693/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) is entitled to apply for payments. — Sean Sherlock. [48701/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in receipt of the carer's allowance, half-rate carer's allowance, carer's benefit, carer's support grant and the domiciliary care allowance, per county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48706/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who chooses to stay in work upon reaching the age of 66 years can access their State pension under her new pension plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48716/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a disability payment appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48718/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons within her Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48742/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm that additional resources are in place to ensure social welfare recipients who are supplying new bank details to their social welfare office do not experience delays or lose a payment due to the payment details not being changed on-time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48750/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) who has been on a community employment scheme for four years should be eligible for fuel allowance, given that if they had remained on jobseeker's allowance for that duration they would now qualify; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [48753/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that have applied for the exceptional needs payment in counties Laois and Offaly from 1 January to date in 2022; the number of applications that were successful; the number rejected; the total amount paid out through the exceptional needs payment during this time period for each county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [48757/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will be recognising the recommendation of the European Commission and the EU Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work to recognise Covid-19 as an occupational disease for health care workers; if her Department will move to adapt legislation according to the updated Commission recommendation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [48758/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) who has been on the carer's benefit in respect of care for their elderly father is entitled to a further round of carer's benefit in respect of a fresh application for care of their mother. — Michael Creed. [48761/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if two pensioners over 70 years of age who are in receipt of the State pension and one of whom is in receipt of a half-rate carer's allowance are now

eligible for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [48762/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current situation regarding an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [48763/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify whether the cost-of-living payment included in Budget 2023 will be available to all social welfare recipients given that there was reference to the payment being made to long-term recipients, not all recipients; if she will ensure that this information is widely available given that communication so far will undoubtedly cause confusion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48772/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current number of claims for guardian's payment; the reason that this payment was excluded from the Budget 2023 social welfare increase; if the situation will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [48774/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify when in October 2022 that the cost-of-living payment is expected to be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48779/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the provision that is made for widowers and widows who are full-time carers who are not in receipt of a pension, can only avail of a half carer's allowance and are not entitled to the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48814/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons on a community employment scheme on Budget day until year-end that will revert back to a disability allowance payment will receive the once off €500 as announced. — Catherine Murphy. [48821/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the €12 weekly increase to community employment, rural social and Tús scheme participants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48822/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48824/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that her Department currently has a backlog of over 80,000 applications for exceptional needs' payments, which is contradictory to the notion of financially assisting a person with an urgent exceptional need; her plans to deal with this significant backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [48826/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers in each county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48847/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending child benefit to families with children still in secondary school but who are over the age of 18 years given the fact that many 6th year pupils are 18 years old; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48848/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of volunteer information providers in Citizens Information centres; the status of the Citizen Information Board's volunteer strategy; the reason that volunteer information providers are being excluded in their terms of reference; the efforts that she will take to address the potential future closure of centres as a result of no longer allowing volunteer information providers to be part of the service, particularly in light of the cost of living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48850/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider creating free travel passes to be used on all public transport services for staff of special schools, only to be used when travelling with their students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [48857/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any changes as part of Budget 2023 in relation to fuel allowance for jobs initiative participants to assist them in coping with fuel poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [48858/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing time for applications for additional needs payments by month from June 2022 to date, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48863/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied); if she will provide an update on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48866/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [48872/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that a person (details supplied) should proceed when their claim for disability allowance has been rejected, despite a letter from their doctor advising that they are unable to work for at least a year; and the way that they can receive the much-needed support from the welfare system. — Paul Murphy. [48876/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection is she will clarify the eligibility for the fuel allowance of applicants who cohabit with someone with whom they are not in a relationship. — Ivana Bacik. [48927/22]

*239. 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. [48960/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons that are in receipt of illness benefit will receive a cost-of-living double payment and a €500 once-off lump sum announced in Budget 2023 for other payments. — Kieran O'Donnell. [48963/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for an invalidity pension by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48964/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [48965/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an invalidity pension claim awarded on appeal for a person (details supplied) will go into payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [48968/22]

*244. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a State pension (contributory) by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48969/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a pro-rata State pension (contributory) by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48970/22]

*246. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48975/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the details of any contracts or services procured by her Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49005/22]

*248. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all her Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49553/22]

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

*249. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to extend parental leave for children over 13 years in order that parents have the choice to be with their older children when the need arises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48849/22]

*250. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has considered the report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth on the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022; and when the Bill will be introduced for debate in Dáil Éireann. — Ivana Bacik. [48666/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a national breakdown of the number of accommodation places that each local authority has secured and made available to refugees from Ukraine in each month since February 2022 by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [48669/22]

*252. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a national breakdown of the number of offers of accommodation that have been received by local authorities from members of the public for refugees from Ukraine to Ireland since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine in February 2022, by local authority; the number of these that have been secured and made available to Ukrainian families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [48670/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects childminders to be added to the national childcare scheme and therefore those who avail of their services can benefit from the reduction in fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48712/22]

*254. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will introduce alternative ways for those parents who utilise a childminder to avail of the reduction in childcare fees announced in Budget 2023 while parents wait for childminders to be added to the national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48713/22]

*255. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48729/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to reports that some autistic children are effectively excluded from ECCE funding in cases in which they are in receipt of funds from the Department of Education for autism services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [48754/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will list the private foster-care companies that are contracted to Tusla for the purposes of sourcing, vetting and supporting foster carers; and the amount paid to each company for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [48775/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Health Information and Quality Authority has a role in oversight of private foster care companies contracted to Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48776/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons that are in receipt of the universal subsidy under the national childcare scheme. — Kathleen Funchion. [48791/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons in receipt of the means tested subsidy under the national childcare scheme. — Kathleen Funchion. [48792/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the recent statement by United Nations human rights experts expressing concern over the lack of adequate redress for systemic racism and racial discrimination in Irish childcare institutions has been brought to his attention; if he will bring forward additional measures to compensate the children who experienced this racism and discrimination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [48811/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will make available any analysis done on the capacity of childcare spaces in County Wicklow; the amount in Budget 2023 that will go towards enhancing capacity by county; the way that this will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48851/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if more residential places will be offered (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [48974/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48990/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated cost to the Exchequer to bring the pay of workers in Section 56 organisations in line with public service pay agreements including Building Momentum and its potential successor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49031/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to provide additional after-school child places in the Dublin 11 area, particularly in Finglas and Glasnevin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [49094/22]

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

*267. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged with the governing authority of Maynooth University in respect of a decision to terminate a capital project on its campus (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [48663/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48736/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to financially assist students who are attending a college (details supplied); if he will review this matter urgently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48759/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48809/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that a trainee educational psychologist completing a doctorate is the only professional doctorate programme which is not Government funded; the reason for this inequality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [48874/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if postgraduate students who are not in receipt of a SUSI grant can avail of a €1,000 reduction in the student contribution fee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48935/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any

that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48998/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if all his Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49557/22]

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

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has any contracts with a company (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [49170/22]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will confirm the contracts that her Department has with top security. — Paul Murphy. [49262/22]

*277. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons within her Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48739/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prison officers that are fully trained in CPR. — Kathleen Funchion. [48787/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application to remain in the State by a person (details supplied) will be processed; the reasons for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [48796/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will create a separate unit within the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service to ensure that visa applications relating to medical professionals are strategically prioritised and fast-tracked; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48798/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has considered introducing a six-month visitor visa, similar to that which is in place in the United States, to allow non-Irish immediate family members of an Irish citizen to visit their family member in Ireland for a maximum of six months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [48818/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost to the State of providing security at the Russian embassy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [48864/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 21 of 10 September 2020, if she will provide an update on the progress on the matter to date; the timeline for the eProbate project to go live in each office; the status of the implementation of each recommendation in the report of the probate services review group and its timeline for completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48948/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 813 of 28 July 2020, the average waiting time in each Probate Office for applications by solicitors and personal applicants, respectively; the number of applications on hand in each office; the timeline for the

eProbate project to go live in each office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48949/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of any contracts or services procured by her Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49002/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason that Chinese overseas stations are opening in Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49053/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances of ramming of Garda vehicles in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49056/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances of ramming of Garda vehicles resulting in injury to Garda personnel in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49057/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated monetary cost due to damaged Garda property due to instances of ramming of Garda vehicles in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49059/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda days lost due to injury/illness/leave following instances of ramming of Garda vehicles in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49060/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances of ramming of Garda vehicles per Garda district in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49062/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda vehicles written off by insurers or irreparably damaged following instances of ramming of Garda vehicles in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49063/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of minors and the percentage this number represents in the context of total cases identified as drivers in instances of ramming of Garda vehicles in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49064/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of stolen vehicles involved in instances of ramming of Garda vehicles in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49065/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of instances of ramming of Garda vehicles in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022 which resulted in serious injury of gardaí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49066/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown of the make and model of Garda vehicles involved in instances of ramming of Garda vehicles in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49067/22]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice if all her Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49554/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*298. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) has been waiting so long for an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48664/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the east central Cork children's disability network team in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48681/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the central Cork children's disability network team in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48682/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the northeast Cork children's disability network team in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48683/22]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the south Cork city children's disability network team in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48684/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the northwest Cork city children's disability network team in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48685/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the north Cork city, Blarney Cork city children's disability in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48686/22]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the west central, Cork city, Blarney Cork city children's disability network team in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48687/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the southeast Cork city children's disability network team in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48688/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the east Cork city children's disability network team in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48689/22]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the Carrigaline children's disability network team in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48690/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in the Kinsale, Bandon children's disability network team in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48691/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and headcount of staff and children awaiting intervention in each individual children's disability network team in each CHO in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [48692/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list times at the lymphoedema specialist clinic in County Clare; if consideration will be given to increasing staffing at the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48725/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nights that there has been no doctor available in Shannondoc in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48726/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult medical card holders in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48727/22]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48737/22]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 827 of 12 July 2022, if he will confirm that the staffing issue with the children's disability network team in Carlow has been resolved; if staffing levels have risen beyond 3.51; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48777/22]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health when the three vacant whole-time equivalent speech and language therapists will be filled; the steps that he has taken to ensure that these posts are filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48778/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on the dental appointment waiting list for counties Carlow and Kilkenny as of 27 September 2022; the average waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48784/22]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons that visited the accident and emergency department at St. Luke's Hospital, Kilkenny in each of the years of 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [48785/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health if a person or their family with power of attorney rent out a house in a case in which the person is in receipt of the fair deal scheme which would therefore free-up housing availability. — Chris Andrews. [48795/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the National Children's Hospital; the expected completion date; the current expected total spend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [48810/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the present status of the setting up of an independent radiation therapy review which was agreed as part of a Workplace Relations Commission hearing in 2021 (details supplied); if a full update will be provided in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [48812/22]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the funding schemes that are in place for children and young people requiring transport to their disability day services in County Carlow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [48823/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to establish an independent radiation therapist review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [48832/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set up an independent radiation therapist review as soon as possible; if he will commit to implementing any recommendations that arise of the review dealing with the recruitment and retention crisis of radiation therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48833/22]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve funding sought by for the expansion of Westdoc in the southeast Galway general practitioner rota area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [48836/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the national audit of CAMHS, following the Maskey report into south Kerry CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48859/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the implementation of each of the 35 recommendations in the Maskey Report for south Kerry CAMHS in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48860/22]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the primary care centre in Rathdrum; the estimated completion date for the primary care centre; if a structural assessment has been carried-out on the site due to unfinished road servicing, electric vehicle infrastructure and reports of damage to internal walls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48861/22]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct his Department to reopen one of the PCR testing centres in Tallaght in view that that all PCR testing centres around the area have been closed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48867/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make antigen tests free of charge and readily available to all frontline workers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [48868/22]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health if he will elaborate on the way that Budget 2023 will address capacity issues in CAMHS services; the amount of funding that will go towards increasing the availability of CAMHS services and mental health services for young persons in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [48869/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the application by a person (details supplied) under the drug payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48916/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 317 and 318 of 22 September 2022, if he will list the disability representative organisations that his Department has engaged with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [48917/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 317 and 318 of 22 September 2022, if he will list the disabled persons' organisations that his Department has engaged with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [48918/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 317 and 318 of 22 September 2022, if his Department includes disability service-providers in its definition of disabled persons' organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [48919/22]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review a matter concerning a person (details supplied); if he will provide an update on their appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48928/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an indicative timeline for a scan that is urgently needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48934/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the medication ozempic is not available through the medical card system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [48938/22]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to a query (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [48941/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [48943/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to initiate an independent review into radiation therapy services; and if so, the timeline for this review. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48950/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the planned funding for Drug and Alcohol Taskforces in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [48953/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the funding in Budget 2023 for gambling addiction harm reduction, prevention and treatment. — Thomas Gould. [48954/22]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of evusheld to immunocompromised patients in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [48959/22]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the measures and additional supports that the HSE is putting in place to assist general practitioner practices and others across County Donegal with supporting Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [48971/22]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the publication of the Action Plan for Disability Capacity Review; if details of the action plan will be included in the forthcoming plan for Budget 2023; his views that immediate action on this plan is required in order

to meet the essential needs of service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [48972/22]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed disability support breakdown as part of the Budget 2023 announcement; and if he will ensure that information is provided on existing and new residential supports, day places and respite supports that will be provided for in Budget 2023. — Robert Troy. [48973/22]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health when Section 39 HSE staff can expect to receive the €1,000 HSE bonus payment. — Robert Troy. [48976/22]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49000/22]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to the Exchequer to bring the pay of workers in Section 39 organisations in line with public service pay agreements including Building Momentum and its potential successor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49029/22]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the status of discussions with a representative organisation (detail supplied) in relation to pay parity for medical scientists with similar workers in the health service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49095/22]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if remaining supplies of the original mRNA vaccines will continue to be used in the Covid-19 booster campaign in view of the recommendation that the authorised adapted bivalent mRNA vaccine is preferential for booster vaccination; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49097/22]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of original mRNA vaccines currently available for administration in Ireland; the number ordered; the schedule of delivery date for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49098/22]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adapted bivalent mRNA vaccines currently available for administration in Ireland; the number ordered; the schedule of delivery for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49099/22]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of adult medical card holders in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49105/22]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private general dental practitioners who are currently operating the dental treatment services scheme in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49106/22]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private general dental practitioners in County Wexford currently operating the dental treatment services scheme who have restricted access to new patients and are only seeing existing patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49107/22]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that his Department is making in County Wexford for adult dental emergency services where an eligible medical card holder is unable to access care with a private general dental practitioner through the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49108/22]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the current wait list for persons under 18 years of age awaiting orthodontic treatment in County Wexford; if he will provide a breakdown of the number of persons waiting 24, 36 and 48 months and longer respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49109/22]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients over the age of 18 years awaiting orthodontic treatment in County Wexford who were identified as requiring treatment before 18 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49110/22]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of discussions and the progress made between his Department and an association (details supplied) in relation to the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49111/22]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the current budget for the dental treatment services scheme; the total budget for the scheme in 2018; the total budget for the scheme in 2013; the total budget for the scheme in 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [49112/22]

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

*363. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has any contracts with a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [49159/22]

*364. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm the contracts that his Department has with top security. — Paul Murphy. [49262/22]

*365. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons within his Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48728/22]

*366. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the delay in issuing a green low-carbon agri-environment scheme payment to a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [48780/22]

*367. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown of the number of calls registered with the confidential animal welfare helpline by year; and the number of those calls that concerned canine welfare in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48801/22]

*368. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of veterinarian surgeons on the approved inseminators register of an organisation (details supplied); and if any veterinarians have had their insemination licence revoked by the organisation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48802/22]

*369. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of officers affiliated with an organisation (details supplied) appointed. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48803/22]

*370. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of inspections carried out by authorised officers of an organisation (details supplied) on approved insemination centres per year for the past five years; the number of insemination centres licensed by the organisation that have had their licence revoked; and the number that have not had their licence renewed in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [48804/22]

*371. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that a clear message goes from Government to the multiples that an adequate price needs to be paid, without delay, to pig and poultry primary producers in view of the difficulties facing those sectors at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48958/22]

*372. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of any contracts or services procured by his Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [48987/22]

*373. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if all his Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49555/22]

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

*374. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the Pobal maps on deprivation levels will be updated with the data from the most recent census. — Sean Sherlock. [48752/22]

*375. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding allocations will be provided regarding community hubs (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48770/22]

*376. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if additional monies will be made available for the local improvement scheme for the remainder of 2022 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48922/22]

*377. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of money has been allocated to Donegal County Council for the local improvement scheme for each of the years 2017 to 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48923/22]

*378. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund category 1 funding application submitted by Clare County Council to her Department for the Kilrush Maritime Training Centre; when a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48700/22]

*379. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of persons within her Department who are working remotely on a part-time or full-time basis in County Clare in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [48741/22]

*380. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will provide an update on a CLÁR application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48835/22]

*381. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of roads in County Donegal that were improved with funding from the local improvement scheme for each of the years 2017 to 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [48924/22]

*382. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of any contracts or services procured by her Department with top security, including any that are subcontracted to top security; the value of such contracts since 2015 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49004/22]

*383. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if all her Department's buildings have recycling arrangements in place; if not, the steps that are being taken to ensure that the recycling of workplace waste is facilitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49558/22]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER, 2022**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the action that is being taken to ensure that the Iranian authorities abide by the principles enshrined in the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Iran is a party, given the recent events in Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [48898/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will be advising any Irish citizens currently in Russia to leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [48983/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the current situation in Myanmar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [48912/22]

4. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the up-to-date position in relation to the provision of military aid to Ukraine to assist its efforts in defeating the illegal Russian invasion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48901/22]

5. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the contact that his Department has had with the Russian embassy in Dublin since the outbreak of the war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [48985/22]

6. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the contact that he has made with the embassy of Iran to condemn the State's violent suppression and murder of protestors recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [49071/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he expects a reset on the Northern Ireland Protocol following the change in government in Britain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [48897/22]

8. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the role that the Government will seek to play to ensure that all European Union Member States adhere to the rule-of-law functions which guarantee fundamental protection of rights and values for all its citizens. — Gary Gannon. [49073/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement that he has had with his European Union counterparts regarding the unusual leaks at the Nordstream gas pipeline; his views and concerns on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48893/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the review of the Global Ireland Strategy which commenced at the end of 2021; if this review will alter the objectives of the strategy going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48550/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the negotiations between the European Union and the United Kingdom regarding the implementation of the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [48657/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Cork Passport Office is set up for the printing of passports; the measures that are being taken to ensure that there are no delays in first-time passport applications for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48979/22]

13. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagements that the Government has had with the new government in Colombia, particularly in the area of human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49017/22]

14. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the human rights issues that were discussed with the Iranian government on his visit to Iran earlier this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [48962/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Government’s response to the recent outbreak of protests in Iran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49016/22]

16. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his recent visit to East Africa, where over 20 million people are facing rising malnutrition as a result of droughts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [48910/22]

17. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his engagement with the British government on issues relating to the 1974 Dublin and Monaghan bombings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48177/22]

18. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will highlight human rights abuses in Iran; if he will raise concerns in relation to the recent death of an Iranian woman (details supplied) while in detention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [48658/22]

19. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the recent engagement that he has had on Palestine. — Thomas Gould. [48908/22]

20. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the humanitarian situation in Myanmar; and the initiatives that have been taken by the international community to address the situation. — Richard Bruton. [48926/22]

21. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a Passport Office will be established in Ulster in view of the substantial increase in passport applications from that area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48920/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the actions that Ireland is taking in its role on the United Nations Security Council in relation to Western Sahara. — Patrick Costello. [48633/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his attendance at the recent European Union General Affairs Council. — James Lawless. [48982/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the ongoing conflict in Tigray; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49015/22]

25. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his attendance at a recent European Union summit on military support for Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [49072/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on recent French naval exercises off the coast of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [34165/22]

27. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the measures that are being taken to address the delays in consular interviews in the Philippines for persons with work permits that have issued and are awaiting permission to enter Ireland to commence their work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48978/22]

28. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on his meeting with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48883/22]

29. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he has had discussions in recent times with his European Union counterparts concerned about security and defence in Europe arising from Russia's incursion into Ukraine. — Bernard J. Durkan. [35895/22]

30. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline his recent interactions with the British government on the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48808/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the recent meeting that he had with the British Secretary of State for Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [49083/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of his engagement in 2022 with his counterparts in the European Union with regard to the decision to reconvene the European Union-Israel Association Council; if he has called for the imposition of certain conditions, as outlined in a letter by a group of Irish civil society organisations (details supplied), before any reconvening can occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49069/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the discussions that are occurring at the United Nations regarding reform in its structures and procedures in the wake of multiple global crises. — Richard Bruton. [48925/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on whether that the Russian Federation should be designated a terrorist state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [48891/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has made contact with the newly-elected government of Colombia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [49070/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of his most recent discussions with the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland in regard to the need to deal with legacy issues with particular reference to the need to implement agreements made previously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48921/22]

37. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current number of outstanding passport applications that were submitted more than one, two, three, four, five and six months ago; the total number of applications on hand; and the current number of staff in the Passport Service. — Matt Carthy. [48266/22]

38. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on Ireland’s Overseas Development Aid Programme, including the way in which this vital aid will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [49074/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of passport applications and processing times at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [48178/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the progress that has been made to date on the Passport Service Reform Programme; if the roll-out of the programme is on target; when the programme will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48549/22]

41. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his response to the illegal annexation of Ukrainian territory by the Russian Federation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [48828/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the proposed timeframe to honour the Government commitment to recognise the state of Palestine. — Matt Carthy. [48265/22]

43. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has had any discussions with the new United Kingdom Foreign Secretary in relation to the Northern Ireland Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [48899/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline his recent interactions with the European Union in relation to the continuing situation with regard to the Russian invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48807/22]

45. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reviews that have taken place within the Passport Office in terms of increasing capacity with the potential of opening a new passport office on the island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49014/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on the recent United Nations Security Council meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48884/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the increase in overseas development aid spend in Budget 2023 is consistent with Ireland's committed target of reaching 0.7% of gross national index; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [48909/22]

48. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the budget increase in funding for Ireland's development programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [49076/22]

49. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the further measures that Ireland can take to ensure that war criminals committing atrocities in Ukraine will be brought to justice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [48986/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason for the decision by European Union foreign ministers to renew the European Union-Israel Association Council; his views on this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [49084/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will request a meeting with Iranian representatives to express Ireland's outrage at the treatment and killing of protesters especially the many young women who have been killed in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49079/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons living in Cork who are currently awaiting a passport. — Thomas Gould. [48907/22]

53. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 109 of 23 June 2022, if he will provide an update on his Department's engagement with representatives of a company (details supplied) and the Misak community in Colombia with regard to the treatment of human defenders who raise concerns over the negative impacts of the company's use of land in Colombia; the details of any engagement that he or his Department has had with the United Nations Special Procedures of the Human Rights Council with regard to this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49068/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if recent statements and actions by the Government have resulted in a diminution of Ireland's policy of neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49080/22]

55. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with the Iranian Ambassador to Ireland (details supplied) regarding the death in custody of a person who was arrested for wearing their hijab incorrectly, the subsequent protests across Iran and any concerns that he may have for Irish citizens currently residing in Iran. — Sorca Clarke. [49011/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent to which he has had discussions with his UK counterpart and the parties in Northern Ireland with the view to minimising the impact of Brexit and fluctuations on the British economy arising therefrom, with the view to maximising the element of north-south cooperation. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48660/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement that he has had with the newly appointed UK Secretary of State regarding the outcome of the election and the establishment of the Northern Ireland Assembly in Stormont. — Sorca Clarke. [49012/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the events in Iran following the tragic death of a person (details supplied) in Tehran; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48894/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised the recent killing by state forces of a person (details supplied) and the repression against protestors in Iran with the Iranian Ambassador to Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [48961/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will consider changing the criteria for persons to serve as ambassadors of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48896/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline any concerns he may have in relation to the suppression of the freedom of the media, civic society, and the arbitrary detention of opposition figures in Turkey at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49013/22]

62. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if any new sanctions are being imposed on the Russian Federation in the wake of its latest illegal actions in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [48892/22]

63. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which the extra €67 million budget allocation will be spent in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [48988/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Defence the projects to be financed by the increased Defence capital allocation announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [48994/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Defence the anticipated future role of the Defence Forces, Army, Naval Service and Air Corps in future national and or European defence measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48882/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Defence if he is confident that Ireland’s submarine cables are safe and protected in Irish waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48903/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the post-1994 sergeants and petty officers who currently are facing forced discharge from the Defence Forces if their contracts are not addressed as a matter of urgency; when the matter will be brought to a satisfactory conclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [48889/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Defence if there will be a strengthening of Ireland’s maritime defences in view of recent events in the Baltic sea; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [48993/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Defence the supports that his Department and the Defence Forces have given to the Ukrainian army since the onset of the war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48886/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Defence the actions that his Department will undertake in relation to the recruitment of women into the Defence Forces in 2023 as per the recommendations set out in the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces and in line with Defence Forces recruitment objectives announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48632/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the complaint made to the European Committee of Social Rights registered on 9 August 2022 by the European Organisation of Military Associations and Trade Unions against Ireland to seek just conditions of work and to achieve adequate compensation for members of the Defence Forces who work on public holidays and to secure overtime payments for additional hours worked; his views on this complaint; and the actions he and his Department plan to take to rectify this situation. — Sorca Clarke. [49009/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Defence the contractual terms and conditions that will be used for sergeants over the age of 50 years who wish to remain in service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [49048/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of progression and personal development courses available for Private 3-Star members of the Defence Forces on a yearly basis since 2018; the number who applied for these courses and the numbers offered courses on a yearly basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48937/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Defence the way in which he will implement the European Union Work Time Directive in the Defence Forces; when he expects the Defence Forces to be in compliance with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [49047/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Defence the way that Budget 2023 will commence the implementation of recommendations made by The Commission on the Defence Forces. — Richard Bruton. [48931/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will detail both the maximum and the current strength levels of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49019/22]

77. To ask the Minister for Defence when the pay improvements outlined in the High-Level Action Plan will be paid to military personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [49049/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Defence the funding provided for the Defence Forces in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [48885/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Defence the locations in which he proposes to install military radar systems in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48805/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Defence in view of the increase in capital funding of €35 million in Budget 2023, his plans for national security investment under his remit. — Sorca Clarke. [49010/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount of funding that will be allocated to pay and allowance enhancements for serving members of the Defence Forces following the announcement in Budget 2023; the timeline for when these increases will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [48631/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Defence if a decision been made to withdraw Irish troops from Mali; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49018/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Defence the timeframe for the implementation of the recent budgetary announcement in respect of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48881/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will outline the nature of the operation that the Naval Service is involved in off the coast of Libya; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49021/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Defence the reports that he has received from the Independent Review Group into allegations of sexual harassment in the Defence Forces; his views on whether the group should have the power to compel witnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [48966/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Defence the last time he met with a group (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [48905/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Defence when a mechanism will be agreed with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform to create the additional military appointments necessary to implement the High-Level Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [49051/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Defence the number and dates of all meetings of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group that were held in 2022 at which Ireland was represented; the details of the next meeting of the group; if Ireland will be represented at that meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48952/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Permanent Defence Forces as of 30 September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [48888/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Defence if any incursions into Irish territorial waters have taken place in the past eight months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [48904/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on current plans for the implementation of measures contained within the Commission on the Future of the Defence Forces report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49020/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the draft review report pursuant to the terms the independent review to examine the effectiveness of the policies, systems and procedures in place for dealing with bullying, harassment, discrimination, sexual harassment and sexual assault in the Defence Forces, which was to be provided to him within six months; his plans to publish the draft review report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [48951/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Defence the impact that the increase in expenditure announced in Budget 2023 will have on serving members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [48887/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Defence when the Independent Chair of the Implementation Oversight Group for the High-Level Action Plan will be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [49050/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Defence the measures that are being taken to ensure increased patrols and monitoring off the south coast of Ireland to safeguard the communications cabling in Irish waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48981/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces personnel currently serving overseas by rank and Defence Forces branch in each respective location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [48913/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Defence the improvements that will be made to the pay and conditions of staff in the Defence Forces. — Thomas Gould. [48906/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Defence when he will bring forward an implementation plan for the recommendations of the Commission on the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48890/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Defence the programme of works to be carried out in 2023 to upgrade residential accommodation in Army barracks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [48936/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Defence if a security analysis has been undertaken by the Naval Service in respect of strategic undersea pipelines and cables serving Ireland with fuels and communication lines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [48806/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will outline the progress that is being made on the further evaluation being carried out on the issue of long-service increments in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48817/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Defence the measures that are being taken to ensure that the recent Naval Service vessels that were decommissioned are replaced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [48980/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Defence his views on Ireland's ability to protect its coastal waters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [48989/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has received the interim report from the Independent Review Group into allegations of sexual harassment in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [48967/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 20 of 10 March 2022, if the engagement with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment on the issue of employment protection for members of the Reserve Defence Force who may be engaged in voluntary military service in support of the Permanent Defence Forces has concluded; the number of virtual and in-person official meetings, respectively that have taken place between his Department and the

Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment on this issue; the dates of any such meetings; the measures that he expects to be put in place as a result of this engagement; the anticipated timescale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [48914/22]