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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. 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]
4. To ask the Taoiseach the actions that he will take following the publication of the report of the IBRC Commission of Investigation. — Catherine Murphy. [49725/22]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the IBRC Commission of Investigation. — Ivana Bacik. [49898/22]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [44839/22]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [48034/22]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48334/22]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [48337/22]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [48472/22]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [49711/22]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Barry Cowen. [49712/22]

13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [49951/22]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [50011/22]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Mick Barry. [50013/22]

16. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Environment and Climate Change will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [50016/22]

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

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

19. 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]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with matters relating to Justice will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49961/22]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49962/22]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with matters relating to Justice will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [49964/22]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [49965/22]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [49967/22]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [49968/22]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with matters relating to the Arts and Culture will next meet. — Niamh Smyth. [49969/22]

27. 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. [50012/22]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Social Affairs and Equality will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [50015/22]

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

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

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Economic Policy Unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49697/22]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [49899/22]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49963/22]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [49966/22]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Peadar Kirby. [50010/22]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [50014/22]

37. 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]

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

39. 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]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit will next meet. — Neale Richmond. [49696/22]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Seán Haughey. [49949/22]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [49952/22]

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

44. 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]

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

46. 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]

47. 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]

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

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. — Ivana Bacik. [49900/22]

50. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which the United Nations modus operandi appears to be in need of reform, with particular reference to a more dramatic and rapid response to emerging threatening situations globally, arising from his recent visit to the United Nations. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49948/22]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. — Seán Haughey. [49950/22]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the European Commissioner Margrethe Vestager. — Neale Richmond. [49694/22]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Well-being Framework for Ireland Overseen by his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49698/22]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49699/22]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

55. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the delay in providing a school bus for the pupils attending the ASD unit at a school (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [49827/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Education the date for the release of the 2022 Junior Certificate results; and if a date cannot be provided, the reason that a date cannot be confirmed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [50372/22]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

57. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the Leaving Certificate reform; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [49684/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the assistive technology scheme; if she will provide an update on the review of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [49870/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm that formal recognition will be given to teachers working in the Cork life centre and that funding will be provided by her Department for payment of teachers in the Cork life centre; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50035/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are in place to review the operation of the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [49709/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Education the result that the €90 million cost-of-living increase and energy relief measures fund is designed to achieve; and the way in which her Department will measure that. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [49937/22]

62. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to bringing school completion officers back under the remit of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [49774/22]

63. To ask the Minister for Education if staff from the early-years sector are eligible to work on the summer programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [49872/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the amount of special class places that have been sanctioned in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [49869/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the operation of the school transport scheme in order that it treats children of no religion the same as children from minority religions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49916/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider funding trainee educational and child psychologists in the same way that their trainee counselling psychologist colleagues are; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49973/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the school transport scheme in 2023. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [49939/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to ensure similar funding for educational psychologists considering the shortage of educational psychologists and also the recent announcement of the funding for counselling psychologists' placements by the Minister for Health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50023/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Education the proposal, if any, to extend the DEIS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49942/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on work to secure a temporary location for a school (details supplied) while a permanent building is under construction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49619/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to sanctioning the post of home-school liaison officers to special schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [49773/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the provisions of the Workplace Ventilation (Covid-19) Bill 2021 that passed second stage in October 2021; the actions that she has taken to ensure that sufficient fresh air is provided in all schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49996/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she can address the outstanding issues on school transport, with particular reference to ensuring that children who were previously accommodated can continue to avail of school transport if necessary on a concessionary basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49940/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Education if any flexibility can be given to rural schools to retain a teacher in cases in which the number of students falls to ensure that rural schools can remain open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49860/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Education if she has agreed a commencement date for a Citizens' Assembly on Education; and when she hopes that the Assembly will take place. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [49936/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the delivery of a retrofitting programme for schools built before 2008 as committed to in the National Development Plan; the way that schools can seek support to fund these measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [49780/22]

77. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad é an dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an bplean chun polasaí cuimsitheach don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais, ó leibhéal an oideachais réamhscoile go leibhéal an oideachais do mhúinteoirí, a fhorbairt agus a fhoilsiú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [49858/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that are being undertaken now to plan for summer provision in summer 2023; if the programme still appropriately serves the children for whom it was initially designed to help; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [50029/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the additional funding received in Budget 2023 for school transport; the way in which additional school transport places are being provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [49958/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that ETBs no longer have the authority to grant cover for workforce leave as they did prior to the moratorium; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [49479/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Education if she and her Department are considering a specified role for physical education teachers in primary schools as part of the primary curriculum review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [50026/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the crisis of recruitment and substitute teachers in the major urban centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50024/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Education the number of vacancies at graduate level in the National Educational Psychological Service by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49673/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that each school (details supplied) in Dublin 12 will have an autism class; the status of same; and if she is prepared to initiate the 37A process. — Joan Collins. [49616/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the review of school transport places following the additional funding provided in Budget 2023; the timeline for its completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [49758/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the building project for a school (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [49675/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has completed the final stages of refinement of the new DEIS identification model; if so, if her Department will carry out a review of schools (details supplied) to ascertain if DEIS status can be given; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [49914/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Education her long-term plans to address the issue of school bus transport to ensure that all children who require it receive it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50034/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Education the requirements that would need to be in place in order for her Department to support the establishment of a special school in east Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50001/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria set out for the Irish and bilingual grant; the reason that some schools in the same geographic area are included and others are not; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [49478/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the projected timelines for resolution of the school transport crisis which has left thousands of concessionary students stranded without transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [49476/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she is taking to increase the lack of places in primary and secondary schools for young persons with special educational needs and disabilities. — Holly Cairns. [49625/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Education the anticipated cost of the provision of free schoolbooks for all second level students; if the matter was given consideration in the context of Budget 2023; if so, the way in which a decision not to proceed with free schoolbooks for second level students was arrived at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49865/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Education the specific plans in place for free school-books as announced in Budget 2023 including whether it will apply to all children, including the children in fee paying primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [49594/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Education the date that the results of the Junior Certificate will be made available to candidates. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [49938/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Education if incentives have been put in place to encourage teachers to sign up for correction work on the delayed Junior Certificate results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [49710/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on discussions that she has had with a group (details supplied) regarding supports for Leaving Certificate exams in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [49784/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has plans to extend the rollout of the free schoolbooks scheme announced in Budget 2023 to first-year pupils in post-primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49672/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Education if any extra buses or bus capacity have been procured for school transport in Cork south west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [49781/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give a direction to schools to ensure that they provide students that do not attend subjects in religious instruction under section 30(2)(e) of the Education Act of 1998 with instruction in other curriculum subjects during that part of the school day; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49998/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement and research her Department has undertaken and is undertaking to upgrade existing second level schools and to provide new second level schools in east Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50022/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the proposed permanent school build for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [49737/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department last assessed the need for an additional secondary school in Dublin 8; and if her Department will do so again on foot of the publication of the latest Census results. — Patrick Costello. [49956/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that County Carlow has the third highest national rates of early-school-leaving, and that absenteeism rates are higher than the national average; if she has plans to support measures in County Carlow to combat this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [49785/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Education if all children who had concessionary tickets for bus transport in 2021 are included in the 2022 scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [49708/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Education the actions that she has taken to ensure that universal design learning and universal design principles are implemented in primary and secondary schools to make the classroom fully accessible for all children; the actions that she will take to ensure that a multi-sensory learning approach is included in the school curriculum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50027/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which she proposes to use the additional funding for school transport allocated in Budget 2023 to ensure that students who previously would have had access to a discretionary school bus ticket are catered for in the free school transport scheme as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [49861/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Education if she has engaged with the principal and the board of management of a school (details supplied) to discuss her Department's future plans with respect to the provision of a permanent school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49617/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the shortage of teachers which results in classes including special education classes not going ahead (details supplied); the steps she is taking to address this ongoing issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [49783/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the views of a person (details supplied) who remarked that, after Budget 2023, schools will still require parental support in 2022 in the form of voluntary contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50000/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Education the number of education professionals who engaged with summer provision in 2022; if that matched the demand for places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [50030/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which she and her Department continue to upgrade, replace and improve schools in the primary and second level sphere in County Kildare and throughout the country; the extent to which the current building programme is succeeding in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49941/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Education the pathway forward for a teacher (details supplied) who was employed in a principal release post in a school (details supplied) in the school years 2020/2021 and 2021/2022, and who expected a contract of indefinite duration in the 2022/2023 school year, but was told that they are no longer entitled to a CID due to her Department erroneously granting two principal release posts to the same school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [49955/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details including the location, completion timeline and patronage of the new post primary school (details supplied) in Dublin 15. — Paul Donnelly. [49643/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Education the number of families that have been impacted by the technical issues pertaining to an email addresses (details supplied); the proportion of those who missed the application deadline; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49618/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Education the way that the changes in the resources in the National Council for Special Education planned for 2023 will be deployed for the benefit of families. — Richard Bruton. [49763/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Education the number of extra students who will be provided with free school transport on foot of the recent Budget 2023 allocation for school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [49868/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate students currently waiting for their exam results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Kirby. [50002/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Education her views on expanding the creative clusters under the school's excellence fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [49602/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Education if she will support organising bus transport for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [49595/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the implementation of the free primary schoolbooks scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [49603/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Education if all applicants for school bus places have been provided with seats by now; if not, the number of children per county who have applied for a seat and have yet to get one; when they can expect to get one; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49866/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to just two post-primary schools in all of Dublin 24 have ASD classes offering just 18 places for 204 children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49997/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the provision of a permanent site for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [49685/22]

125. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad é atá pléite aici leis na páirtithe leasmhara maidir le straitéisí don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49971/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Education the measures included in Budget 2023 to increase the financial supports available to all school boards of management to ensure that they can meet the increased costs of heating school premises in the coming winter months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [49862/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to school principals across Dublin that are reporting teachers leaving because they cannot afford to live in Dublin, and the severe difficulty in recruiting new teachers for the same reason; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49999/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Education if changes are planned to the Education (Admission to Schools) Act 2018 in relation to school children with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [49957/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on her engagements with the State Examination Commission in relation to ensuring the availability of assistive technology to students sitting their Leaving Certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49786/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Education if each child who requires a place in an ASD unit will obtain same in September 2023. — Thomas Gould. [49677/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she is taking to increase the number of places in secondary schools for young persons with autism in County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [49624/22]

132. To ask the Minister for Education if she has adopted a strategy for improving leadership and performance evaluation in schools. — Richard Bruton. [49766/22]

133. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the building project for a school (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [49674/22]

134. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that are being taken to provide candidates, parents and schools with certainty regarding the arrangements for issuing the Junior Certificate results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [49693/22]

135. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the system in place to track and measure need for school places for children with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50028/22]

136. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a school (details supplied) that will be forced to fundraise for an adequate school hall in its new school building. — Thomas Gould. [49676/22]

137. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the need for a further primary school in the high growth area of Castletroy, Limerick; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [50025/22]

138. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to extend the Irish and bilingual grant to all post-primary Irish medium schools in the country; the reason that multi-denominational schools and schools in the ETB, community and comprehensive sector are not approved for the grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49857/22]

139. To ask the Minister for Education the proposals, if any, to amend the criteria for inclusion in the DEIS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [49943/22]

140. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to increase the capitation grant for both primary and post-primary pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [49738/22]

141. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on school transport especially for children who previously had a seat on the school bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49859/22]

142. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [49871/22]

143. To ask the Minister for Education the number of educational and child psychologists currently working in the National Educational Psychological Service; the number of vacancies for positions in the organisation; if consideration has been given by her Department to funding trainee educational and child psychologists during their unpaid placements in order to ensure that these positions are filled and that the required number of graduates are attained; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49972/22]

144. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of gaeilscoileanna currently operational in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [50003/22]

145. To ask the Minister for Education the number of students who applied for free school transport in 2022; the number of these applications received from late applicants; the number of these applications received from concessionary pupils; the total number of students who have now been provided with a service; the process in place now to allocate further tickets based on the Budget 2023 announcement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [49867/22]

146. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons that a primary school (details supplied) was denied DEIS status despite all other schools in the locality being provided DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [49954/22]

147. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which Budget 2023 will support well-being in schools. — John Lahart. [49917/22]

148. To ask the Minister for Education if all school workbooks will be considered under the new scheme to provide free schoolbooks to all primary school children from September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [49970/22]

149. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which her Department intends to implement the scheme for free primary schoolbooks; if local bookstores that currently provide these books will be included in the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [49915/22]

150. To ask the Minister for Education the parameters that are being considered in the roll-out of the free book scheme at primary level to ensure best learner outcomes while maximising value for money for the taxpayer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [49623/22]

151. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the rollout expansion of the Schools Energy Retrofit Pathfinder Programme for 2023-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [49477/22]

152. To ask the Minister for Education the mechanism that will be used to roll out the solar schools initiative; the way that schools will be able to avail of the scheme; the anticipated timeline for the roll-out; if schools will be able to avail of feed-in tariffs to benefit from excess generation, particularly in summer months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [49622/22]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*153. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of the number of staff by grade who are assigned on a full-time basis to liaise and provide support to the Department for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in order for that Department to fulfil its areas of responsibility in respect of providing for the needs of those seeking international protection and persons categorised by virtue of the temporary protection directive by the European Union; and if he will provide a schedule of the services that his Department provides to the Department for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in that regard. — Catherine Murphy. [50458/22]

*154. To ask the Taoiseach the number of Cabinet Committees that are in place; if he has created any new Cabinet Committees in the past year; the Cabinet Committee that deals with Energy; and the frequency with which it has met. — Ivana Bacik. [49901/22]

*155. To ask the Taoiseach if the preparations and planning for Census 2027 will include a review of the possibility of including a third gender on the census form. — Carol Nolan. [49156/22]

*156. To ask the Taoiseach the name, function and establishment date of all the organisations and agencies that are funded by his Department; the number of employees in each; and the salary of the chief executive in each organisation and agency. — Michael Ring. [49194/22]

*157. To ask the Taoiseach when the Central Statistics Office will begin its consultation with the general public and data users on the questions for Census 2027 to include questions on gender identity and sexual orientation. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49517/22]

*158. To ask the Taoiseach if there is an inter-Departmental working group in place to facilitate the accommodation, educational, health, social, community, care and supports needed to facilitate the integration of Ukrainian citizens; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [49824/22]

*159. To ask the Taoiseach the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities. — Holly Cairns. [50349/22]

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

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will support the 17 June 2022 WTO decision on the TRIPS Agreement to therapeutics and diagnostic tests without further restrictions or conditions. — David Cullinane. [50366/22]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied) for a work permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [49533/22]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the amount paid to the European Space Agency from 2002 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [49534/22]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are small business loans available to a publican and restaurant owner who is under ongoing financial pressures as a result of the Covid-19 related lockdowns, particularly in relation to meeting mortgage and loan repayment due to the period of reduced operations and revenues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [49541/22]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will honour the terms of the Employment Regulation Order for the security industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49731/22]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of whole-time equivalent staff vacancies by job title in the Health and Safety Authority as of 3 October 2022; the full-year cost of filling each of the vacancies; and when each of these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [49994/22]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the details of the overall value of goods imported into Ireland from South Africa in each of the past three years. — Darren O'Rourke. [49995/22]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the recommendation of the Low Pay Commission to prepare a report examining the issues around retaining, removing, or expanding youth rates of the National Minimum Wage has been progressed following the publication of the Commission's Living Wage Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [50019/22]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a trade mission to the west coast of United States of America is planned before the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50083/22]

*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there is a pathway for employers to apply for a visa to employ a mechanic from outside the EEA in a situation in which the employer has tried extensively to recruit from within the EEA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50157/22]

*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will clearly outline Ireland's position on the proposal to extend the TRIPS waiver to therapeutics and diagnostics for Covid-19, which is the subject of discussion at the World Trade Organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [50239/22]

*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on whether intellectual property rights should be protected especially in the development of innovative medicinal products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [50240/22]

*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of engagement that his Department has had with the European Commission in respect of the proposed extension of the TRIPS waiver to therapeutics and diagnostics for COVID-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [50241/22]

*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50338/22]

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

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of proposals to provide an annual support towards the cost of bin charges for homes in which a family member uses incontinence pads, which results in additional costs for the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [49509/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the participation that his Department has in the National Metal Theft Forum, to develop a metal theft prevention and crime reduction plan, particularly in relation to catalytic converters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [49514/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the significant issues highlighted by a person (details supplied) in respect of access to solar photovoltaic grants through the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland whereby houses that were originally due to be completed before the end of December 2020 but were delayed due to the impact of Covid-19 are subsequently ineligible; if this criteria can be reviewed for homes in this category; if he will outline the alternative avenues, if any, that can be accessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [49516/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that a Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland warmer homes grant under the fuel allowance scheme is awarded to a person (details supplied) without further delay. — Robert Troy. [49609/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount that the large energy-user rebalancing subvention raised in each year since its introduction; if this revenue was paid to the Exchequer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [49611/22]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which revenue raised from the large energy-user rebalancing subvention was used to subsidise large

energy users; the criteria that were used to determine if a company was a large energy user; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [49612/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which the large energy-user rebalancing subvention was calculated and levied on domestic electricity bills; the way in which the subvention was calculated and paid to large energy users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [49613/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a house built in 2005, with an MPRN from 2006 can qualify for the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland funding under the better energy warmer homes scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [49701/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that electricity credit will be paid to those in multi-developments for example, apartment blocks and mobile home sites when there is one meter with a MPRN. — Brian Stanley. [49741/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the funding allocations for the Western Lakes draft management plan for loughs Corrib, Mask, Carra, Conn, Cullin, Arrow and Sheelin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [49769/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration will be given to providing the proposed €600 energy credit to those living off-grid and fuelling their own generators for electricity supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [49796/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has put restrictions on the work of obligated entities to support household energy upgrades; if he will identify these; and the reason that he has introduced those restrictions, particularly at a time when the European Union has demanded urgent and immediate reductions in energy use which can be most easily achieved by shallow measures. — Richard Bruton. [49825/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount Ireland has been fined to date for the failure to fully transpose the European Electronic Communications Code within the required timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [49834/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if local community centres will be included in the €600 energy credits announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [49890/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will bring forward a cybersecurity Bill. — Darren O'Rourke. [49992/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total amount collected through the PSO levy in each year since 2001; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50044/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the deposit return scheme for plastic bottles and aluminium cans, for which the regulations were signed in

November 2021 to achieve the separate collection targets for plastic bottles in Directive (EU) 2019/904 of the European Parliament and of the European Council of 5 June 2019, will come into operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [50052/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline and date for the roll-out of broadband in an area (details supplied) of County Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [50060/22]

*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland better energy grant requirement for a technical assessment to ensure that the home is heat-pump ready for heat-pump replacements will be removed in houses that already have a heat pump in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50115/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of public funds for domestic flights by Departments and bodies under their aegis. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50119/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the procedures that ESB Networks has in place for distributing details of clean-export guarantee eligibility to each energy provider in respect of NC6 submitters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50131/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide weekly figures for the number of NC6 forms that have been received to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50132/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide weekly figures for the number of confirmations of clean-export guarantee eligibility that have been issued to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50133/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of staff that ESB Networks has assigned to NC6 processing and issuing clean-export guarantee eligibility to providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50134/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the remedies and penalties in the legislation establishing the clean-export guarantee scheme for non-compliance by energy providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50135/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the protections which will be extended to pay-as-you-go energy customers to prevent disconnections this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [50139/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a response will issue to serious concerns raised by a person (details supplied); if any policy can be added to the review framework for persons without electricity meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50158/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can give an assurance that any of the gas coming into Ireland is not fracked gas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50164/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the fact that householders and bill payers in a development (details supplied) have not received the energy credit and appear to remain outside of the current eligibility criteria for the scheme; his plans to address this matter on a policy basis; if a mechanism is being developed to retrospectively provide credit to such householders who did not obtain the benefit of the previous credit round; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [50169/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update in relation to the Avoca remediation project; the projected funding that will be provided in view of Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50174/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the fact that not every household will receive the energy credits promised given that electricity supply companies allocate the credit per MPRN number and those in rented apartments that share an MPRN also have to share the electricity credit; his plans to ensure that every household benefits fully from the energy credits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [50180/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of contracting companies that are awaiting entry into the “One Stop Shop” under the home energy upgrade scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50218/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes that have been approved for a home energy upgrade under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50219/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications of the projects approved under the home energy upgrade the average grant awarded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50220/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications of the projects approved under the home energy grade the type of grant upgrade that has been requested more than others under the home energy upgrade scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50221/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a loan guarantee scheme to support access to finance for retrofitting has been established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50222/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the process by which the feed-in tariff for the microgeneration support scheme is set; his view on whether the Regulator should have a role in setting prices; his further views on whether income from the power generated should be taxed given the imperative to bring more households into the scheme and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [50256/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50339/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50262/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase the fine for parking bus lanes in line with doubling of the fixed-charge penalty for parking on footpaths, cycle lanes or bus lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [49464/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the areas in which the funding that was allocated in Budget 2023 for BusConnects and MetroLink will be spent on. — Jim O’Callaghan. [49473/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if the flight paths of commercial airlines are prohibited or restricted from flying over Ballyboughal, County Dublin from the new north runway especially given the huge increase in the number of airlines flying over the village since the north runway opened which is impacting on the daily lives of residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [49486/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the regulations or guidelines in place, if any, to ensure that car manufacturers in Ireland install catalytic converters in such a way that prevents their theft; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [49515/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide the latest data in respect of service disruptions including cancellations of Bus Éireann services in Waterford city and in the south east for the periods of September, August and July 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49532/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and value of fines levied by the National Transport Authority on bus, Luas and rail services for contract breaches by each service provider during the years 2020 to 2022, in tabular form; the steps that he is taking to improve services for public transport users in the greater Dublin region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49566/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric charging points that are now operational in public areas in Cork city and County, broken down by fast chargers and ordinary chargers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [49570/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport his engagement with local authorities regarding the roll-out of electric vehicle charging points in Cork city and County; the level of uptake from local authorities on funding available through the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland for e-car charging points for Cork city and County; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [49571/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered allowing taxi drivers to transfer their taxi licence to another driver who is licensed but who does not hold a taxi licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [49576/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on proposals to improve the frequency and capacity of Bus Éireann route 329 through Bruff, County Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [49605/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a bus shelter in Bruff, County Limerick for passengers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [49606/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will receive a date for their driving test; and if this date will stand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [49627/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of east-bound flights on runway 10 in Dublin Airport that do not follow their designated flight-path; and the percentage of flights which deviate from their flight-path leaving Dublin Airport and fly over the zone between Ongar and Lohunda in Dublin 15. — Paul Donnelly. [49719/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he has taken to date in 2022 to reinstate the direct flights from Donegal Airport to Glasgow and to also establish a direct flight from Donegal Airport to an airport in the London area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49733/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will expedite a driving test for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [49747/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the minimum or optimum number of mechanics who should be employed in each of the 49 NCT centres in Ireland, listed individually; the number of mechanics who are currently employed in each centre; the current average waiting times for NCT appointments in each of the centres to date in tabular and written form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49778/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport when a person (details supplied) will receive a driving test date in order that they can take up employment. — Sean Sherlock. [49802/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will allow registered company owners to pay commercial rates of motor tax on certain vehicles (details supplied) once they can demonstrate a genuine need within their business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [49804/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49909/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport if the suspension of an operator licence for a company (details supplied) will be delayed until February 2023 to give the owner time to fill the vacancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [49932/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated number of additional buses that would be required if buses on each route on H-spine increased their frequency to every ten minutes.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [49974/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of revenue generated through parking charges at Irish Rail train stations in each of the years of 2019 to 2021 and to-date in 2022, in

tabular form; and the amount that was reinvested into improving Irish Rail services. — Darren O'Rourke. [49975/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of revenue generated by Bus Éireann from the €2 processing fee for members of the public with the free travel pass to use Bus Éireann. — Darren O'Rourke. [49976/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for the re-marking of the carpark at Malahide train station; and when will this work commence. — Darren O'Rourke. [49977/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase the frequency of Bus Éireann route 469 frequency from once weekly to three times weekly. — Darren O'Rourke. [49978/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50009/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address the matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to the NDLS fees and payment methods policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50037/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric hybrid buses in operation on public service obligation transport routes at present; the areas that these are operational in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50076/22]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated amount that it would cost if the home charger grant scheme for electric vehicles increased to €850 based on 2019 figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50077/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has spoken with the Commissioner of United States Customs and Border Protection (details supplied) since 1 March 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50078/22]

*246. To ask the Minister for Transport when funding for TFI Local Link daily return routes from the towns of Ballyjamesduff and Kilnaleck to the town of Cavan as applied for by Cavan-Monaghan Local Link will be sanctioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50085/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase the frequency of route 60, the new G-Spine BusConnects service which will replace route 79/79a (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [50086/22]

*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine an issue with a bus service (details supplied) which is overcrowded to an extent where it is dangerous; if there are plans to approve this service in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50123/22]

*249. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a national scheme to register custom built electrical trikes for road worthiness as in the case of a person (details supplied); if clarity will be given in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50138/22]

*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the issues experienced by students when using the 17,116 and 175 bus routes (details supplied); if he will report the matter to bus companies and ensure that additional buses are added to these routes to resolve these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50154/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Transport if the eligible age for a Leap card will be changed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50168/22]

*252. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that in New South Wales, Australia, after holding a P2 licence for two years, one automatically receives a full NSW driving licence meaning that there is no driving test in order to obtain a full licence; if his attention has been further drawn to the difficulties that persons face when they have returned from New South Wales and they are asked to provide proof of passing a driving test in NSW; if he will ensure that the NDLS provides extra allowances to those in this situation by allowing them to obtain a full Irish licence without proof of test which is not possible to obtain from New South Wales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50249/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50351/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance if a centre (details supplied) is entitled to receive the temporary business energy support scheme. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49803/22]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50262/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to increasing the rate of remote working relief in view of the increase in inflation and cost of living. — Sorca Clarke. [49451/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance if renters under a licence agreement will be entitled to the renters' tax credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49452/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeal will be set up and operating again (details supplied); the way in which the huge backlog of applicants will be dealt with in a timely manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [49470/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is considering the expansion of the cycle-to-work scheme to the self-employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [49507/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance when the Disabled Drivers Appeals Board will be re-established (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [49530/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the difficulties that the owners of dwellings with thatched roofs are having securing home insurance; if he will raise the matter with the insurance sector to seek an appropriate solution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49565/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the sale of coal; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this is adversely impacting a specific retail industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [49573/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a query raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [49593/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter in relation to the squeezed middle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49620/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review correspondence in relation to the proposed concrete block levy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49621/22]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance the timescale for the introduction of a levy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [49656/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the apartments in Finglas, known as Prospect Hill, that were taken back into possession of Dublin City Council; if they remain in full ownership of the State; if a block of apartments recently sold by the National Asset Management Agency in the same complex were the ones owned by the State; the status of that particular block; and when the apartments will be allocated. — Peadar Tóibín. [49757/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Revenue Commissioners are now demanding that businesses settle tax owed under the debt warehousing scheme (details supplied); his views on whether the insistence by the Revenue Commissioners on the repayment of warehoused debt will lead to bankruptcies; his plans to deal with this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [49808/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider the current approach to one member pension arrangements and changes to personal retirement savings accounts in the Finance Bill 2022 in October 2022; if he plans to enforce this PRSA benefit-in-kind, which leaves a benefit taxable liability in the hands of the staff member; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [49821/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is any provision for an increase in the tax exemption limit for people over 65 years of age in Budget 23 given the increase in the cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [49830/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance the timeline that he is working towards for amending the relevant legislation to incorporate the right to be forgotten for people living beyond cancer, following the recently adopted European Parliament resolution calling for European Union member

states to guarantee this right by 2025; the steps that his Department has taken to prepare for this legislative change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49847/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter in relation to the temporary business energy support scheme and the application to the charity sector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [49918/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of vehicles seized by Revenue Commissioners under section 141 of the Finance Act 1992 in 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022 in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [49979/22]

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance if the tendering process for a replacement customs cutter vessel will commence before the end of the year. — Darren O'Rourke. [49980/22]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans, if any, that are in place to reduce the current 13.5% VAT rate to the beauty industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [50114/22]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance the rationale to justify the benefit-in-kind rise in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50143/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [50146/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance the limited number of period products that will be reduced to a zero per cent VAT rate from 1 January 2023, as announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50251/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will agree to a full review of the benefit-in-kind tax system; if he will defer the proposed Budget 2023 changes until the review is undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [50281/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on suggestions from the European Commission and some European Union member states that an enhanced cooperation procedure should be used for the implementation in the EU of pillar two of the OECD agreement on international taxation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [50283/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned that the use of an enhanced cooperation procedure at EU level in the realm of taxation would impinge on the ability of Ireland and other small EU member states to retain their sovereignty over taxation matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [50284/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the details on the expected timelines for the reopening of the offices of the Revenue Commissioners to facilitate face to face engagement with consideration of the significant tax changes that have been announced and the expected increase in queries on PAYE and other revenue-related services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50305/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Finance the action, if any, which he intends to take in respect of a senior civil servant (details supplied) in light of the findings of a recent report which raises serious public interest questions about this person's compliance with the Civil Service code of standards

and behaviours, especially in respect of Sections 6 and 7, and potentially Section 14; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50307/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50340/22]

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

*286. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current status and estimated completion time for the new Garda station at Clonmel, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50054/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address the matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [49768/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the Government plans to prohibit bookmaking firms from operating bets on the National Lottery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [50005/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the Garda stations within the Clare Garda division that were refurbished by the OPW and the costs were in excess of €5,000 in 2021 and to date in 2022; the nature of works that were carried out at each station; if each of these capital works project is still ongoing or completed in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50071/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of qualified gas engineers employed by the OPW as of 31 December 2020 and 4 October 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50072/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 270 of 4 October 2022, the engagements that he has had concerning the OPW's engagements with the Minister for Housing; Local Government and Heritage, Kilmainham Gaol and the National Graves' Association on plans to move the remains of the Invincibles from the grounds of Kilmainham Gaol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [50116/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to someone transferring from a public service position in the Prison Service to a State owned enterprise Dublin Airport Authority, if he will confirm that there is prior recognition of service meaning that the pay grade that they enter is comparable to their previous position; if any recent changes have been made in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50140/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 113 of 4 October 2022, if there has been a competitive tendering process for the promotion

of the proposed National Children's Science Museum; if there are any other promoters in receipt of "free of charge" licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [50189/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that his Department will not permit public access back into the swimming pool in the Garda College in Templemore, given that there is a long tradition in the town of locals and groups being able to access this very important local amenity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50242/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50346/22]

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

*297. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in her Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when he plans to open the next round of sports capital grants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49906/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the dates in 2022 on which she spoke formally with the chief executive officer and or chairperson of each State agency under the remit of her Department in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [49988/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of full-time staff by job title working in the National Concert Hall as of 4 October 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [49989/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding that she announced for cultural events in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50202/22]

*302. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to an organisation (details supplied) that has lifted its ban on Russian and Belarussian athletes competing; if its Irish equivalent has a stance on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50285/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within her Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under her remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50350/22]

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

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the unfolding humanitarian crisis in County Donegal whereby families who have to move out of their homes in the county for safety reasons due to the impact of defective concrete blocks cannot source temporary alternative accommodation; and if he will urgently task the Housing Agency with assisting these families with temporary housing, either modular or in the private sector across the county. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50198/22]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the membership, including directors and shareholders, if any, of Galway Culture company, further to his announcement on 29 September 2022 (details supplied) of an allocation of €147,000 to Derry and Strabane Council, Ulster University, Galway Culture company, Creative Enterprise West, Atlantic Technological University and the Western Development Commission; its registered address; the name and number of all organisations that tendered for the project; if he will provide details of the Atlantic Region of Creative Content project; the purposes for which the company was established; when it was established; and if he will provide a breakdown of the way in which the €147,000 will be spent. — Catherine Connolly. [49287/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans he has to review the tenant incremental purchase scheme to allow those who were tenants of Part V houses prior to the introduction of the regulations to proceed with the purchase of their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [49454/22]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 221 of 14 September 2022, the number of applications received by the National Parks and Wildlife Service for a domestic dwelling derogation licence to exclude bats from premises in each year 2012 to 2022 inclusive, the number of derogations approved for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [49458/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the financial obstacles for persons affected by MICA at different stages of the remediation process; if he will he consider introducing a mechanism to bring forward the accommodation and storage cost element of the approved legislation in order to alleviate the financial hardship that many families are enduring this winter; when the new scheme will be rolled out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [49475/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on when engineers' fees will be returned to persons affected by defective blocks who have yet to receive this payment; if he has taken the impact that the rising costs have had on this cohort into consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [49503/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if incremental credit will be awarded to assistant and executive planners, as well as cognate professionals, within local government and analogous grades in the public service more widely given that incremental credit has been made available to other professionals; if all postgraduate experience will be allowed to

qualify for incremental pay with no deductions as per Circular 08/2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [49508/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the current incremental tenant purchase scheme permits council tenants in homes classed as a maisonette to avail of purchase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49527/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans, if any, to review the income threshold to qualify for social housing following Budget 2023 and the slight increase that some cohorts have received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49540/22]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions that are still outstanding from the August 2005 report on the Present and Future Protection of Thatched Structures in Ireland; the supports that are available to support homeowners maintain thatched roofs; the number of thatched roof dwellings per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49564/22]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will request local authorities not to remove a person who has entered addiction rehabilitation from the social housing waiting list. — Thomas Gould. [49642/22]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a restriction on recording full council meetings in either a statutory instrument or legislation. — Thomas Gould. [49657/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his views expressed in July 2022 regarding additional funding for Galway County Council (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [49686/22]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the apartments in Finglas, known as Prospect Hill, that were taken back into the possession of Dublin City Council; if they remain in full ownership of the State; if a block of apartments recently sold by the National Asset Management Agency in the same complex were the ones owned by the State; the status of that particular block; and when the apartments will be allocated. — Peadar Tóibín. [49756/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the regulations which he recently made to protect the basking shark *cetorhinus maximus* under Section 23(2)(a) of the Wildlife Act 1976, entitled the Wildlife Act 1976 (Protection of Wild Animals) Regulations 2022, can be policed and enforced by Inland Fisheries Ireland out to the 12-mile jurisdictional limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [49770/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities are obliged to publish the system of fees which they charge homeowners for the purchase of the fee, simply on their property; if it is correct that local authorities are obliged to review the charging structure at regular intervals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [49806/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of planning applications that have been rejected in the past 12 months by Louth County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [49823/22]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when local authorities will be accepting applications from rural applicants following the recent announcement of the expansion of croí cónaithe vacant property grants to rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49839/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an estate (details supplied) is being considered under the energy efficiency funding scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [49913/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to local authorities currently at capacity in terms of their emergency accommodation provision; the number of local authorities that he has engaged with that plan to expand their provision of emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49920/22]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that he has taken to ensure that each local authority is fulfilling its obligation to provide emergency accommodation to those with a local connection; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Dublin is becoming the only destination for persons who are otherwise refused elsewhere and this has contributed to Dublin being at capacity in terms of emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49921/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the date on which he will prepare a management plan for the Boyne, Blackwater special area of conservation; the date on which this plan will go to public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [50004/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role that his Department has in the provision of accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; the guidelines that his Department is operating from in terms of the standards of accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [50020/22]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will announce a package to deal with the issue of apartment-fire defects from Celtic Tiger-era apartments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [50064/22]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if income from the working family payment can be included in calculating eligibility for housing assistance payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50069/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if income received from the working family payment can be included in calculating eligibility for a family to be placed on a local authority housing list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50070/22]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the inclusion of carer's allowance in income calculations for local authority home loans. — Pa Daly. [50097/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the policy change in his Department with regards to the purchase of HAP, RAS and leased tenancies by local authorities or Approved Housing Bodies in cases in which tenants are in receipt of a notice to quit; if he will provide circulars, memos and or any guidelines issued to the local authorities or AHBs in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50128/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list broken down by local authority, of all HAP and RAS tenancies bought by local authorities with the tenant in situ since the April 2022 circular allowing same to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50130/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No 288 of 4 October 2020, if he will provide a breakdown of the 2,800 homes to be delivered for affordable purchase and cost rental, through both LDA investment and with funding of €90 million via the Affordable Housing Fund stating the number of cost rental and affordable purchases to be delivered by the LDA and the number of cost rental and affordable purchases to be delivered by local authorities. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50137/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Electoral Reform Act 2022 is currently in law and enacted; and if the criteria regarding registration of a political party remain, either 300 members 50% of whom are on the electoral register or an elected member of Dáil Éireann under item 45 of this Act. — Robert Troy. [50145/22]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing units that have been delivered under the long-term social housing leasing scheme in the Dublin City Council administrative area in each of the years since 2018, by housing area (details supplied), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50147/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the report on income eligibility for social housing that was completed in December 2021; and when the recommendations from that report will be implemented. — Gino Kenny. [50155/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of external consultants that have been hired by his Department in each of the years since 2016 to date in tabular form; the purpose of the consultant contracted; and the cost per contract. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50163/22]

*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a plan to roll out modular buildings to cater for the demand for housing in County Donegal as a result of Mica-related re-housing needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [50188/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the situation regarding liability for local authority rates by social welfare offices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [50233/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to provide funding for a transfer of an entity (details supplied); the level of engagement that he and his Department have had with the company being transferred and with the local authority; the amount of funding sought by the local authority from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50267/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all the Section 10 organisations funded in 2021 and 2022, respectively; the amount allocated to each; the quantum of funding that was derived from his Department and the balance from local authorities in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [50321/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50344/22]

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

*344. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*345. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs that date that an invitation was received from the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe to nominate Irish election observers for the Bulgarian parliamentary election scheduled to be held in October 2022; the reason that no Irish election observers were nominated for this mission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49721/22]

*346. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the names of each person nominated to take part in Ireland's international election observation programme since the start of 2019; the cost of each mission involved broken down by airfares, expenses, grants and insurance; if these observers were appointed or reappointed to the Irish election observation roster; if so, the date that they were originally appointed; if he will detail the budget for the programme in 2022 and 2023; the amount of the budget for 2022 that has been spent to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49722/22]

*347. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the assistance that has been provided by the Irish Government to the government of Pakistan in the context of the ongoing severe floods in Pakistan. — Chris Andrews. [49833/22]

*348. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of accredited diplomats from the Russian Federation that are based in Ireland; the number that are located at the Russian Embassy; the total number of staff that are located here that work in the Russian Embassy; the information that his Department has on the duties of each Russian diplomat located here; the changes in staffing levels at the embassy that have occurred since the Russian invasion of Ukraine in February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [49910/22]

*349. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to invite his Portuguese counterpart to Ireland before the end of 2022. — Darren O'Rourke. [49990/22]

*350. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will report on recent activities of the Irish Consulate in Mumbai including staffing numbers. — Darren O'Rourke. [49991/22]

*351. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of the passport application by a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [50059/22]

*352. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with the Irish Ambassador to Indonesia (details supplied) in the past six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50073/22]

*353. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that the passport application of a person (details supplied) will be processed urgently by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [50084/22]

*354. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current waiting time that a person has to wait before they can change their name on their passport via a deed poll; the current conditions as set out for persons seeking to change their name on a passport; if he will consider reducing the timeframe for persons who are due to get married or travel and wish to do so under their new name; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50122/22]

*355. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50341/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*356. To ask the Minister for Defence if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*357. To ask the Minister for Defence given the retention and recruitment crisis in the Defence Forces, and considering their experience and knowledge, the involvement that veterans and serving members have in recruitment in the Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [49449/22]

*358. To ask the Minister for Defence the efforts he has made to stem the exodus of personnel from the Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [49450/22]

*359. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacancies by rank in the Defence Forces school of music as of 4 October 2022; and when these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [49984/22]

*360. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the open recruitment process for head of transformation and head of strategic human resources for the Defence Forces; when he expects these roles to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50051/22]

*361. To ask the Minister for Defence the current state of affairs with respect to recruitment in the Reserve Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50053/22]

*362. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide the details of an event (details supplied) organised by his Department; the details of the organisations and companies that were represented at this event; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50270/22]

*363. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50336/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*364. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that trainee educational and child psychologists receive the same salary and educational funding as trainee clinical psychologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [50170/22]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of schools which will get solar panels; the number of schools on an annual basis that will be fitted with free solar PV panels under recently announced proposals; the total amount of funding that will be made available on an annual basis to complete this programme of works; if she will outline the process by which this will be rolled out; if there will be a prioritisation list for certain schools getting fitted with solar panel first; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50253/22]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for when each school in Ireland will get free solar PV panels as part of Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50254/22]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in her Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the implementation of a science-led and age appropriate relationship and sexual education programme that is mandatory across all publicly funded schools. — Gary Gannon. [50373/22]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education if she will restore the special education teaching hours for a school (details supplied) in order that they can continue to provide the support needed by the parents of the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [49455/22]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review a school transport issue for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [49462/22]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will provide for the installation of contactless refill water units in all schools, colleges and universities as part of an initiative to support water conservation and plastic reduction as part of a climate action plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [49483/22]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education the number of Ukrainian children that have been unable to secure school places in the Fingal area (details supplied); the way that she plans to accommodate these children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [49485/22]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline her progress to date in developing an education stream in schools that addresses gender-based violence. — Catherine Murphy. [49499/22]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will confirm receipt of an application for school transport for a pupil (details supplied); if the distance between the pupil's home and their school will be considered when reviewing the application; and when a decision will be made available. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49501/22]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education if a new gaelscoil for primary school pupils will be provided in the Killester, Raheny, and Clontarf school planning area due to increasing demand for this type of education in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [49506/22]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the outstanding development work at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49518/22]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education the plans, if any, from the Government to address the serious lack of teacher supply in the Dublin area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49519/22]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education when the results for the Junior Certificate examinations which took place in June will be made available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [49542/22]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding any recent meetings held between her Department and the Kildare and Wicklow Education and Training Board in relation to a new school building for a school (details supplied); the status of this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [49547/22]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the proposed construction of the SEN classrooms for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49567/22]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education if a person (details supplied) was entitled to an increment between January and June 2019 while they were employed by Galway and Roscommon Education and Training Board; if they received the said increment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [49574/22]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the request submitted for additional accommodation to include three temporary classrooms for a school (details supplied); if a decision has been reached; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [49591/22]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education the average timeframe between the special needs' assistant exceptional reviews taking place in primary schools and the review outcomes being communicated to these schools in writing for the 2021-2022 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [49592/22]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education when students who completed their Junior Certificate in 2022 will receive their results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [49615/22]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a National Educational Psychological Service psychologist has not been assigned to a school (details supplied); and if this matter will be rectified as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [49628/22]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to make funding available to fund a training programme (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [49629/22]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the building project for a school (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [49648/22]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the building project for a school (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [49649/22]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the building project for a school (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [49650/22]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the building project for a school (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [49651/22]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the building project for a school (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [49652/22]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the building project for a school (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [49654/22]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied) with special educational needs to and from school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [49680/22]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new gaelscoil for Athenry, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49729/22]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that a school (details supplied) needs to take to deal with additional accommodation needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [49732/22]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) will be provided with school transport; if she will review the circumstances of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [49751/22]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) will be provided with school transport; if she will review the circumstances of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [49752/22]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) will be provided with school transport; if she will review the circumstances of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [49753/22]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education when students who sat their Junior Certificate examinations in 2022 can expect to receive their results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [49775/22]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) has a special educational needs coordinator; if not, the reason for this; if the school has been allocated 1.5 teachers and two SNAs for every six SEN pupils; and when the SEN pupils in the school will be allocated their additional teaching resources to allow resource classes to begin. — Seán Crowe. [49776/22]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education when an appeal by a person (details supplied) for assistive technology support will be concluded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [49779/22]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address an anomaly in the system which has resulted in retired Cork ETB teachers (details supplied) not receiving the 1% pension increase due to them on 1 October 2021 under the Building Momentum Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [48158/22]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that the school transport section of her Department has failed to reply to correspondence on five separate occasions from a Donegal school (details supplied) in relation to a transport application for 30 students who are now over five weeks without transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49810/22]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education when an application for school transport submitted in June 2022 for 30 Ukrainian children by a Donegal school (details supplied) will be processed and the school informed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49811/22]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education when the tender will be awarded for an application for school transport submitted in June 2022 for 30 Ukrainian children by a Donegal school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49812/22]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications for school transport through the REALT system which remain to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49813/22]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education if she will expedite permission to proceed with construction work for approved additional accommodation without further delay at a school (details supplied) which includes a two-class SEN base, an additional SET room and an assisted users' WC; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [49814/22]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education if his attention has been drawn to the need to upgrade and retrofit the old part of a school building (details supplied); if the building can be assessed to establish the level of work required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [35391/22]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education when a pupil (details supplied) will receive an assessment from the National Educational Psychological Service as recommended; and if the assessment will be carried out at the earliest opportunity given the delays experienced. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49820/22]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a detailed breakdown of moneys spent on new ASD classes as part of an extension works on to existing schools for each of the years

2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the funding allocated for similar works in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [49822/22]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the trainee educational and child psychologist programme is now the only type of psychologist training programme which is not Government funded; her plans to deal with this very unfair anomaly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [49829/22]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education if new ASD units will be opened in post-primary schools in Dublin south west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [49840/22]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education if any flexibility can be given to a school (details supplied) when it comes to student/teacher ratio; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49841/22]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education when the Junior Certificate results will be available. — Kathleen Funchion. [49842/22]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education if she has been consulted about proposed restructuring of educational welfare services within Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49891/22]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education if she supports the proposed restructuring of Tusla given that the policy and finance remit of education welfare services sits in her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49892/22]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the new gaelscoil for Athenry, County Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49893/22]

*418. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais maidir leis an bpolasaí nua atá beartaithe don Ghaeilge sa chóras oideachais ón réamhscoil go dtí an tríú leibhéal: cad é líon na n-uaireanta atá caite ag an ngrúpa idir-rannach air go dtí seo; cad é líon na n-uaireanta atá caite ag an ngrúpa stiúrtha air go dtí seo; an scríobhtar miontuairiscí chruinnithe an ghrúpa idir-rannaigh; an scríobhtar miontuairiscí chruinnithe an ghrúpa stiúrtha; cathain a fhoilseofar an polasaí nua; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [49907/22]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the roll-out of the promised temporary additional capacity on the school transport scheme given the additional funding approved for the scheme under Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49908/22]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education if she has issued a circular or memo to primary and or second level schools in respect of advising teachers on the way in which they assign homework to students and or the volume of homework that should be or is expected from students; and her plans to reduce the amount of additional education work that a student takes home. — Catherine Murphy. [50008/22]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made by Bus Éireann as it works to increase the number of school buses and drivers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [46275/22]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education the developments that have been made in considering the demographic need for a college (details supplied); if the process has been completed within her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50058/22]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education if she has received an application for DEIS status for a school (details supplied); when a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50063/22]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address complaints raised by parents in relation to the safety of a bus stop (details supplied) located in County Tipperary; if evidence can be provided by Bus Éireann to demonstrate that it has investigated said concerns and that it can validate claims that the stop is safe for the concerned parents involved; if consideration can be given to a safer alternative stop; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50066/22]

*425. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the amount of special class places that have been sanctioned in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [50067/22]

*426. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the assistive technology scheme; if she will provide an update on the review of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [50068/22]

*427. To ask the Minister for Education when the Junior Certificate results will be released; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50089/22]

*428. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that are being put in place to bring a building (details supplied) on Arranmore island up to the standard required to make the school a safe environment for children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [50091/22]

*429. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a school bus ticket is issued to a pupil (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [50093/22]

*430. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that the application for planning permission for a school (details supplied) was submitted with no up-to-date green measures which is out of line with Government policy and has led to the application being refused by the planners and yet another delay in the delivery of this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50125/22]

*431. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that the interim application for a temporary school (details supplied) is delayed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50126/22]

*432. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she will take to address the endless delays and disappointments in relation to the provision of a school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50127/22]

*433. To ask the Minister for Education if she will investigate the requirement for an additional three classrooms for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [50142/22]

*434. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a comprehensive account of the circumstances that have caused a school building project (details supplied) to be delayed and ultimately having to be retendered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50150/22]

*435. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a detailed revised timeline for the completion of the school building project at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50152/22]

*436. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application for school transport for a number of pupils (details supplied) in County Sligo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [50153/22]

*437. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of ASD spaces available for post-primary students in the east Meath catchment area (details supplied); if urgent intervention will be provided to increase the ASD units in a school or other post-primary schools to cater for additional placements in this area of significant population growth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50162/22]

*438. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that is being made in delivering ASD classes for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [50175/22]

*439. To ask the Minister for Education the definitive date for the publishing of 2022 Junior Certificate results; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50186/22]

*440. To ask the Minister for Education when sanctioned school transport will be put in place for a pupil (details supplied) in Dublin 9; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50190/22]

*441. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene in the case of a threatened expulsion of an autistic student from a autism class in a primary school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50197/22]

*442. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children who have applied for a school bus ticket in each primary and post-primary school in County Limerick in the current academic year; the number of pupils who have been awarded a ticket and the number of pupils who have been awarded a ticket but have not gotten a seat in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [50200/22]

*443. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 185 of 5 October 2022, the reason that a school (details supplied) cannot get a broadband connection given that it can be serviced with a full fibre connection with speeds up to 2Gbps, super-fast broadband from commercial operators; the measures that are being taken to alleviate the obstacles to have this school connected to broadband within the earliest timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [50204/22]

*444. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teachers who are registered on the teacher supply panel; the number currently on the panel who have not been assigned to a school; the number of panellists by county; and the number of vacancies by county in primary and second-level schools. — Catherine Murphy. [50238/22]

*445. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she can continue to alleviate hardship caused by the lack of the availability of school transport in respect of various school-goers at primary and second level in County Kildare; if concessionary tickets may issue in the short term given the fact that parents are at work and unable to do school deliveries or pickups; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50291/22]

*446. To ask the Minister for Education the extent of the expected impact on the improvement of pupil-teacher ratios at primary and second level in County Kildare and throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50292/22]

*447. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school building projects currently in-hand in County Kildare at primary or second level; the expected dates of completion for each project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50293/22]

*448. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in relation to the three-school project at Hazelhatch, Celbridge, County Kildare incorporating a replacement school (details supplied) which is now an urgent requirement and two other schools on a single site; if all the necessary road and realignment works have been completed by the local authority to facilitate this progress; when construction work will start in respect of each of the schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50294/22]

*449. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which procedures are in place to prevent school bullying; the number of reported incidents in all schools throughout the country in recent times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50295/22]

*450. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which forward planning for extra school places at primary and second level throughout Kildare north continues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50296/22]

*451. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which ongoing discussion is taking place with the various school authorities at primary and second level in Kildare north, with particular reference to advancing existing projects or initiating new proposals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50297/22]

*452. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she expects to be in a position to meet the requirements as set out by the various primary and second level school authorities in Kildare north to be met within reasonable time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50298/22]

*453. To ask the Minister for Education the current position in regard to the replacement of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50299/22]

*454. To ask the Minister for Education the progress to date in addressing deficiencies in accommodation at primary and second level in Naas, County Kildare, with particular reference to projects of long-standing projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50300/22]

*455. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which second and third level education continues to focus on the need to supply suitably qualified staff, in both the public and private

sectors, in areas currently experiencing difficulties in obtaining and retaining staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50301/22]

*456. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which she and her Department continue to monitor education requirements in Maynooth, County Kildare, having regard to the population growth in the area; the number of children who are currently in primary school and who are likely to be in need of second education in the near future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50302/22]

*457. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teachers who are currently employed at primary level throughout the country; the extent to which this meets requirements at the present time; the ongoing efforts that are being made to address shortages in respect of teachers for permanent and or temporary positions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50303/22]

*458. To ask the Minister for Education the degree to which provision continues to be made to ensure the viability of smaller and denominational rural or urban schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50304/22]

*459. To ask the Minister for Education the current and expected position in regard to the provision of permanent accommodation on a single site for a proposed school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50306/22]

*460. To ask the Minister for Education the date that a Departmental circular which states that schools should avoid using resources developed by the alcohol industry was issued; if she will issue a renewed circular which states that schools must comply with the advice of the HSE and the Department of Health which advises schools against participating in alcohol-funded initiatives or using resources provided by alcohol industry funded organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50312/22]

*461. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline that she is working towards for updating the social personal and health education curriculum, in particular alcohol misuse education for junior cycle students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50313/22]

*462. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she is taking to ensure that schools only use alcohol educational resources from the HSE and other trusted public health agencies given the recent comments regarding the alcohol industry funded organisation's involvement in alcohol misuse education. — Róisín Shortall. [50314/22]

*463. To ask the Minister for Education the extent to which the old school buildings at a school (details supplied) are scheduled to be utilised for educational or other purposes; if provision is being made for outlay for various improvements made by the former school authorities in respect of individual expenditure items; if the new school authorities are likely to be compensated for this expenditure and carried over to the new campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50317/22]

*464. To ask the Minister for Education the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within her Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under her remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50337/22]

*465. To ask the Minister for Education if a teacher (details supplied) can be paid given that they are awaiting their payment for seven weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50352/22]

*466. To ask the Minister for Education the overall number of applications received for school bus transport for the school year starting September 2022; the number of those that were rejected and the reasons for rejection in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50353/22]

*467. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the process employed in appealing a decision by her Department to refuse an application for school bus transport; the persons involved; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50354/22]

*468. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a child (details supplied) who was in receipt of a ticket for school bus transport last year did not receive a ticket for this year, despite having no material change in circumstance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50355/22]

*469. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline information in relation to newly established collaborative efforts between HSE children's disability services and education to examine if services to children with complex additional needs and their families has been rolled out in all up and running CDNTs to date; and when and how such a collaboration will be evaluated in the future. — Gary Gannon. [50380/22]

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

*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the domestic abuse rent supplement will be maintained or adjusted for inflation in the next year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50359/22]

*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a breakdown of the number of persons who have availed of domestic abuse rent supplement by month since its introduction in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50360/22]

*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in her Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) who has a claim for arrears of carers allowance has been refused as this person is only working 16 hours and the extra hours of income was holiday pay he was owed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [49463/22]

*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers employed at the Finglas Social Welfare office for the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [49465/22]

*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of additional needs payments applied for in the Finglas Social Welfare office in the past year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [49466/22]

*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of additional needs payments processed at the Finglas Social Welfare office in the past year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [49467/22]

*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average time it takes to process and decide on an additional needs payment at the Finglas Social Welfare office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [49468/22]

*478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an applicant has a right to an oral hearing when requesting an appeal of a social welfare decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49474/22]

*479. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if those pensioners who may qualify for the fuel allowance under the new threshold limits will be automatically granted the payment; if not, if they must apply; if so, if they must apply in advance of 1 January 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49488/22]

*480. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the additional €400 one off payment for recipients of the fuel allowance that will be paid in 2022 will be made available to those who will be granted the allowance in January 2023 under the new threshold limits given the cost-of-energy-crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49489/22]

*481. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are available to persons from her Department in the context of the recent adoption of the Dublin Declaration (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [49497/22]

*482. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to introducing a travel stipend to support community employment participants in rural communities, given the ongoing cost of living crisis and increasing cost of fuel and limited public transport in many rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49502/22]

*483. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision can urgently issue on an supplementary welfare allowance claim for a person (details supplied) given that their application was submitted several weeks ago; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [49526/22]

*484. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a response will issue to a query in relation to the State Pension (Non-Contributory) of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [49543/22]

*485. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a carer's support grant will be paid to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49545/22]

*486. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the funding that her Department has put in place for the 2023 school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [49546/22]

*487. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for the disability allowance will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49548/22]

*488. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49563/22]

*489. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will remove the income threshold for deserted wife benefit which is in place for the years 3 August 1992 to 2 January 1997; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49578/22]

*490. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will index link the income threshold for the deserted wife payment to match the rise in inflation year on year given that no increase has been allowed since its inception; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49579/22]

*491. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the categories of welfare payment recipients (details supplied) that will receive the November 2022 cost-of-living double payment. — Bríd Smith. [49582/22]

*492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review an application by a person (details supplied) for the State pension (non-contributory). — Pa Daly. [49583/22]

*493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the materials budget for community employment participants was increased in Budget 2023, given that it currently stands at €13.46 per person. — Alan Kelly. [49639/22]

*494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there any plans to introduce a scheme for carers who are long-term carers claiming carer's allowance for ten-plus years when it comes to their State pension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49655/22]

*495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if multiple claimants in the same household will be eligible for the €500 bonus on the working family payment, invalidity pension, carer's support grant, disability allowance and the blind pension or if there is a limit on one claimant per household. — Martin Browne. [49700/22]

*496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the payments that have been made to An Post in each of the years 2017 to 2031 for the delivery of social welfare payments in post offices; if she will outline the calculation process for determining these payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [49706/22]

*497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the once-off payment for carer's, recently announced in Budget 23, will be issued once per carer or once per care recipient similar to the carer's support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [49718/22]

*498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision will be made on an application for disability allowance in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49730/22]

*499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the process through which a person (details supplied) can have their name changed to their married name on their Public Services Card. — Eoin Ó Broin. [49734/22]

*500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) who is in receipt of a disablement pension of €190 per month is entitled to the fuel allowance. — Dara Calleary. [49742/22]

*501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if assistance is available to an employer to take on Ukrainian refugees and to assist in the necessary training. — Robert Troy. [49749/22]

*502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider adjusting the means test for the carer's allowance in order that reasonable mortgage repayments for the primary residence would be subtracted from the applicant's overall means; if she will consider taking the number of dependents in a household into account as part of the means test for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [49754/22]

*503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application by a person (details supplied) for a disability allowance will be expedited due to extenuating circumstances in the case. — Seán Canney. [49760/22]

*504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if recipients will receive a one-off payment for each grant that they are in receipt of, following the one-off payment for recipients of the carer's support grant announced in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49792/22]

*505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide clarification as to the social welfare recipients who are eligible for the lump-sum payment announced as part of Budget 2023. — Sorca Clarke. [49795/22]

*506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of supplementary welfare offices in west Cork; if it is correct that Bandon and Castletownbere community welfare offices have been closed and that all correspondence is now being directed to Abbey Court House, George's Quay, Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [49801/22]

*507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will detail the plans to centralise community welfare officers in County Meath; the number and location of community welfare officers in the county now and post-reform; the timeline for same; the way in which she has assessed the impact of the proposed changes on service users; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [49944/22]

*508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of making the entitlement to fuel allowance automatic for persons aged over 80 years. — Darren O'Rourke. [49993/22]

*509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the amount that she has made provision for in respect of the pandemic unemployment payment for the remainder of 2022 and Quarter 1 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [50017/22]

*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the free fuel allowance will be approved in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50050/22]

*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of exceptional needs payments under the supplementary welfare allowance paid in each month; the total and individual value of

each payment; and the total expenditure by category and month from January 2021 to September 2022, inclusive in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [50090/22]

*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the changes in relation to fuel allowance in Budget 2023 (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [50094/22]

*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the appeal timeframe for social welfare refusals from 21 days to 30 days to allow for GP's letters to be issued to applicants ahead of the winter. — Sean Sherlock. [50112/22]

*514. 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. [50113/22]

*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the anomaly whereby a person (details supplied) who is in receipt of a State pension and who fulfils the means criteria for receipt of the fuel allowance is ineligible for the allowance if they are residing with a pensioner who is not in receipt of a qualifying payment from the Department, but are in receipt of an occupational pension from another Government body; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [50141/22]

*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason fuel allowance recipients who are participants in the employment support schemes cannot avail of the fuel allowance as a lump sum payment; if consideration has been given to offering the choice of weekly payments or lump-sum payment for those recipients particularly given many households rely on oil to heat their homes which requires a payment up front; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50149/22]

*517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will ensure that the community welfare service remains in Trim and Kells, County Meath to maintain face-to-face appointments; the reason that her Department insists on implementing a policy of removing such services from regional and rural towns despite local opposition from the public in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [50187/22]

*518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the announced one-off payments announced in Budget 2023 are expected to be paid across October, November and December 2022, in tabular form per payment and respective dates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50192/22]

*519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if social welfare offices throughout the country which are owned by her Department are liable for commercial rates; if she will clarify the situation regarding social welfare offices which are not owned by her Department and which are contracted privately to her Department as regards their liability for commercial rates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [50234/22]

*520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who was unaware of their entitlement to household benefits when over the age of 70 years can claim retrospection to the point at which they turned 70 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [50264/22]

*521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 234 of 5 October 2022, the average processing time for applications for additional needs payments for the 37% of applications which are not finalised within four weeks broken down by weekly timeframe

in relation to processing times in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50278/22]

*522. 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. [50282/22]

*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within her Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under her remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50348/22]

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

*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that are in place for workers with children who are required to isolate or stay at home due to Covid-19, in circumstances where the parent has to take time off work to care for the child and has to suffer a financial loss or take time from annual leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50206/22]

*525. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that adoption information applications can be received from people resident in the United States and that the inability of the system to accept US phone numbers will not be a barrier to them lodging an application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49456/22]

*526. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on Ireland's ratification of the optional protocol of the UN Convention on the Rights of Peoples with Disabilities, as Ireland is one of the only EU states which has not ratified the treaty. — Martin Browne. [49459/22]

*527. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a decision will issue in relation to an email (details supplied) submitted by this Deputy to the Ukraine crisis temporary accommodation team on 10 August 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [49490/22]

*528. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the income assessed subsidy under the national childcare scheme will be increased following Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [49505/22]

*529. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a statement (details supplied) issued by United Nations human rights experts on 23 September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49511/22]

*530. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions that he plans to take to provide those who were subjected to differential treatment in childcare institutions with effective remedies, through the mother and baby payment scheme, in particular to provide redress for the harms caused due to racial discrimination and systemic racism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49544/22]

*531. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will ensure that the ratification process for the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Optional Protocol occurs separately to the first reporting cycle in the UNCRPD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49632/22]

*532. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which his Department is facilitating and addressing subject data access requests by survivors of institutional abuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49633/22]

*533. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to make reservations to the UNCRPD Optional Protocol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [49634/22]

*534. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on populating the Advisory Board, concerning the forthcoming examination of the Tuam site under the Institutional Burials Act 2022, with a wider cross-section of victims, survivors and their advocates and obliging the Advisory Board to consult widely with relevant victims/survivors, and for the Director to adhere to the recommendations of the Advisory Board. — Holly Cairns. [49635/22]

*535. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on ensuring that an appropriately qualified person recruited for the purpose of excavating human remains as part of the forthcoming examination of the Tuam site under the Institutional Burials Act 2022, has expertise in forensic archaeology and forensic anthropology, preferably employing both disciplines, with demonstrable International qualifications, reputation and experience. — Holly Cairns. [49636/22]

*536. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a decision has been made to act on the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth recommendation to include organisations (details supplied) in the mother and baby homes redress scheme. — Martin Browne. [49646/22]

*537. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will intervene in the case of a Ukrainian refugee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [49720/22]

*538. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will intervene in the case of a Ukrainian refugee (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [49728/22]

*539. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding a timeline for decisions to issues on applications to his Department for funding programmes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [49767/22]

*540. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will establish a DNA database for families and survivors of mother-and-baby homes to enable extended family to identify relatives; when such a database could be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [49771/22]

*541. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he recognises the outstanding contribution that foster carers make to Irish society; his plans, if any, to increase the

rate paid for the fostering allowance which has not been increased since 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [49800/22]

*542. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will increase the fostering allowance given that this allowance has not changed since 2005; if an extra allowance can be given by Tusla for the fostering of children with special needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [49805/22]

*543. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of all section 56 funded organisations in 2021 and 2022 respectively, in tabular form; the amount of funding awarded to each; the way that the funding allocation for each makes provision for pay, terms and conditions of the staff employed in each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [49934/22]

*544. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the role that his Department has in the provision of accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; the guidelines his Department is operating from in terms of the standards of accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [50021/22]

*545. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that he is taking to ensure that Ukrainians enrolled in third-level courses are provided accommodation within a reasonable commuting distance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50046/22]

*546. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a response will issue to a request from a Ukrainian family (detailed supplied) that wish to return to Limerick have spent time here after their arrival. — Kieran O'Donnell. [50179/22]

*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to educational psychology now being the only professional psychology training programme that is not in receipt of funding; if he will ensure that there is an extension of funding to include educational psychology (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50261/22]

*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that nine locations in Dublin, Louth, Bray, Limerick city and Cork were selected as pilots for the ABC programme administered by Tusla; the number that were offered a place in each location from 26 April 2021 to 26 April 2022; the uptake in each location; the year that these locations were chosen; the plans, if any, to expand the programme locations; the plans, if any, to put the programme online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [50277/22]

*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50335/22]

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

*550. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*551. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports that are available to apprentices facing economic hardships; and if there are plans to raise the apprentice rates of pay. — Martin Browne. [49460/22]

*552. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline his progress to date in developing an education stream and or awareness campaigns in third level education settings that addresses gender based violence and related matters. — Catherine Murphy. [49500/22]

*553. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students from the North will also be eligible for the €1,000 fee reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [49522/22]

*554. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if post-graduate students on special rate SUSI will be eligible for the €1,000 fee reduction in fees if their fees exceed the €6,270 fee limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [49523/22]

*555. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students undertaking a further education and training course (details supplied) at NFQ level 8 will benefit from the €1,000 fee reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [49525/22]

*556. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to extend the reduction of €1,000 in the student contribution announced in Budget 2023 to all postgraduate students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49604/22]

*557. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the Government intends to introduce a minimum wage for the apprenticeship sector in line with national minimum wage guidelines given that some first-year apprentices can earn on average only €7 per hour or approximately €274 for a full working week (details supplied); the measures that are being taken to alleviate these income irregularities in the apprenticeship sector compared to the national minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [49607/22]

*558. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will exercise any discretion in the matter of a person (details supplied) in receipt of a SUSI grant. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49668/22]

*559. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that a person in receipt of a SUSI grant who is classed as a dependent at the beginning of their studies cannot become independent during their studies without requiring a three-year break; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49669/22]

*560. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the factors that are used to determine distance from the recipient's home to their higher educational institute in calculating the rate of a SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49670/22]

*561. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the process that is employed in appealing a decision made on a SUSI grant; the person who presides over the decision-making process in both the first and second instance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49671/22]

*562. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will meet with delegates from a representative body (details supplied) in October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49746/22]

*563. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that will be taken to ensure that there is adequate financial support for students commencing third level education in 2023. — Cathal Crowe. [49797/22]

*564. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consult with SUSI in relation to raising the income threshold to ensure that middle-income earners who are struggling will be able to access third level grants from 2023. — Cathal Crowe. [49798/22]

*565. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the financial projections of the National Training Fund up to 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [49816/22]

*566. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that students attending the University of Limerick are being charged €3,700 a year due to their being part-time students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [49838/22]

*567. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will change the rules in relation to the three year residence for children born outside the European Union whose parents have returned to Ireland to allow the children to become eligible for Irish fees as opposed to international fees for third level education; if he will ensure that students who meet the three year criteria can change from being treated as international students to Irish students during the course of their studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49911/22]

*568. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science her position regarding the future headquarters of the southeast technological university (details supplied) which is irreconcilable with that stated in the minutes of the governing body meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [49930/22]

*569. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if she will provide details of what constitutes a quorum with respect to the new governing board of the southeast technological university; the way that decisions at board level stand when taken in the absence of one or more of the primary four regional representatives; if it is by majority vote on the day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [49931/22]

*570. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of moving all part-time courses at public higher education institutes under the free fee initiative on a pro-rata basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50042/22]

*571. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated cost of reducing all non-SUSI postgraduate courses by €1,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50043/22]

*572. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that he is taking to ensure that Ukrainians enrolled in third-level course are supported in accessing student accommodation where necessary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50047/22]

*573. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider expanding the remit of the mitigating against educational disadvantage fund to provide rent-related funding to support educationally disadvantaged learners in accessing and participating in third level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [50095/22]

*574. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if funding has been provided under the mitigating against educational disadvantage fund to support educationally disadvantaged learners in counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [50096/22]

*575. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the chronic shortage of graduates in the veterinary sector; and the efforts that are being made to remedy this deficit. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [50144/22]

*576. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the college fee reimbursement announced in Budget 2023 will apply to Irish students studying abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50252/22]

*577. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the provisions that are being made available under Budget 2023 to assist postgraduate students in relation to the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50257/22]

*578. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider expanding the postgraduate grant process in order that more students can avail of these much needed supports; if he will increase the financial assistance and grant rates that are currently being provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50258/22]

*579. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that he will take in relation to the fact that the only graduate entry medicine specific loan has been removed by a bank (details supplied); if he has discussed the matter with the Minister for Finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50260/22]

*580. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports that he has in place for students who have paid repeat fees (details supplied); if they

will be entitled to claim a refund as announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50326/22]

*581. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50342/22]

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

*582. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*583. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to a report by the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence which was published by the Istanbul Convention Action Against Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence which states that Parental Alienation (details supplied) is being used to minimise evidence of Domestic Violence in the Courts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [49491/22]

*584. To ask the Minister for Justice the next steps that she will take in the context of her adoption of the Dublin Declaration. — Catherine Murphy. [49496/22]

*585. To ask the Minister for Justice the supports that are available to persons from her Department in the context of the recent adoption of the Dublin Declaration (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [49498/22]

*586. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the proposed arrangements for special exemption orders; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49559/22]

*587. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the establishment of an environmental and planning law court as set out in the Programme for Government; if a budgetary allocation for the establishment of this court was made in Budget 2023; if so, the amount; the number of judges envisioned to sit on this court; the number of staff and their relevant grades who will be assigned to work for the court; when the relevant legislation required to set up the court will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and when she expects the court to be established and in a position to hear cases. — Ivana Bacik. [49584/22]

*588. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the provision of a women's refuge centre in Carlow; the immediate supports that will be provided to women seeking refuge in Carlow given the latest report released by An Garda Síochána, which showed that half of all murders in Ireland in 2021 were linked to domestic violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [49608/22]

*589. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline her proposed spending plans for the €9 million additional investment in domestic, sexual and gender-based violence response awarded to her Department in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49664/22]

*590. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 40 of 5 July 2022 and 389 of 27 September 2022, the total number of persons who have arrived in Ireland further

to the Afghan Admissions Programme which opened in December 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49750/22]

*591. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who applied for or expressed an interest in joining An Garda Síochána in 2022. — Jim O’Callaghan. [49759/22]

*592. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who applied for or expressed an interest in joining An Garda Síochána in 2021. — Jim O’Callaghan. [49761/22]

*593. To ask the Minister for Justice when the Bill to outlaw grooming children into crime that was announced in January 2021 will be introduced in the Houses of the Oireachtas.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [49762/22]

*594. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on visa applications (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [49772/22]

*595. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated total cost of garda drivers being provided to Ministers; and the number of gardaí who will be employed in this service. — Peadar Tóibín. [49789/22]

*596. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to delays in the Probate Office for issuing grants of probate; the efforts that are being made to address these delays. — Emer Higgins. [49809/22]

*597. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of special exemption orders granted to date in 2022. — Darren O’Rourke. [49983/22]

*598. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of future planning for the Prison Service; and the way that additional capacity is being built in to cater for the rising population. — Emer Higgins. [50006/22]

*599. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status and estimated completion time for the new Garda station at Macroom, County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50049/22]

*600. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status and estimated completion time for the new Family Law Court at Hammond Lane, Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50057/22]

*601. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who were refused immigration clearance by Garda immigration officers at Shannon Airport in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50080/22]

*602. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of days that educational programmes were prevented from proceeding due to staff shortages in the Irish Prison Service since 2020 to date, by prison institution in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50081/22]

*603. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time civilian malware analysts working in the Garda cyber crime unit as of 31 December 2020 and 4 October 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50082/22]

*604. To ask the Minister for Justice if a student visa will be approved for a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [50092/22]

*605. To ask the Minister for Justice the legislative timeline for the progression of the family courts Bill; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [50124/22]

*606. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will ensure that in-person appointments return to the immigration service delivery; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [50171/22]

*607. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to delays in An Garda Síochána approving driving licence applications for taxi drivers. — Emer Higgins. [50185/22]

*608. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50201/22]

*609. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50203/22]

*610. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in the State as of 1 January in each of the years 2019 to 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50243/22]

*611. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned as juvenile liaison officers. — Cormac Devlin. [50244/22]

*612. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within her Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under her remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50345/22]

*613. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a breakdown of the number of the domestic violence refuge beds and spaces available by county for each of the past five years in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50357/22]

*614. To ask the Minister for Justice her Department’s plan going forward to expand the availability of domestic violence refuge in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50358/22]

*615. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of anti-social behaviour orders issued for each of the years 2019 to 2021 and up to 1 October 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [50368/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*616. To ask the Minister for Health when Magdalene survivors can receive their Health (Amendment) Act 1996 cards as promised in the redress package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [49843/22]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that his Department has in place to have a bike station installed on the grounds of Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50274/22]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) is likely to be offered an urgent tonsillectomy having had eight infections in five months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49461/22]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health if Coaguchek meters and self-test strips will be provided free of charge for warfarin patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [49469/22]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect an appointment for admission to Limerick University Hospital. — Barry Cowen. [49471/22]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49472/22]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are being put in place for children who require urgent orthodontic care as a result of a specific issue (details supplied) where the HSE have not yet accepted responsibility for transfer of care in this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49493/22]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to situations with regard to children and young people who are discharged from CAHMS where these patients are referred to a HSE healthcare centre or day hospital to be seen by a psychologist which often have long waiting lists; if he will advise the supports that are in place to prevent the patient waiting for extended periods without a doctor appointment or prescription for medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49495/22]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health if adequate funding will be provided for trainee educational and child psychologists; if a working group to examine the funding of educational and child psychologists will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [49504/22]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine the case of a person (details provided); if he will request additional care to be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [49510/22]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide updated figures on the number of whole-time equivalent psychologist positions filled in CAMHS given that only 92.3 of the 190 positions recommend in the vision for change model 15 years ago have been filled as of February 2022. — Patrick Costello. [49512/22]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that his Department and HSE are putting in place to ensure that sufficient educational and child psychologists are being trained and retained to tackle staffing issues within CAMHS. — Patrick Costello. [49513/22]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) who worked in the frontline as an unpaid trainee in the child psychology and disability services during Covid and who has received no reimbursement to date, will receive payment. — Brian Stanley. [49520/22]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) who worked in the frontline as an unpaid trainee in the child psychology and disability services during Covid and who has received no reimbursement to date, will receive payment. — Brian Stanley. [49520/22]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to a project (details supplied); if the construction work has recommenced; the estimated timeframe for when the facility will be completed in light of the construction downtime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [49521/22]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on plans to fund counselling psychology training; when the funding will be made available; the areas that the funding will cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [49524/22]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health if fees paid by families under the fair deal scheme will be reviewed given the high costs for families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49535/22]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health the rules that are in place concerning costs under the fair deal scheme after the person has been in nursing care for three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49536/22]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds that are in the mental health unit at Roscommon County Hospital; if there is a waiting list; the extent of same; the average time spent by a person on the waiting list; the current staffing levels in the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [49537/22]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the withdrawal of a medical card of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [49538/22]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who has been wanting for a hospital appointment since October 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [49539/22]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the proposed changes to the fair deal arrangements regarding the treatment of rental income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49568/22]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the availability of a drug (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [49572/22]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health if he will remove any roadblocks to the setting-up of the independent radiation therapist review; if he will commit to implementing the recommendations, if any, which could emanate from the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [49575/22]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health if any consideration has been given to providing persons above the age of 16 years suffering with long-term mental illness, to be included in the HSEs long-

term illness scheme, which would provide much needed relief to those without medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [49580/22]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health when the pandemic bonus payment for frontline workers will be rolled out to all eligible workers in the State, including those in private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49581/22]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to the National Cancer Strategy in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [49585/22]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health the no-show rates at chemotherapy appointments at each of the designated cancer centres in each of the years 2017 to 2022, in tabular form. — Ivana Bacik. [49586/22]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health the barriers to training and provision of doctors, general practitioners and consultants in Ireland; the number of students who are studying each discipline of medicine in Ireland for each of the past ten years separately for undergraduate and postgraduate students; the number who have graduated for each of the past ten years; the number of those students that are still working in Ireland five years, ten years, 20 years, 30 years and 40 years after they have graduated; and the role that the Irish Medical Council has in the supply of qualified doctors. — Peadar Tóibín. [49589/22]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the barriers to training and provision of nurses, occupational therapists and physiotherapists in Ireland; the number of students who are studying these disciplines in Ireland for each of the past ten years; and the number who have graduated for each of the past ten years; and the number of those students who are still working in Ireland five years, ten years, 20 years, 30 years, and 40 years after they have graduated. — Peadar Tóibín. [49590/22]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health pursuant to Budget 2023, the timeline for when cariban will be made available on the drugs payment scheme and through the medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [49614/22]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of when non-HSE workers entitled to the Covid bonus payment will receive this payment. — Holly Cairns. [49637/22]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the way young women who did not receive the HPV vaccine in schools can access the vaccine. — Holly Cairns. [49638/22]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to provide mental health beds within County Tipperary; his further plans to ensure that persons in need of secure psychiatric beds are not transferred to services outside County Tipperary due to a lack of availability of these beds within the county; his views on such a case in County Tipperary in which persons have been transferred to facilities in Ennis or Kilkenny due to the fact there were no secure mental health beds available in the County; the measures that are being taken to alleviate these irregularities and to address the lack of mental health beds in general including secure mental health beds within County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [49644/22]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the current 12 month wait times for each children's disability network team in CHO9 that is, the number of children that are waiting for one, two, three, four and five plus years. — Gary Gannon. [49658/22]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for delay in a family (details supplied) receiving an appointment for a replacement paediatric neurology consultant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49659/22]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies for the post of paediatric neurology consultant at University Hospital Limerick; the length of time that these positions have been vacant for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49660/22]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of positions for the post of paediatric neurology consultant at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49661/22]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed in the post of paediatric neurology consultant in each model 4 hospital in Ireland in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49662/22]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are currently being provided in each primary care centre in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49663/22]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the annual salary of a trainee clinical psychologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49665/22]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the annual salary of a trainee counselling psychologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49666/22]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the annual salary of a trainee educational and child psychologist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [49667/22]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken by his Department to address the disparity in funding for trainee psychologists in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [49683/22]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health if his proposed exclusion zones of 100 metres surrounding abortion-providing buildings would have the impact of banning a pro-life march, such as an annual march (details supplied); if the high volume of potential exclusion zones in a compact area such as Dublin city centre would effectively result in banning any future pro-life marches in a scenario if such a march were to pass along a public thoroughfare which was within the reach of one of the designated 100-metre zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [49687/22]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if a private conversation in which one party advised a third-party known to them not to proceed with having an abortion were to happen within a coffee shop or other neutral setting which happened to fall within his proposed 100-metre exclusion zone of abortion-providing buildings would be considered in breach of the proposed law and lead to possible criminal penalty. — Mattie McGrath. [49688/22]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered funding trainee HSE child psychologists as is done for clinical psychologists and those on counselling doctorate courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [49707/22]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to increase medical card thresholds in line with the recently announced increase in social welfare payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49726/22]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to remove carer's payments from the income calculations for over 70s medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49727/22]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the status of nursing registration for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49735/22]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health when an emergency medical card will issue in the case of a person (details supplied) who suffers from a life-threatening illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [49736/22]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health when agency staff that are still waiting on their Covid bonus payment will receive same (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [49739/22]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health the average length spent on the waiting list for PrEP after a referral has been sent to the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49764/22]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeline for when rental income from renting out the family home will be deemed exempt under the fair deal scheme, given the significant number of persons who are holding applications back until the commencement has been announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [49791/22]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health when the special pandemic recognition award will be paid to the eligible private sector and section 39 workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [49807/22]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health if he will remedy the lack of services provided to a child (details supplied) after being privately diagnosed with ASD; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49815/22]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health when the independent radiation therapist review will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [49817/22]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health when the review process in relation to the role of radiation therapists will be concluded; if his attention has been drawn to there being no review of the service and working conditions for radiation therapists for 20 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49819/22]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the funding that is available within his Department for charitable organisations that provide support for persons suffering from mental health illnesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [49826/22]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the trainee educational and child psychologist programme is now the only type of psychologist training

programme which is not Government funded; his plans to deal with this very unfair anomaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [49828/22]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [49831/22]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health his views on funding the PhD in educational psychology to emulate the subsidised training for clinical psychologists during which trainees and related doctorate programmes are paid in order to ensure that all trainees and students are treated fairly financially to help address the shortage in psychologists in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49832/22]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that his Department is taking in order to ensure that there is consistency across all level 4 hospitals in relation to the provision of insulin pump therapy to adults, given that University Hospital Waterford is not providing insulin pump therapy to adults and does not offer treatment to adult patients who are using the therapy, resulting in those who have been receiving the therapy in the paediatric department having to transfer to other overstretched level 4 diabetes units in hospitals outside of the area once they reach the age of 18 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49835/22]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the establishment of the national diabetes register; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49836/22]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the recruitment of a diabetes podiatrist in University Hospital Waterford, given the estimated three-year waiting list to see a community diabetes podiatrist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [49837/22]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider building a public elective hospital in the mid-west given recent comments by the Taoiseach on the issue in Dáil Éireann on 4 October 2022. — Alan Kelly. [49844/22]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration that would be given by his Department and the HSE to screening for vancomycin resistant enterococci in respect of all hospital patients on admission (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [49845/22]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 129 of 21 September 2022, if the families of residents whose files were sent to a legal firm (details supplied) were informed of same; if other residents were illegally restrained; if other residents were discharged from this residential setting if it was found that they had been illegally restrained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49846/22]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure vacancies are filled at and additional resources are provided to the Health Service Executive Human Resources National Shared Service in order that the pension increases long due to retired health care workers will be processed on a priority basis and without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49848/22]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to create a chief health and social care professionals officer in his Department; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49849/22]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [49850/22]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will issue for a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [49851/22]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assaults recorded against medical, nursing, midwifery and other health and social care professionals across HSE hospitals and community healthcare facilities to date for July, August and September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49852/22]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists who submitted claims under the dental treatment services scheme for each month in 2022 to date, by CHO and LHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49853/22]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients on community healthcare waiting lists for each primary care service for July, August and September 2022 in tabular form; the breakdown by length of wait and by age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49854/22]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on disability service waiting lists by CHO; and the length of time they have been waiting, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [49855/22]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on CAMHS waiting list by CHO and by length of wait, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [49856/22]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have been removed from National Treatment Purchase Fund waiting lists as a result of validation for the months of January to October 2022, by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49873/22]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health the number of scheduled care cancellations by appointment type, in the months of July, August, and September 2022 by hospital group and hospital in tabular form; the cause of cancellations that is, hospital initiated, patient initiated and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49874/22]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the mean, median, and maximum patient experience time to admission for all patients for emergency department admissions and broken down for those under 75 and 75 plus years of age, for each emergency department, for each statutory HSE and public voluntary hospital by hospital group in July, August, and September 2022 totalled for each category and group in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49875/22]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number and percentage of patients who waited 0-6, 6-12, 12-24, 24-36, 36-48, and 48 plus hours for admission via an emergency department or whichever time bands are available to the HSE, for each emergency department, in July, August, and September 2022, in tabular form; the number of patients aged over 60 and over 75; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49876/22]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the State wide mean, median, and maximum time to admission via an emergency department for all patients under 75, and 75 plus years of age for July, August, and September 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49877/22]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on diagnostic waiting lists at the end of quarter 3 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49878/22]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis waiting for a procedure at the end of August and at the end of September 2022; the number waiting greater than six months and 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49879/22]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with spina bifida waiting for an orthopaedic or urology procedure at the end of August and at the end of September 2022; the number waiting greater than six months and 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49880/22]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cancer related appointment by appointment type cancelled in July, August and September 2022, for each hospital in tabular form; if he will request the information from each hospital as required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49881/22]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of paediatric orthopaedic appointments by appointment type, cancelled in July, August and September 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49882/22]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who left an emergency department post-registration but pre-admission in the month of July, August and September 2022, by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49883/22]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people under 18 years and the number of persons over 65 years on national T-recorded hospital waiting lists, by inpatient and outpatient lists for each recorded timeband in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [49884/22]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the number of care workers employed by the voluntary and private sector who have yet to receive the €1,000 bonus payment for frontline workers during the Covid-19 pandemic; when such payments may be made; the reasons for the delay in making the payment given the ongoing challenges presented by the rising cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [49887/22]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria in the next phase of the upcoming HSE tender for homecare in order to ensure the best offers of quality care services from homecare providers; if a mechanism has been developed to determine a fixed price paid to providers; the way in which this mechanism will reflect the cost of providing care and market conditions such as the payment of a living wage, mileage and travel time; the way in which this pricing mechanism will reflect inflation over time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [49888/22]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health if provision will be made for apprenticeships, on-the-job training, or earn-as-you-learn schemes within the forthcoming Health (Amendment) (Licensing of Professional Home Support Providers) Bill 2022; if he supports such a move as a means to help

alleviate the ongoing recruitment and retention crisis within the homecare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [49889/22]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health when the Human Tissue (Transplantation Post-mortem, Anatomical Examination and Public Display) Bill will be discussed in Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [49912/22]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending University Limerick Hospital Group adult diabetes service and using insulin pump therapy to manage their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49922/22]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending University Limerick Hospital Group paediatric diabetes service and using insulin pump therapy to manage their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49923/22]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health the directive or clinical recommendations that the HSE gives its medical consultants for prescribing insulin pumps for adults diagnosed with type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49924/22]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with diabetes who are awaiting a first appointment to the adult outpatients diabetes clinic in any of the UL Hospital Group hospitals; the number of persons waiting for time periods (details supplied) in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49925/22]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the process employed by UL Hospitals Group in moving persons from the waiting list to the adult outpatients diabetes clinic list; the way in which the waiting list is monitored; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49926/22]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent posts in consultant endocrinologists, advanced nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists, staff nurses and dietitians currently in the UL Hospital Group's diabetes service and in each of the Group's hospitals in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49927/22]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons registered to attend the UL Hospital Group adult diabetes clinics in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49928/22]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health the frequency with which the adult diabetes clinic is run; and the number of speciality diabetes clinics that are run, including a young adult clinic, type 1 adult clinic, type 2 clinic and a diabetes podiatry clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [49929/22]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of all section 39 funded organisations in 2021 and 2022 respectively, in tabular form; the amount of funding awarded to each; the way that the funding allocation for each makes provision for pay, terms and conditions of the staff employed in each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [49933/22]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting times for each of the children's disability network teams in CHO8. — Darren O'Rourke. [49986/22]

*720. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of scans and x-rays awaiting reading by a radiologist at the Ireland East Hospital Group by hospital. — Darren O'Rourke. [49987/22]

*721. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish in full the report that he received from a person (details supplied) into the handling of the Covid-19 pandemic; the date that he received the report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50007/22]

*722. To ask the Minister for Health when guidelines (details supplied) were rolled out by the HSE; if any service provider has adapted them and set up family forums since in their community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50038/22]

*723. To ask the Minister for Health the status of setting up an independent review within a profession (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [50039/22]

*724. To ask the Minister for Health if he will alter the entitlement under the long-term illness scheme for children (details supplied) to rectify the anomaly created; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50040/22]

*725. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that home help hours for a person (details supplied) were reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50041/22]

*726. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Independent Review of Radiation Therapy as agreed at the Workplace Relations Commission between an organisation (details supplied), the HSE and his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50045/22]

*727. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of the health budget for 2023 that has been designated towards health promotion and prevention measures for conditions such as obesity, cancer and cardiovascular disease and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50048/22]

*728. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received the business case in respect of the proposed new national maternity hospital; if the external assurance process for major capital projects has commenced and or concluded; the consultant who undertook the assurance process; and the fees paid for same. — Catherine Murphy. [50061/22]

*729. To ask the Minister for Health the name, address, service provider and area served for each of the children's disability network teams in CH09. — Gary Gannon. [50062/22]

*730. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 919 of 19 October 2021, the updated number of adult medical card holders presently eligible for dental services under the dental treatment scheme in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50065/22]

*731. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time faecal immunochemical test teams in each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50074/22]

*732. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged under 18 years with an intellectual or sensory disability currently referred and waiting to be seen by HSE disabilities and

special needs' services in County Clare; the type of services that they are waiting to attend in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [50075/22]

*733. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has considered replacing the ambulance on Arranmore island for a newer model in order that the ambulance can spend more time on the island and less time on the mainland getting repaired; if a replacement ambulance has been considered; if so, when this change is likely to be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [50087/22]

*734. To ask the Minister for Health when Arranmore island will be assigned a full-time public health nurse to replace the island's full-time public health nurse who retired in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [50088/22]

*735. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite the case of a person (details supplied) who is waiting on the receipt of an occupational therapy report from Ballynanty Health Centre Limerick, confirming that they are medically capable of operating a stair lift, in order that they can proceed with an application for a housing adaptation grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [50117/22]

*736. To ask the Minister for Health the number of female patients in Dóchas suffering with mental health conditions awaiting a specialist bed; the length of time that each has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [50118/22]

*737. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government will support the Health (Pricing and Supply of Medical Goods) (Amendment) Bill 2021; if he will support this Bill through the remaining legislative stages; if he intends to bring forward amendments to this Bill at committee stage; if he intends to seek Government business time to facilitate this bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50148/22]

*738. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department and the State will publicly acknowledge the wrongdoing that occurred to pregnant women who were prescribed thalidomide in the 1950s and 1960s as a treatment for morning sickness; when women and their children impacted by the use of thalidomide can expect a public apology for the wrongdoing that occurred; when the State will deliver an appropriately specialised thalidomide-related healthcare and compensation package for thalidomide suffers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [50156/22]

*739. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50161/22]

*740. To ask the Minister for Health the requirements which need to be met in order that the University of Limerick Hospitals Group can offer insulin pump therapy as a treatment option for adults with type 1 diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [50178/22]

*741. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider funding a new procurement process and funding stream for private companies to tender to help with recruitment of much needed nurses and doctors from countries such as India given that many nursing homes avail of the services of new companies who specialise in this field and have helped them attract talent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50181/22]

*742. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in north and east Cork by institution and setting in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [50182/22]

*743. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to delays encountered by Ireland-based medical technology companies in obtaining certification under the EU medical device regulation for devices due to insufficient certification capacity; if he will initiate legislative change to the expiration of existing certificates deadline of 26 May 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [50191/22]

*744. To ask the Minister for Health the ambulance response times relative to key performance indicators for ECHO and DELTA callouts for the months of July, August, and September 2022 nationally and by ambulance region, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [50193/22]

*745. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of services in an area (details supplied); if alternative arrangements are being made to provide the services in that locality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [50195/22]

*746. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting on a CDNT appointment in CHO DNCC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50223/22]

*747. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting on a primary care speech and language therapy appointment in CHO DNCC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50224/22]

*748. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting on a primary care occupational therapy appointment in CHO DNCC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50225/22]

*749. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children that are waiting on a CAMHS appointment in CHO DNCC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50226/22]

*750. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for a patient referred for oncology care in Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50227/22]

*751. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for a patient referred for oncology care in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50228/22]

*752. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that are currently waiting for ERCP throughout the HSE system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50229/22]

*753. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time a patient has to wait for a procedure before being included in the NTPF scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50230/22]

*754. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of appointment and procedure types included in the NTPF scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50231/22]

*755. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that have had their procedures carried out through the NTPF scheme in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [50232/22]

*756. To ask the Minister for Health if he will commit to an interdepartmental working group involving the Department of Education, the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth and his Department to examine the issue of funding for the training of psychologists, particularly educational and child psychologists; his views on the inequity of funding for the training of educational child psychologists, relative to clinical psychologists and counselling psychologists and the funding available in respect of training of the latter, as opposed to trainee educational and child psychologists; his views on staff shortages in the area of CAMHS; the way in which this inequity of funding is contributing to this recruitment challenge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [50235/22]

*757. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an outpatient appointment at the orthopaedic clinic in Cavan and Monaghan Hospital given the discomfort that they are currently experiencing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [50255/22]

*758. To ask the Minister for Health the current average wait time for a chest x-ray in Nenagh General Hospital, from the point of referral until the x-ray is carried out; the reason that the time that a patient is expected to wait following referral has apparently increased from two to eight weeks; the way in which he plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50259/22]

*759. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider offering adult medical card holders the option to be assessed and treated by community audiologists who already provide care to working age adults under the Department of Social Protection's treatment benefit scheme given that 34,000 children were waiting more than one year to access community health services, including ophthalmology and audiology, which could free up 12,500 treatment pathways per annum for children and adults with other forms of hearing loss who require the more specialised services of a HSE clinic or hospital audiology service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50263/22]

*760. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will establish an independent review to examine issues of recruitment and retention of radiation therapists in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [50265/22]

*761. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that educational and child psychology doctoral students, were not included in the €700,000 investment in psychology training announced as part of Budget 2023, considering that the majority of graduates go on to work in HSE settings including CAMHS, CDNTs and primary care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [50268/22]

*762. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put adequate staffing and contingency plans in place to ensure that there is no recurrence of the closure of the Ennis injury unit (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [50269/22]

*763. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time National Ambulance Service staff based in County Wexford in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50275/22]

*764. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time theatre nurses working in Wexford General Hospital in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; if the current staff number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50276/22]

*765. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons approved for homecare supports in County Wexford who are currently waiting on delivery of support hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50279/22]

*766. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on waiting times for assessments of children with autism in Dún Laoghaire; the number of children waiting for such an assessment; the number of assessments conducted and completed in each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [50033/22]

*767. To ask the Minister for Health the status of recommendations for future planning and pathways of care for thalidomide survivor's health care needs; the engagements that he has had with an organisation (details supplied) since he last met it in February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50315/22]

*768. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2069 of 8 September 2022, if he will undertake to review the guidelines for the sale of codeine products to protect public health given the widespread abuse of the sale of codeine product guidelines depicted on a television programme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50316/22]

*769. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities. — Holly Cairns. [50343/22]

*770. To ask the Minister for Health if any of the 12 newly established CDNTs for the Dublin north city and county service serve the areas of Drumcondra, Phibsboro, South Glasnevin, Smithfield and the Quays area of the north inner city. — Gary Gannon. [50374/22]

*771. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to set up CDNTs for the Dublin north city and county areas, to provide services to children with complex additional needs and their families; and the timelines that are in place for same. — Gary Gannon. [50375/22]

*772. To ask the Minister for Health if children and their families in areas in Dublin north city and county are receiving any services at present; and if so, the service providers from which they receive same. — Gary Gannon. [50377/22]

*773. To ask the Minister for Health if any national guidelines and circulars or other written instructions related to best practice exist in relation to the way that individual CDNTs should operate services and waiting lists for the two different pathways of children (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [50378/22]

*774. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline information in relation to newly established collaborative efforts between HSE children's disability services and education to examine if services to children with complex additional needs and their families has been rolled out in all up and running CDNTs to date; and when and how such a collaboration will be evaluated in the future. — Gary Gannon. [50379/22]

*775. To ask the Minister for Health if pregnant women and persons suffering from hyperemesis will need a prescription from an obstetric consultant prescription in order to access cariban free of charge; and the reason that the drug considered as a first-line treatment in HSE guidelines will not be free if prescribed by a GP. — Gary Gannon. [50381/22]

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

*776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider introducing a system by which digital copies of equine passports can be sent electronically to his Department to have them uploaded to the central database as opposed to forcing persons to travel and incur significant cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [49487/22]

*778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a GLAS payment for 2021 will be made to a person (details supplied); the reason it is necessary for this person to make numerous representations to his Department each year before securing their GLAS payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [49494/22]

*779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he expects to announce the 2022 ex-gratia grants for animal charities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [49531/22]

*780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the financial supports that are available to beekeepers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49560/22]

*781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of efforts to prevent the spread of varroa mite among Ireland's native honey bees; if he will consider reintroducing a restriction of the importation of non-native honey bees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [49561/22]

*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to any potential impact on the price that Irish farmers receive for timber arising from Programme for the Endorsement of Forest or Forest Stewardship Council certification; the steps that he is taking to mitigate any impact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [49587/22]

*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the maximum allowable allocation for on-farm investments in the 2023 to 2027 period per his CAP Strategic Plan; the allocation in Budget 2023; the remaining maximum allowable allocation in 2024 to 2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [49588/22]

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that farmers (details supplied) who install photovoltaic panels supported by a targeted agriculture modernisation scheme grant are unable to sell excess electricity back to the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49610/22]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions that he is taking to address the Programme For Government commitment to ensure that inshore waters continue to be protected for smaller fishing vessels and recreational fishers and that pair trawling will be prohibited inside the six-mile limit. — Holly Cairns. [49631/22]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he plans to open the agri-climate rural environment scheme to applicants (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [49702/22]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to continue providing support to the sheep welfare scheme into 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [49894/22]

*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to increase participation of young farmers in the sheep welfare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [49895/22]

*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding will be allocated to deliver a €30 ewe payment on all of the 2.7 million ewes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [49896/22]

*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to strengthen the sheep sector and to ensure its viability, including the indigenous and export wool markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [49897/22]

*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who received a payment from his Department in each of the years 2020 to 2022 that received their payment into an account in a bank (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [49945/22]

*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of applications under TAMS for solar equipment; the grant rate; the average grant amount by farm system in each of the years 2016 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [49946/22]

*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that the €14.7 million Exchequer capital funding allocated to Horse Racing Ireland in 2022 will be spent. — Darren O'Rourke. [49985/22]

*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has undertaken any research to demonstrate the nutrient difference in the quality of eggshell from commercial birds and organic birds (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50036/22]

*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if large-scale investors associated with a semi-state forestry company will be allowed to claim forestry premiums in the next forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [50165/22]

*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Forestry Service advertised and accepted applications for a forest-frost reconstitution scheme without having a standard operating procedure in place to deal with the applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [50166/22]

*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 738 and 739 of 4 October 2022, the number of forest-frost reconstitution applications that are with his Department now; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [50167/22]

*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the particular situation facing a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [50176/22]

*799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the 18 month delay in his Department approving the commencing construction of a project (details supplied); if he will give a commitment that the project will proceed; the proposed timeframe for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [50183/22]

*800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a reply will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [50318/22]

*801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within his Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under his remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50334/22]

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

*802. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the support packages announced for the private sector in Budget 2023 will also be extended to the charity sector, including the temporary business energy support scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [50184/22]

*803. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is a policy regarding the appropriate use of domestic flights in his Department and bodies under the aegis of the Department. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50120/22]

*804. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the exemptions that are available from the requirement for the general dog licence; and if she will confirm that an animal charity that does not have its own centre is exempt from having to purchase such a licence. — Dara Calleary. [49529/22]

*805. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the new Tory Island Ferry will be commissioned and will be in operation to allow for safe and reliable service to and from the Island; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49723/22]

*806. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the new Tory Island Ferry which is being commissioned will allow for dignified access to the ferry for persons using wheelchairs or with limited mobility using a ramp or similar without the need for a hoist or other mechanical aids to access the ferry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49724/22]

*807. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be made available for piers on some of the islands off the coast of County Donegal, to provide for infrastructure such as ramps and so on, which will allow persons using wheelchairs and who have limited mobility to access the Islands with dignity using such piers given that roads have been improved on some of the Islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [49743/22]

*808. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide all funding streams available to the community and voluntary sector; and the parameters and opening and closing dates for applications for same in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [49777/22]

*809. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department will provide financial support to community groups that are having to bridge the serious shortfall between the amount that Pobal pays participants on the community services programme and the amount that staff should be paid in line with the minimum wage (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [50325/22]

*810. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of dedicated spaces for breastfeeding and expressing breast milk in workplaces within her Department and the workplaces of public bodies and agencies under her remit, including a list of said buildings which do and do not have these facilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [50347/22]