



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the report by the child maintenance review group will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50416/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the implementation of the Citizens Information Board's Strategic Plan in respect of the use of volunteer staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [50989/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the processing of additional needs payment applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50417/22]

4. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that persons on benefit payments are still not eligible for the fuel allowance. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51021/22]

5. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will publish the child maintenance review (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [50612/22]

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

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

6. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if additional resources are being given to INTREO centres, particularly community welfare offices, in order to deal with the huge additional requests for supplementary welfare and exceptional needs payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [49886/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans, if any, to review the community employment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [50108/22]

8. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the feasibility of extending child benefit to children who are 18 years or over, but are still in full-time post-primary education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50309/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the delay with the issuing of PPS numbers from her Department; and if there are plans to tackle this delay. — Paul Donnelly. [49787/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the additional resources that were put in place to deal with the surge in applications for supplementary welfare allowance and additional needs payments given that it is being promoted as a source of additional emergency income for those with increased energy costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50716/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a timeframe for the introduction of the cost-of-living payments announced in Budget 2023 that are due to be issued before Christmas 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50308/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that her Department will ensure that social welfare payment rates are adequate and that the social protection system protects persons from poverty considering the announcement of a €12 increase to the weekly core payment rates in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50411/22]

13. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of working family payment applications currently awaiting a decision per county in tabular form; the steps that her Department is taking to clear this backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50271/22]

14. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if additional staff have been recruited or seconded to community welfare sections in INTREO offices to deal with the additional applications for supplementary welfare allowances; and if not, if she plans to bring in additional staff to deal with the extra workload. — Sorca Clarke. [50731/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the auto-enrolment workplace pension scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [49690/22]

16. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the instructions that have been issued to community welfare officers in relation to people who present to them seeking assistance due to having difficulties in keeping their prepaid gas or electricity meter topped up; the criteria that will be applied to assess claims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [50714/22]

17. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review means testing for the carer's allowance including a review of the removal of means testing requirements to qualify for these payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50414/22]

18. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to increase the number of participants on rural social schemes to meet the demand for the services delivered by the rural social schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44769/22]

19. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she and her Department remain sensitive to any issues arising from the availability of an adequate pension where applicants are factually deemed not to be unable to continue in employment and may not qualify for an

appropriate pension on whatever grounds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50593/22]

20. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way in which additional needs payments will be used to ensure that those with pay-as-you-go electricity meters do not face disconnection this winter. — Thomas Gould. [49679/22]

21. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will improve the criteria for the free fuel allowance in circumstances where a family member returns to live on a temporary basis with a parent or a sibling who are in receipt of the free fuel allowance and ensure the continuation of this payment where the changed household composition is of a temporary nature; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50388/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the review of the school meals programme; the timeline for the completion and publication of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50745/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will pre-process applications for fuel allowance for new applicants who will qualify in January 2023 as a result of measures included in Budget 2023 to avoid any backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50286/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she considers that the €2 increase in the qualified child payment is sufficient to tackle child poverty in the context of the cost-of-living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50725/22]

25. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the proposals to improve the criteria for the free fuel allowance in cases in which a family member, due to housing or domestic difficulties, may return to live with a parent on a temporary basis and that parent normally resides on their own and had been in receipt of free fuel allowance; if she will ensure that such a recipient of this allowance will continue to receive this payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50387/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will bring forward the extension of eligibility for the fuel allowance, currently not due to come into effect until January 2023, given that the cold weather starts long before then; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50722/22]

27. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the evidence on which she based the increase of €2 per week, 30 cent per day for the qualified child increase for children under the age of 12 years. — Joan Collins. [50621/22]

28. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the announcement made to support carers in Budget 2023; if she will also provide an update on plans to allow carers to qualify for contributions for State pensions for the first time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [49596/22]

29. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who will benefit from the double payment of child benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [49598/22]

30. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to introduce reforms to social welfare means testing in the Social Welfare Bill 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50319/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the intended timeframe to introduce legislation underpinning the provision of pensions to carers. — Matt Carthy. [50586/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the responsibility that her Department has in making changes to the Community Employment Procedures Manual; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50729/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her response to the Commission on Taxation and Welfare's recommendation that Government undertakes a regular benchmarking exercise in respect of all working-age income supports including supports for persons who are unemployed, people with disabilities and persons parenting alone, following which multi-annual targets should be set for social welfare rates which provide for regular incremental progress; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50397/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has read a post-Budget 2023 analysis (details supplied) that highlights that after the Q4 2022 cost-of-living measures are implemented, a one-parent family with two children, one in primary and one in secondary will face a shortfall of €9.40 and for those with an older child, this rises to €82.73; and if she will address same. — Joan Collins. [50640/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the significant backlog in her Department for the exceptional needs payment that many applicants have been waiting upwards of eight weeks; if she is concerned with this given that it is supposed to be an urgent payment for those in exceptional need; her plans to tackle the backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [50215/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans, if any, to upgrade the INTREO centre in Ennis, County Clare, or to recruit additional staff for this valued facility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [50382/22]

37. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that are being taken to address the backlog in assessments for applicants of the additional needs' payment and supplementary welfare allowance within the community welfare service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [50273/22]

38. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the fuel allowance has not been extended to working family payment recipients. — Joan Collins. [50629/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale behind the method for means testing capital for means-tested social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50320/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a key conclusion in a report (details supplied) that "measures to address the additional costs of disability should be based on a multi-faceted approach involving increased cash payments, enhanced access to service provision and specific targeted grant programmes". — Holly Cairns. [50328/22]

41. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has given consideration to allowing increased mortgage costs as part of the means test for carers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [49482/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reform the CE and Tús schemes, in order to make them more appealing to potential candidates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [50614/22]

43. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if applicants for the fuel allowance under the new threshold guidelines announced in Budget 2023, who will now qualify for the payment from 1 January 2023, will receive the additional grant support of €400 announced for fuel allowance recipients; if not, the additional supports which she intends to provide for such vulnerable persons in the coming months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50627/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on work underway in her Department examining long-term disability income supports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50413/22]

45. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that the €400 one-off payment to those in receipt of fuel allowance is extended to those who will become eligible for fuel allowance with the new means test in January 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50098/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she expects to be able to provide the bonus child benefit payment to families; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50617/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider removing the means test for the carer's allowance or raising the thresholds to allow more persons to avail of the payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50280/22]

48. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the budget that has been allocated to community welfare officers in relation to those seeking assistance due to an inability to keep their prepaid gas or electricity meters topped up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [50715/22]

49. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will detail the specifics of the extension of the working family payment; if there is an estimate of the number of additional families that will now be eligible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [49480/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the timeline for cost-of-living payments issued before Christmas 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50367/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that the Citizens Information Board remains a fully functional service despite the recent changes to the organisation; if she has engaged with the CIB in relation to same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [50216/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that those on so-called short-term social welfare payments will also receive the Christmas bonus and the one-off cost-of-living support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50099/22]

53. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the changes to the fuel allowance scheme as announced in Budget 2023; the additional number of people that will be able to avail of the allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [50599/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has had any discussions with the Department of Rural and Community Development with a view to addressing the anomaly whereby some persons on rural social schemes cannot access the fuel allowance due to the fact that they were not in receipt of the allowance when they started on the scheme, especially in light of rising fuel and energy costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [44765/22]

55. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the details of the implementation of the expansion to fuel allowance eligibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [49599/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reconsider the failure to increase social welfare rates, in particular for single parents, above the rate of inflation in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50719/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that are being taken to deal with the long processing times for carer's allowance; carer's benefit, invalidity pension, disability allowance and additional needs payments applications; the measures that are being taken to deal with the long processing times for reviews on the previously listed applications; the measures that are being taken to ensure no delays in files transferring to the appeals department on all social welfare appeal requests; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50594/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is increasing resources to reduce processing times of additional needs payment claims. — Thomas Gould. [49678/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that her Department is taking to tackle the issue of food poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50429/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when cost-of-living payments scheduled before Christmas 2022 will issue to recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50532/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline eligibility for the working family payment; and the impact the changes will make to this payment in respect to Budget 2023. — Alan Dillon. [50709/22]

62. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her response to the Commission on Taxation and Welfare's recommendation that the individualisation of payments made to qualified adults should be progressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50608/22]

63. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the latest Central Statistics Office figures which state that one in ten households cannot afford to pay for school trips, while 12% of



one-parent families cannot afford to pay for them; and the steps that her Department is taking, if any, to counter this. — Gary Gannon. [50748/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans for the implementation of the expansion of the fuel allowance scheme for persons over 70 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50616/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of any analysis carried out by her Department into providing support with redundancy payments arising from the closure of local employment services and jobs clubs around the country as a result of the roll-out of the new local area employment services; if her Department has carried out any analysis on redundancies arising from the change to the new local area employment services, and in particular, the number of persons who have been made redundant and their length of service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50746/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which it continues to be possible to address particularly sensitive issues in respect of family income and the cost of living impact; if she is satisfied regarding the adequacy of her Department's resources to address such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50592/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on reports of substantial waiting times for supplementary welfare allowance and additional needs payment applications to be processed and paid out; the current estimated processing times for an application to be processed and paid out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [50717/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the right of community employment supervisors to secure pension entitlements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50728/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the social protection supports currently being considered to improve the overall departmental response to domestic abuse situations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [49597/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding her Department's modelling of the impacts of the increase in the thresholds of the working family payment; the number of additional families likely to be able to avail of the payment; the distributional impact of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50398/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on her plans regarding recognising the additional cost of disability; the way that she intends to ensure that this additional cost is reflected within the social protection system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50415/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the key conclusion in a report (details supplied) that "the levels of disability payments and allowances should be changed to reflect the very different costs of disability by severity and type of disability". — Holly Cairns. [50327/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider reviewing the means test for disability allowance in order that as well as assessing income the application process also takes into

account the additional cost of disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50600/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost-of-living supports her Department announced in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [49689/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the current tendering out of a service (details supplied) will be subject to any review or oversight by her Department in terms of its effects on the unemployed and their access to services, or the effects in terms of those employed in providing these services; if the process has resulted in any deterioration in terms of pay and conditions of staff affected, as well as the quality of services provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50628/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to quickly expedite the large number of persons over 70 years who will be eligible for fuel allowance come January 2023 following changes in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [50613/22]

77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her response to the Commission on Taxation and Welfare's recommendation that working-age payments should be reformed to move towards an income-related working-age assistance payment available to all households; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50609/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to review the eligibility criteria for carers and provide further financial supports to those who provide full-time care. — Alan Dillon. [50710/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on additional needs payment applications; if community welfare officers are dealing with an increase in applications at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50272/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reintroduce the Covid enhanced illness benefit given that statutory sick pay will not start until at least January 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50724/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will support a matter relating to the working family payment and the closure of a person's (details supplied) application for renewal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [49481/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline all of the cost-of-living measures and payments due in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [50598/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans, if any, to increase staffing resources in INTREO centres to meet demand for public services card appointments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [50109/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to amend the income disregard, the eligibility criteria and the schemes which attract the disregard in the means test, for the farm assist scheme. — Matt Carthy. [50587/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a State pension solution for long-term family carers given her commitment to providing a solution but no inclusion of such a measure in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [50412/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will re-organise community welfare officers back into the community for at least two to three days per week, but preferably permanently (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [50624/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports for pensioners announced in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50531/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has a policy to take excess payments made in respect of the fair deal scheme into account as a result of over-payment of the State pension (non-contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50363/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider expanding the children's allowance payment to include children after the age of 18 years who are still in second level education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50595/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the time allowed on community employment for those aged over 50 years. — Sorca Clarke. [50730/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she considers that the ongoing cost of disability can be adequately addressed through one-off payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50723/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an access-to-work scheme will be introduced for deaf and hard-of-hearing persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50639/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he proposes to establish a new metric for gathering data on childhood poverty in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [50384/22]

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

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

94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the assistance that he can provide to a service (details supplied) that is currently operating out of a club; if he will provide assistance to the service manager to draw down funding to expand this vital community service and to provide much-needed places in the local area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [50610/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that the Government has not ratified the optional protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which would provide a mechanism for people to challenge

when their rights are not being upheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51023/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the support that his Department is giving in terms of personal, expertise and resources to the Minister for Justice in order that she can fulfil her duties in regard to supporting victims of domestic violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51017/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the position of the Government to ratify the optional protocol of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which would allow people with disabilities to take a case to the United Nations over violation of their rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50741/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the development of the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022; when the Bill will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50718/22]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions that he is taking to increase foster carer's allowance. — Thomas Gould. [49682/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the engagement he has had with childcare providers in Dublin regarding core funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [49692/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that he is taking to address the staffing crisis in the childcare sector to ensure the continued provision of adequate childcare across the State. — Sorca Clarke. [50733/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons from Ukraine that are being housed in private properties in which the owner is in receipt of the recognition payment; if he will provide an update on the number of pledged properties which have been deemed suitable for the placement of a person or family from Ukraine; the number of such people that have been placed in pledged accommodation to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50217/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the various types of family and caring leave have expanded in Ireland over the past ten years; if his attention has been drawn to any data measuring how beneficial this has been to families in that time; the plans for future provision of leave under consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [50606/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the provisions that his Department are making in view of a recent survey showing that over seven in ten young persons are considering leaving Ireland for a better quality of life, to deliver improved youth services and supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50740/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects to receive the comprehensive review of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme. — Matt Carthy. [50588/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the details of the proposals on domestic violence leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [50289/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the commitment to excavate the burial site at Tuam; when the director for authorised intervention will be appointed; the support that will be provided to the director in ensuring that excavation works can commence on the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [50738/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will introduce some flexibility in the ECCE scheme to enable children with disabilities to repeat a pre-school year if needed in order that they can have a successful primary school transition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50602/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the widespread anger at his recent decision not to engage an international legal expert to review testimonies given to the Commission of Investigation into Mother and Baby Homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50631/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans, if any, to improve the pay and conditions of foster carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [49959/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the implementation of the core funding scheme in relation to the early childcare sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [49600/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which his Department is supporting the expanded facilitation of breastfeeding in the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50310/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the report from an organisation (details supplied) concerning urgent action to address accommodation crisis for persons seeking protection in Ireland. — Holly Cairns. [50330/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has had any discussions with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage and the Cabinet in relation to a ban on evictions, given the current crisis in emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50100/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the main developments under the core funding partner service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50361/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that he is taking to end the wardship system. — Holly Cairns. [50333/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which his Department will implement a secure application process for persons seeking paid domestic violence leave. — Alan Farrell. [49601/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline his intentions to provide further financial supports to parents to combat rising childcare costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [50707/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if consideration will be given to increasing the foster care allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50533/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he can provide international comparative data to show if the State has improved in recent years in terms of public spending on childcare; the way the new investment measures planned to come into effect in 2023 will mean in terms of Ireland's poor comparative position on same; his new goal for State investment in the early years in view that the Government's 2028 goal of €1 billion per annum has been reached five years ahead of schedule; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50208/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his engagement with the Minister for Education to identify school buildings for after-school childcare services to increase on the current 14% level nationally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50597/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made in relation to implementing the report of the advisory group on the provision of support including accommodation to persons in the international protection process. — Matt Carthy. [50589/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his engagement with the Red Cross on pledged accommodation to progress Ukrainians currently in hotels and temporary type accommodation arrangements are matched to these pledged accommodations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50596/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details concerning his engagement with disabled persons' organisations concerning the Assisted Decision- Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022. — Holly Cairns. [50332/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of pledges made by members of the public to house Ukrainian refugees; the number of these that have been activated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50362/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that the Government has not ratified the optional protocol to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which would provide a mechanism for persons to challenge when their rights are not being upheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [50638/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which the proposed average 25% reduction in fees for childcare users will apply to recipients



of income-assessed national childcare scheme subsidies and those who only receive a universal subsidy; if the overall progressivity of NCS subsidies are retained after the new rates come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50385/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the widespread anger at his decision not to go ahead with an independent review of the testimonies given by survivors of mother-and-baby homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50636/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of service providers that dropped out of the early childhood care and education scheme for the 2022/2023 year; the number that did not register; the number that have indicated that they will not re-register for the 2023/2024 year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [50212/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) published that states that the Irish protection system is in crisis, that there has been a serious and unprecedented breakdown in Ireland’s reception system and that a whole-of-Government response is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [50635/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to bring forward the completed anti-racism strategy soon; the way in which he envisages that the strategy will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50214/22]

132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if youth workers can have a professional body identity similar to social care works who are regulated by CORU, in relation to their pay scales; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50736/22]

133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 83 of 7 July 2022, the status of the review of projected timelines for the implementation of a White Paper to end direct provision and to establish a new international protection support service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50721/22]

134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the little book bag initiative; the number of books that have been distributed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [50209/22]

135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the review taking place on equality legislation; if he can share any initial findings from the public consultation element; the timeline by which he expects amending legislation to be ready; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [50734/22]

136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way that his Department has re-organised to effectively meet the demands of the Ukrainian crisis; if he will provide the total cost of the response to date and any other relevant information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [50210/22]

137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons from Ukraine who are being provided with accommodation by the State per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50290/22]

138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the transfer of functions for specialist disability services from the Minister for Health will be entirely completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50433/22]

139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the way core funding has operated since coming into operation; the number of childcare services that have signed a core funding contract; his plans with regard to expanding the scheme in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [50607/22]

140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian International Protection applicants; the total number of applicants who are in IPAS sources accommodation since the crisis commenced; if he will also provide details on whether independent advocates are available to applicants to support them if they require assistance with respect to their accommodation placement or provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50211/22]

141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his Department's plans, if any, to expand the provision of youth services across County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [50383/22]

142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that he is taking to engage with survivors concerning the forthcoming intervention at the Tuam site under the Institutional Burials Bill 2022. — Holly Cairns. [50329/22]

143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on establishing an independent review of the testimony given by survivors to the Confidential Committee of the Commission of Investigation into Mother-and-Baby Homes and certain related matters. — Holly Cairns. [50331/22]

144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the implementation to date of the Gender Pay Gap Reporting Act 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [50735/22]

145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has any plans to provide capital funding for the multi-functional community hub at Tullow Road, Carlow to remedy the serious lack of community facilities such as childcare, community, youth and family in the Tullow Road area in Carlow with a key partner (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [50111/22]

146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the pilot little-baby bundle initiative; when it is anticipated that the scheme will be rolled out nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [50390/22]

147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the plan to abolish direct provisions centres across the State. — Sorca Clarke. [50732/22]



148. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the work of the disability stakeholder group; the number of times that the group has met in 2022; the dates of these meetings; if the group has considered a report (details supplied) to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50720/22]

149. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether school premises could make a greater contribution to support the development of children in early childhood and outside of school hours; and if he will consider funding some demonstration projects for schools willing to be pioneers in developing a campus of activities to meet community needs. — Richard Bruton. [50641/22]

150. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe for the transfer of disability from the Department of Health to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [50603/22]

151. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when parents who avail of childcare through a childminder can expect to avail of the reduction in childcare fees announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [49691/22]

152. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made to date in advancing reforms to the operating model for childcare in Ireland; the timeline that he expects the proposed agency to be established by; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [50386/22]

153. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the way childcare costs will be reduced for families in the coming year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50618/22]

154. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the consideration that he has given to a review of the legislation underpinning Section 47 reports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50590/22]

155. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the constitutional challenge by a ward of court as referred to by him during the pre-legislative scrutiny of the Assisted-Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50737/22]

156. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made to date under the Childminding Action Plan; the way in which it is anticipated that childminders may ultimately avail of national childcare scheme benefits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [50389/22]

157. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline progress to date on the development of a legal ban on the practice of conversion therapy; when he expects legislation to be ready for introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50620/22]

158. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline details of a new scheme under the Childminding Action Plan to simplify the registration of

childminders to help parents access Government subsidies under the national childcare scheme. — Alan Dillon. [50708/22]

159. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is engaging with relevant stakeholders to ensure that refugees placed in accommodation in isolated areas will have access to transportation for basic requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50619/22]

160. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans, if any, to deliver a sustainable, affordable early learning and pre-school sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [49960/22]

161. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the impact that the Budget 2023 changes on childcare costs will have for parents in Dún Laoghaire having regard to the unduly high costs currently incurred there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [50032/22]

162. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are sufficient staff involved in the online operation of the information and tracing services under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022 at birthinfo.ie; his views on persons claiming to have been dealt with abruptly after contacting Tusla by phone due to issues with the online system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [50743/22]

163. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans to increase childcare places in the Dublin 9 and 11 areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [50622/22]

164. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has had discussions recently with representative organisations concerning the impact of recent changes in relation to the core funding model given that concerns have been experienced by some ECCE childcare providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50623/22]

165. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he will publish the final report by the National Disability Authority on the operation of the Irish Sign Language Act 2017 that was provided to the Minister in July 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50632/22]

166. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider requesting an assessment from each county childcare committee of the balance between supply and demand in different areas of childcare; if he will request that they make a formal submission to the revision of each county development plan on the matter; if he will provide an update on existing supply constraints; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [50637/22]

167. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the newly announced pay rates for the childcare sector will include recognition of long service or an incremental pay scale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50311/22]

168. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated savings to parents following the introduction of supports for children in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50534/22]

169. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when childminders will be added to the national childcare scheme; if an interim measure will be introduced in order that parents who utilise a childminder could avail of the reduction in childcare fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [50213/22]

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

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

\*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will intervene in the application of a person (details supplied) for a work permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51039/22]

\*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50754/22]

\*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the actions that he has taken to date to ensure that bread retailers are not over-charging for this basic food stuff; if his attention has been drawn to bakers who are concerned that some retailers are inflating the price of bread above that being charged to them by suppliers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [50792/22]

\*173. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the date on which Section/Paragraph 19 of the European Communities (Credit Institutions: Accounts) Regulations 1992 was first amended to allow for the adoption of international accounting standards that delay the recognition of loan losses in view of the fact that the concept of prudence, as defined in Section/Paragraph 19 requires the immediate recognition of losses (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [50799/22]

\*174. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will clarify his Department's response to the current impediments placed on the ERO for security workers; if he intends to take action on the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50801/22]

\*175. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the new applications for permits will be issued for dairy farm workers outside of the EU (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [50932/22]

\*176. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the national minimum wage rate in Ireland in each of the years 2007 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51003/22]

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

\*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50755/22]

\*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the provisions that are in place for residents who are using a coin meter for electricity to claim the energy credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50781/22]

\*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a community group (details supplied) qualifies for an energy credit, or for any energy supports to help with the increased cost of energy bills. — Louise O'Reilly. [50808/22]

\*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to instances in relation to the electricity cost emergency benefit scheme where a unique MPRN meter is split into multiple meters across two or more units and the energy credit is then split between each unit, resulting in a lower payment per person and affecting often more vulnerable energy users in these circumstances; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50859/22]

\*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to instances in relation to the electricity cost emergency benefit scheme where a landlord may have a single business meter for a property split between units as opposed to residential meters, resulting in no energy credit being passed onto the residents; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50860/22]

\*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide this Deputy with a copy of a report (details supplied). — Michael Ring. [50928/22]

\*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the up-to-date position on the ban on smoky coal sales; the steps that retailers are expected to take with stock that remains unsold by the ban date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50977/22]

\*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if and when the appropriate warmer homes grant can be made available through Kildare County Council to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51055/22]

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

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many students complete the Leaving Certificate at 16-19 years and start college and subsequently cannot obtain a Leap card (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [50930/22]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can confirm that hard copies of the Ballymun CBC consultation will be placed in Ballymun and Millmount libraries in order that residents without access to IT can review and engage with the consultation. — Gary Gannon. [51087/22]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the number of ghost flights operated without or with few passengers; if he will provide the details of same in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021; his plans to address this environmentally damaging practice by airlines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50727/22]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50766/22]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with Go-Ahead Ireland regarding its consistently late buses and buses not turning up, especially on the 17 route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50787/22]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider providing additional buses on the 424 route into Galway city in the morning in order to meet demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [50791/22]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a progress update on the delivery of the Hazelhatch greenway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50797/22]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the feasibility of delivering the impending Hazelhatch greenway in tandem with the works needed to widen the road at the canal bridge in order to deliver the full W6 bus route service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50798/22]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he will take to ensure that local authorities are adequately funding to address new noise mitigation requirements associated with road noise; if an action plan that identifies key locations that need to be addressed is already available at council level; if funding will be forthcoming to support same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50807/22]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the 114-bus route operated by a company (details supplied) is often very late or does not show up leading to jobs being put at risk due to the lateness of commuters; if he will engage with Dublin Bus in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50814/22]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a transport issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [50848/22]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50850/22]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport the options that are available to third level students from County Wexford who have no direct bus route from Wexford to the third level institutions in

Limerick given that the private bus operator that was offering the service has cancelled it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50955/22]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if plans for the new metro consequences for the environmentally sensitive area of St. Stephen's Green will have; if a plan or biodiversity audit has been drawn up to protect this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [50963/22]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends ensuring that quads, commonly used in hill areas as a substitute for tractors given that they are more agile on hill than tractors, are considered agricultural vehicles for vehicle tax purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50996/22]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends changing the law to ensure that members of farm families who commonly use their vehicles for farm purposes but are not the registered owner or lessee of land and where these vehicles otherwise comply with all regulations in relation to commercial vehicle tax registration are able to register their vehicles as commercial vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50997/22]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider working with the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to distribute hi-vis jackets to children arriving to Ireland from the Ukraine, given the number of children walking on unfamiliar roads as the evenings become darker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51019/22]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details regarding the use of private operators for school transport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [51042/22]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which measures to alleviate traffic congestion in Celbridge, County Kildare are in hand at present with particular reference to road and footpath realignment, extra or new bridges required, all of which are necessary to facilitate existing and future housing development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51048/22]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount raised in each of the past five years from toll charges and penalties on the M50 and separately in respect of each of the other roads currently tolled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51051/22]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount that has been spent on the active travel investment programme to date; the amount that has been spent on construction and consultancy fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [51084/22]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport when the services of the independent experts for residents on the MetroLink project RINA are due to be completed; and if there will be independent expert advice for residents during the enabling works and construction works. — Gary Gannon. [51089/22]



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

\*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if gyms and sports clubs qualify for the temporary business energy support scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [50815/22]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50756/22]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of the upcoming changes to benefit-in-kind which is of great concern to the many recipients who believe that it will force them from the scheme from 2023 due to the expected increase in payments and the current cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50786/22]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered delaying the introduction of the new benefit-in-kind regime for company vehicles to be introduced in 2023, given the wider context of the rising cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [50789/22]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if the names of the companies that access the temporary business energy support scheme will be published by his Department; the timeframe for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50800/22]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Finance if dentists, doctors, physiotherapy practices and so on will be eligible for the energy supports for businesses announced in Budget 2023 (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [50809/22]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 414 of 8 September 2022, the status of the disabled drivers' medical board of appeal; if a new board has been appointed; when it will commence hearing appeals; the estimated timeframe to clear the backlog of appeals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [50812/22]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount in totality that will be distributed from the central funds. — Catherine Murphy. [50817/22]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will give serious consideration to include an amendment in the Finance Bill 2022 which will amend Section 84 of the Finance Act 1996 which currently gives a power to the tobacco manufacturers to set the price which retailers can charge for cigarettes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50922/22]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the increase that benefit-in-kind representatives will have in January 2023 due to the new calculations by the Revenue Commissioners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [50933/22]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the average annual costs to the Central Bank of preparing, producing and publishing the National Claims Information Database; the options that are being considered by his Department with respect to the reimbursement mechanism provided in Section

11 of the Central Bank (National Claims Information Database) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51036/22]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to instances of the Revenue Commissioners providing a cohort of firms with seven days to clear outstanding debt in the final demand stage; his views on same; and if he plans to introduce provisions in the Finance Bill 2022 to provide flexibility to firms in similar circumstances in the context of rising energy costs and the difficulties that they face in this context. — Pearse Doherty. [51037/22]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Finance if a special tax credit for families with children with special needs is available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51059/22]

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

\*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50762/22]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the nature and extent of his engagements with the Taoiseach in relation to access to child benefit, the back-to-school allowance and the once-off payments for foster parents (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50835/22]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the possible options or changes in relation to child benefit, the back-to-school allowance and the once-off payments for foster parents as averred to in the statement by the Taoiseach (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50836/22]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will meet with a delegation (details supplied) prior to the passage of the Finance Bill 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50837/22]

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

\*224. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of judicial reviews taken against her Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if she will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by her Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50765/22]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she was consulted about the appointment of a judge to review the recent allegations concerning cheating and fixing of Irish dancing competitions as revealed in a newspaper (details supplied); the extent of such consultation and or advice requested and offered by her Department, if any; when the attention of her Department was first drawn to such allegations. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50976/22]



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

\*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the 2023 allocations for each local authority. — Catherine Murphy. [50817/22]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the new metro will have implications for the various cultural and archaeological artefacts in St. Stephen's Green; if iconic statues and architectural structures will be preserved; if a cultural audit has been carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [50965/22]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider putting an ABP submission cost-waiver in place for those in receipt of social welfare payments in order to allow them to participate fully in the planning process, given that the National Transport Authority opted to run the MetroLink railway order and Ballymun CBC application processes at the same time. — Gary Gannon. [51088/22]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50760/22]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a timeframe for when a referendum will be held on the ownership of Irish Water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50778/22]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding changes to the cost rental equity loan scheme; if the total level of funding available from his Department that has been increased to account for these changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50818/22]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 192 and 193 of 6 October 2022, if he will provide this Deputy with the most up-to-date unit ceiling costs for new-build social housing schemes for houses and apartments built in each local authority area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50856/22]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to any three-bedroom house in good condition in a primary county town of Kerry for sale (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50857/22]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when engineers for the Pyrite issue in County Limerick will be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [50934/22]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on the updated social housing income bands for County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [50957/22]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline any changes to law or to procedures that have been or will be made, in order to ensure that homeowners

will in future have effective remedies in the event of damage caused by defective construction or materials. — Ivana Bacik. [50960/22]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 198 of 7 July 2022, the steps that he is taking on foot of the correspondence he has received from the OPW on legislative concerns with regard to flood relief measures at Lough Funshinagh, County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [50974/22]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the policy whereby the HAP payment cannot be paid to families lucky enough to secure a holiday home to rent where the planning conditions prohibit semi-permanent occupancy, or where the rental is not solely for the purposes incidental to holiday homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51011/22]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the protections that are in place or are planned to be put in place for tenants or licensees whose utilities are under the control of their landlords; the protections that are in place for tenants if a landlord or utility company turns off that utility in circumstances where a landlord wants to evict a person or in circumstances where the landlord fails to pay the bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51018/22]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which LIHAF funds awarded to Maynooth, County Kildare, some years ago, have been drawn down to date; the extent to which the works for which the funding was intended has been initiated; when it is expected that the entire programme will be completed given that delays are hampering the building of much needed houses in the area and the contributing to the ever-increasing traffic congestion arising from the lack of an eastern bypass in the town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51045/22]

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

\*241. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50757/22]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason that a child who is in foster care is not treated in the same as any other child when it comes to receiving a passport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50822/22]

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

\*243. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50752/22]

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

\*244. To ask the Minister for Education her views that Covid-19 signage in schools should be removed as there are no Covid-19 safety measures in place in Ireland at this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [50749/22]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Education the number of judicial reviews taken against her Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if she will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by her Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50753/22]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the seating capacity of a vehicle (details supplied) and the actual tickets issued for a school transport service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [50769/22]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school transport application (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [50773/22]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline for the roll-out of accessibility statements in schools for school websites to be achieved; and the work that her Department is conducting on this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50784/22]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Education her Department's plans, if any, to review its policy in relation to the use and provision of online electronic devices such as notebooks, used in schools with regards to ensuring that all students have access to such, that costs are not disproportionately placed on parents where such devices are compulsory in schools, to ensure a standard quality and to achieve economies of scale by centrally procuring them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [50785/22]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Education her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of possible training requirements for school escorts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [50788/22]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a delay in some payments to primary school teachers on contracts of fixed duration in multiple locations, which in some cases have resulted in teachers having to visit INTREO offices to seek emergency payment; the cause of the delay; the number of persons who have been affected; when they can expect to be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [50790/22]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that July provision is not made available for children who are in foster care (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50826/22]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Education if an additional SNA will be allocated a school (details supplied), given that the current SNA is required to give over 85% of their time to one student who has very complex needs, and the remaining students are not receiving the required level of support which they require; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [50923/22]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide extra accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50936/22]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50940/22]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50941/22]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50942/22]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50943/22]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50944/22]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50945/22]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50946/22]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50947/22]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50948/22]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50949/22]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50950/22]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50951/22]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50952/22]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Education if a school transport route will be considered for the Ardagh village area going to a school (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [50953/22]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided for a pupil (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [50954/22]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider supporting funding for travel passes to be used on all public transport services for staff of special schools, only to be used while travelling with their students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50962/22]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [50973/22]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Education if the special circumstances relating to a pupil (details supplied) will be re-examined in the context of his urgent need for a SNA at a school; if the services such as speech and language therapy which they require will also be provided as a matter of urgency given that their positive progression is being hampered; and if she will expedite the matter. — John McGuinness. [50979/22]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Education if there is an existing panel of qualified educational psychologists in the south-west; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51020/22]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a current educational psychologist post vacancy in the south-west is not being filled from the existing educational psychologist panel; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51028/22]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on career breaks for teachers (details supplied). — Colm Burke. [51038/22]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Education if and when school transport will be facilitated in the case of the daughter of a person (details supplied) who has been refused school transport despite the school being their nearest post-primary all-Irish school; if arrangements can be made to ensure that she can avail of the school transport service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51054/22]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a visit to a school (details supplied) in County Mayo has not taken place given that this visit was promised over a month ago. — Michael Ring. [51085/22]

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

\*278. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rate of income inequality in Ireland both before and after transfers in each of the years 2012 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51002/22]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the auto-enrolment retirement savings system; the way that it will be funded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Berry. [50990/22]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the carer's allowance payment would be exempt from a means test if the medical needs of the patient and the level of care being provided are assessed that it should be sufficient. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51022/22]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he has increased resourcing to MABS in view of the increase in financial insecurity within homes. — Thomas Gould. [46260/22]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of judicial reviews taken against her Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if she will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by her Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50764/22]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for fuel allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50780/22]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for fuel allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [50782/22]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the disability allowance is means tested for couples who are not married; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [50783/22]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the date that the social welfare double payment will be distributed; when the €500 payment for persons with a disability will be made; when the first €200 electricity credit will be applied to bill payers' accounts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [50804/22]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the time period that will be put in place for a decision in relation to the deprivation of savings to be reconsidered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50805/22]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that persons who are fostering children are not entitled to accumulate credits to go towards their pension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50825/22]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received to date in each county for essential needs payments in respect of new home kits; the number of applications that were successful and the average processing times per application per county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [50827/22]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 247 of 15 September 2022, the reason that the recent fuel allowance claim for a person (details supplied) was refused; the circumstances under which they may still qualify; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50849/22]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [50851/22]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are circumstances whereby a person can claim a second period of carer's benefit for a child previously claimed for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50852/22]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if domiciliary care allowance will be approved immediately in the case of a child (details supplied) based on the medical reports and the diary information submitted. — John McGuinness. [50980/22]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if domiciliary care allowance and arrears will be paid to a person (details supplied); if payments will be backdated to the year of the first assessment when the child was three years of age and when they were first informed verbally by a Department official not to apply as they would not qualify; and if the case put forward them will be investigated. — John McGuinness. [50985/22]



\*295. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if carer's allowance will be put back into payment for a person (details supplied), in line with the specified timeframe set out in the original decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [50986/22]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied) for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [50988/22]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied) for an invalidity pension. — Kieran O'Donnell. [50991/22]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision on a working family payment claim by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Sean Sherlock. [50992/22]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will introduce an income disregard for someone in receipt of a means tested social welfare payment where they rent out a vacant room in their home, similar to the rent-a-room scheme operated by the Revenue Commissioners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51012/22]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will introduce an income disregard provision for persons with a disability in receipt of a welfare allowance payment where they are medically certified as being unable to reside alone in order that they can rent out a room to a non-connected person, without it impacting on their payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51013/22]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied) for an increase in their payment. — Kieran O'Donnell. [51014/22]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when domiciliary care allowance may be awarded in the case of a person (details supplied) on behalf of their son who has been identified as suffering from a disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51050/22]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position in regard to the availability of the State pension and the living-alone allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51053/22]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the application for domiciliary care allowance can be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); if the case can be urgently reviewed or arrangements put in place for an oral hearing with a view to granting the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51057/22]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she expects to be in a position to offer funding through the various schemes available to her for the rest of the current year and in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51060/22]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the degree to which her Department has in place a method for determination of eligibility for domiciliary care allowance, given the number of children who are now deemed eligible on the basis of special needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51061/22]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of children who are deemed to have a disability putting them in the category of special needs; the number of such children who have been awarded domiciliary care allowance; the number refused in each of the past twelve months to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51062/22]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons seeking to avail of the State old age pension on the basis of self-employment contributions or partnership conditions that have been approved in the past twelve months; the number refused in the same period; if ameliorating action can be taken in the case of refusals particularly where a lesser number of contributions took place than were required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51063/22]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which exceptional needs payments are available in cases where family income is insufficient to meet their requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51064/22]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants for jobseeker's allowance and benefit who have been approved the payment in the past twelve months to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51065/22]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants for jobseeker's allowance and benefit who have been refused the payment in the past twelve months to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51066/22]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants throughout the country currently in receipt of the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51067/22]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants for domiciliary care allowance who have been refused in the past twelve months to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51068/22]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the exceptional needs payment that have been awarded and refused in the past twelve months to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51069/22]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which social welfare appeals against refusal for various payments including oral hearings are being processed within a reasonable time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51070/22]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which applications for carer's allowance have been approved and refused in the past twelve months to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51071/22]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of times that a one-parent family has had their allowance temporarily re-directed to a different post office without the prior knowledge of the recipient. — Gary Gannon. [51086/22]



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

\*318. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he accepts that the measly 1.6% budget increase in funding for the provision of youth work is wholly inadequate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50742/22]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50751/22]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare facilities currently registered with his Department in an area (details supplied); the number of childcare spaces available throughout these facilities; and if his Department is aware of further applications for registration of childcare facilities in this area in the coming months. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50811/22]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans, if any, to link a foster carer's allowance in an incremental way, just in the same way that a clerical officer would have their income increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50828/22]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the dates on which he met with the CEO of Tusla (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50831/22]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the nature and extent of his engagements with the Taoiseach and CEO of Tusla (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50832/22]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the outcomes from his engagements with the CEO of Tusla prior to the passage of the Finance Bill 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50833/22]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will commit to meeting with a delegation from an organisation (details supplied) prior to the passage of the Finance Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [50834/22]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian refugees who have been settled in County Donegal, broken down by townlands; the number of the premises in which Ukrainian refugees are now settled that were previously used as rental accommodation; and the steps that his Department has taken to ensure that nobody has been displaced. — Pearse Doherty. [50924/22]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the person's home must comply with the most modern building regulations and safety standards for fire and escape routes in the context of persons offering their primary residence to house those fleeing the invasion of Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [50978/22]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the increase in the childcare subsidy for parents from €0.50 to €1.40 per hour will affect those currently on means tested childcare supports or just those on the universal scheme who do not receive means testing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51015/22]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children currently in foster care at present; the extent to which the level of care is satisfactory and in accordance with regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51072/22]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which children's rights continue to be maintained in accordance with the Children's Rights Referendum and subsequent legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51073/22]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Tusla has been ordered not to interfere in some instances where the children's rights are being determined by reference to a single person, unchallenged; if Tusla needs to exert itself in respect of its responsibility in such instances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51074/22]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children now in the various forms of institutional or custodial care; the extent to which children's rights continue to be observed in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51075/22]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if it is deemed to be in accordance with the rights of children, as determined by a referendum and legislation, to forcibly, in certain instances, remove children from the custody of their mother, and place them otherwise in what might be an undesirable situation depending on their circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51076/22]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which the number of children under the possible threat of mental, physical, sexual or other abuse comes to the attention of Tusla who can engage without interference from any other source; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51077/22]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of children, if any, whose cases are under investigation by his Department or bodies under the aegis of this Department at this present time; the extent to which this number has fluctuated in the past twelve months to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51078/22]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which the funds available to his Department remain adequate to meet whatever challenges may arise, for whatever reason in the course of the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51079/22]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of instances in respect of which a report from a child psychologist is required or desirable; the extent to which this is normally undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51080/22]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he remains satisfied that the rights and entitlements of children are adequately protected without intrusion from any other source or threat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51081/22]

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

\*339. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50758/22]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will reconsider and give mature students the approved one-off reduction of €1,000 for the student contribution (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [50929/22]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if all third level students, undergraduate and postgraduate will be eligible for the reduction in fees of €1,000 announced in Budget 2023; if not, the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [50993/22]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a refusal by SUSI of a higher education grant in the name of a person (details supplied) will be reviewed and who was deemed ineligible for whatever reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51082/22]

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

\*343. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of judicial reviews taken against her Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if she will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by her Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50761/22]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline her plans for a deeper analysis of the allegations of racial profiling at the North-South Border which the Taoiseach said would be undertaken on 5 October 2022 (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [50803/22]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications to the undocumented migrant scheme that have been completed to date in 2022; the number that are outstanding; and when a decision will issue in relation to an application that was made on 6 April 2022. — Cathal Crowe. [50829/22]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will examine and assist with a long-standing visa application of a person (details supplied) who has been resident in Ireland for approximately 53 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50855/22]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Justice when it can be expected that she will begin announcing the outcome of applications to the Afghan admissions programme and specifically a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50968/22]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a breakdown of the distribution of the additional €7 million to be provided to organisations funded by Tusla to address acute demands in existing services throughout the country in 2023, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51029/22]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Justice the position in regard to possible naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51052/22]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Justice if the case for naturalisation and decision to deport may be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); if the entire case could now be reviewed given that so much time has elapsed and they have made this country their home; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51056/22]

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

\*351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50759/22]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Health the number of eligible frontline workers that have received payment and are outstanding payment of the Covid-19 bonus payment in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50770/22]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Health if measures are in place with his Department to allow employers to advance pay the frontline workers Covid-19 bonus to those staff still awaiting payment and reclaim it from the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50771/22]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Tipperary patients receiving dialysis in Fresenius Medical Care, Kilkenny; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50774/22]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Tipperary patients receiving dialysis in University Hospital Waterford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50775/22]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Tipperary patients receiving dialysis in Limerick University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50776/22]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Tipperary patients receiving dialysis in Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50777/22]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the online application issue with the European Health Card due to new medical cards and drugs payment cards now not having PPSNs which in turn has resulted in people making applications for the European health card online not having their PPSN recognised; the engagement that he has had with the Department in charge of European health card applications to have this online application issue resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [50779/22]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the children's mental health pathfinder project; the timeframe for implementation of this initiative; the details of the steering groups; the number of meetings to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50793/22]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Health the services and beds that are available in the State for children and adults suffering from anorexia nervosa. — Jim O'Callaghan. [50794/22]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the €50 million funding allocated to the approval of new medicines in Budget 2021 and the €30 million Budget 2022 that was spent on the approval of new medicines; the amount that was not spent from the allocation in each respective fiscal years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [50795/22]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of the 2021 and 2022 funding for approval of new medicines that was spent on non-oncology orphan medicinal products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [50796/22]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE intends to establish a primary care centre at an address (details supplied); and if so, the services that will be available to the community once established. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50802/22]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Health his views on GPs using a different pricing scale when treating menopausal patients for HRT treatment; the reason for same; if this is standard practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [50806/22]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a child (details supplied) will be urgently reviewed; the status of the appointments for autism assessment and speech and language therapy for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50816/22]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50819/22]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities who were in receipt of home-support hours in each LHO area as of 1 October 2022 or latest date available; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and the number waiting 12 months plus in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [50838/22]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities who were in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area as of 1 October 2022, or the latest date available; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and the number waiting 12 months plus in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [50839/22]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability currently being provided by CHO area as of 1 October 2022, or the latest date available, in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [50840/22]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places that have been provided to persons with a disability by LHO area as of 1 October 2022, in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [50841/22]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who were awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the 2005 Disability Act for each LHO area as of 1 October 2022, or the latest date available, in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [50842/22]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were on the physiotherapy waiting list for each LHO area as of 1 October 2022, or the latest date available; the numbers waiting less than four months; the number waiting 4-12 and the number waiting more than 12 months; and the numbers for each category who were waiting aged 0-4, 5-17, 18-64 and 65 years plus in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [50843/22]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list for each LHO area as of 1 October 2022, or the latest date available; the numbers waiting less than four months; the number waiting 4-12 and the number who were waiting more than 12 months; and the numbers waiting for each category aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 years and above in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [50844/22]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons for each LHO area on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list as of 1 October 2022, or the latest date available; the numbers who were waiting less than four months; the number waiting 4-12 and the number waiting more than 12 months; and the numbers for each category waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 years and above in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [50845/22]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons for each LHO area on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list as of 1 October 2022, or the latest date available; the numbers who were waiting less than four months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and the numbers for each category waiting aged 0-17 years and those aged 18 years and above in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [50846/22]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons for each LHO area on the occupational therapy first time assessment waiting list as of 1 October 2022, or the latest date available; the numbers waiting less than four months; the number waiting 4-12 months; the number waiting more than 12 months; and the numbers for each category waiting aged 0-4 years, 5-17 years, 18-64 years and aged 65 years plus in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [50847/22]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide further information on the criteria needed to qualify for the new GP card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [50858/22]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care as of 1 October 2022 or the latest date available; the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [50861/22]



\*379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 1 October 2022 or the latest date available; the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [50862/22]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a audiology appointment in primary care as of 1 October 2022 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [50863/22]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care as of 1 October 2022 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [50864/22]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care as of 1 October 2022 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [50865/22]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 1 October 2022 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [50866/22]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each Local Health Office area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment as of 1 October 2022 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — John Lahart. [50867/22]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units to date in 2022. — John Lahart. [50868/22]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 October 2022 or the latest date available; the way that compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and the number waiting 12 months plus in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50869/22]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 1 October 2022 or latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons currently awaiting placement under the scheme for each local health area; and the length of time waiting in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50870/22]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public patients that have been removed from outpatient lists in 2022 as a result of a validation exercise and not as a result of having an appointment with a consultant for each public and voluntary hospital in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50871/22]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 1 October 2022; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date. — John Lahart. [50872/22]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges at the end of September 2022 for each public and voluntary hospital; and the total number to date in 2022, in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50873/22]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days owing to delayed discharges to date in 2022, for each public and voluntary hospital in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50874/22]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 years or over that experienced an emergency department wait time more than 24 hours during September 2022; the total number to date in 2022; and the hospitals where the wait occurred. — John Lahart. [50875/22]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulance attendances at each emergency department nationwide in September 2022; the number of such ambulances that waited longer than of 20 minutes to hand over patients, get their trolleys back and return to responding to calls; the number that waited longer than 40 minutes for same; the number that waited longer than 60 minutes for same; the number that waited longer than 90 minutes for same; the number that waited more than 120 minutes for same; and the number that waited more than 180 minutes for same in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50876/22]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients currently waiting less than four months for treatment for both Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children's University Hospital for the end of September 2022 or the latest date available; the number waiting 4-8 months and more than 8 months; and if he would provide the same information for other spinal patients in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50877/22]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50878/22]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50879/22]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50880/22]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50881/22]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than three,



three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50882/22]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50883/22]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50884/22]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography ERCP in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50885/22]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Dublin Midlands hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50886/22]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50887/22]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50888/22]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than three, three months to six, six to nine, nine to twelve and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50889/22]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the South/South West hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50890/22]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an electroencephalogram in the South/South West hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50891/22]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography ERCP in the South/South West hospital group

for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50892/22]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the South/South West hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50893/22]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50894/22]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50895/22]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50896/22]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Saolta hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50897/22]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an Electroencephalogram in the Saolta hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50898/22]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the Saolta hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50899/22]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Saolta hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50900/22]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50901/22]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than three,

three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50902/22]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50903/22]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50904/22]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an Electroencephalogram in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50905/22]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50906/22]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the University of Limerick hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50907/22]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50908/22]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the RCSI hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50909/22]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an Electroencephalogram in the RCSI hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50910/22]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the RCSI hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50911/22]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the RCSI hospital group for less than three, three

to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50912/22]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an MRI scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50913/22]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a CT scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50914/22]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for a bone scan in the Ireland East hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50915/22]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an angiogram in the Ireland East hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50916/22]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an Electroencephalogram in the Ireland East hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50917/22]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for cholangiopancreatography (ERCP) in the Ireland East hospital group for less than three, three to six, six to nine, nine to twelve months and more than twelve months in tabular form. — John Lahart. [50918/22]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting as of 1 October 2022 or the nearest available date for an ultrasound scan in the Ireland East hospital group for the following waiting periods; less than three months; three months to six months; six months to nine months; nine months to twelve months; more than twelve months. — John Lahart. [50919/22]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an issue presenting at a medical centre (details supplied) where initial consultations for patients experiencing menopause are over twice as expensive as general consultations, and repeat prescriptions for treatment for menopause are charged at three-times more than other repeat prescriptions; his views on whether this practice is discriminatory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50920/22]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has undertaken research to ascertain the costs of providing financial assistance to patients on hormone replacement therapy for menopause; if his Department intends to introduce financial assistance for these patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [50921/22]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts that are being made to reduce the waiting time for orthodontic treatment for children in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50925/22]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the ongoing issues facing the blood cancer community during the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [50926/22]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the pandemic payments for Section 38/39 workers; if all payments have been paid to workers; the amount paid; the amount that has yet to be paid in tabular form; the cause for the delay in the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [50931/22]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Health if approval will be given to extend the age for GP care for children to 16 years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [50935/22]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been drawn down in each CHO for equipment for children to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [50937/22]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ceiling hoists delivered to families in each CHO compared to requests for same to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [50938/22]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of specialist car seats that the HSE has provided by CHO, versus the number of requests received to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [50939/22]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Health his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [50956/22]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Health the expected timeline for the promised independent radiation therapist review; if he will provide an update on the development of the terms of reference of the review; when he expects the terms of reference to be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [50958/22]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline any planned upgrade works or investment in the health centre, Ballymore, County Westmeath. — Robert Troy. [50959/22]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the need for an extension of the Medical Rights Directive and the Active Implantable Medical Device Directive (AI) MMD certificates; if he will work to have this addressed in time for the next EPSCO meeting in December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50964/22]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the need to abolish the medical device regulation warehousing deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50966/22]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the need to allow conditional and temporary medical device regulation certification; if he will work to have this addressed in time for the next EPSCO meeting in December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [50967/22]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Health his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [50972/22]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Health if speech and language therapy will be provided immediately in the case of a child (details supplied) given that their assessments were carried out in August 2020 and again on 21 May 2021, and that they are now experiencing difficulty in obtaining a school placement due to their issues and the lack of support thus preventing their proper development and education; and if he will expedite the matter. — John McGuinness. [50982/22]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Health the funding to be given to each of the local and regional drug and alcohol taskforces in 2023, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [50987/22]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Health if more residential places will be offered for teenagers in County Kerry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50994/22]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the funding that is to be available to counselling trainee psychologists based on Budget 2023; if it will consist of a contribution to fees and a salary and be equal in support to the funding available to clinical psychologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [50998/22]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 593 of 14 September 2022, the dates on which family members of residents of Garnish House, Cork were informed of the decision by the HSE to vacate the property in Q1 of 2023; the format and context that this information was conveyed to them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [50999/22]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to introduce an occupational injury scheme for healthcare workers with long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [51000/22]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Health the basis on which the advice from clinicians that going from single-room occupancy in Owenacurra to shared occupancy would be a retrograde step for any resident and contained in their meeting minutes of 5 October 2021 was overturned; the person in the HSE who decided to overturn this agreement; if the subgroup of clinicians handling the closure was consulted; the number of Owenacurra Centre residents who have been offered shared rooms in long-stay wards to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [51001/22]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of wholetime equivalent psychologists for CH09 in CAMHS, the children's disability network teams, children's primary care and the National Educational Psychological Service in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [51024/22]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in Dublin west; and their locations. — Emer Higgins. [51025/22]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of staff in each children's disability network team in Dublin west, including social workers, psychologists, speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and so on, by full-time equivalent. — Emer Higgins. [51026/22]



\*463. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the role of the new children's multi-disciplinary assessment hub in Castleknock, Dublin 15; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [51027/22]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Health the status of physiotherapy services in the primary care centre in Fermoy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [51041/22]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which occupational therapy and speech and language therapy have been made available in the case of a child (details supplied) given that they have been deemed to suffer from a disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51049/22]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Health if and when speech and language therapy may be made available in the case of the son of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51058/22]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Health if he has assessed the implications of rising electricity costs for patients undertaking home dialysis; and if some special arrangements can be made. — Richard Bruton. [51083/22]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the special Leave with pay under Covid-19 for those healthcare workers with long-Covid is only available to those who contracted the virus at least 84 days prior to 7 February 2022; if he will review this threshold date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51090/22]

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

\*469. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the changes that are proposed in relation to the use of creosote and specifically its use on timber products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [50821/22]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by his Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50750/22]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on his negotiations with the Sea Fisheries Protection Agency in designating Dunmore East Harbour as a landing port for fishing vessels from third countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [50772/22]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if felling licences which were issued in 2019 can be extended for another year, given that Covid-19 restrictions prevented felling taking place for large parts of 2020, and that there is now a backlog and waiting lists for contractors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [50813/22]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if holders of current forestry approvals will be allowed to use these approvals before Christmas and avail of the new programme for forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50820/22]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if pre-Christmas forestry planting works can be incorporated into the new forestry programme proposed for January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [50823/22]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the farm environmental survey pilot 2022 is completed; if so, if he will provide an update on any findings, including challenges found within the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [50854/22]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his officials will re-examine as a matter of urgency the specific land folios in question (details supplied) given that the landowner is adamant that the issues raised by his Department do not affect their lands, the subject of the licence application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [50983/22]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied).; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [50984/22]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of further information requests sent by the Forestry Service of his Department in relation to the ash dieback RUS scheme since the launch of the current scheme on a weekly basis in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51032/22]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of further information requests for harvest plans in relation to the ash dieback RUS scheme that were sent out by his Department since June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51033/22]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the length of time that the ash dieback RUS applications were in the system which were sent further information requests for harvest plans since the launch of the current scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51034/22]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be a new ash dieback scheme for impacted owners available from January 2023 in the new forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51035/22]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 936 of 28 June 2022, if he will provide clarity on the matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51044/22]

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

\*483. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of judicial reviews taken against her Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; if she will indicate in the reply the body and or person that initiated judicial review proceedings; the number of judicial reviews that remain open and or active; and the totality of costs incurred by her Department as a result of judicial reviews over that time period. — Catherine Murphy. [50763/22]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has ringfenced funding for community centres and voluntary organisations to apply for, to help meet

the heightened costs of running their premises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [50969/22]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the grant assistance that may be available for the refurbishment of a community centre in a Clár area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [50975/22]