



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [48746/22]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [48747/22]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49697/22]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [49899/22]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [49963/22]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [49966/22]
7. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Peadar Tóibín. [50010/22]
8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [50014/22]
9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [50364/22]
10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Gary Gannon. [51652/22]
11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the economic policy unit of his Department. — Brendan Smith. [51688/22]
12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue coordination unit in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [48039/22]
13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue coordination unit of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [49904/22]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50102/22]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [50105/22]

16. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue coordination unit in his Department. — Mick Barry. [50365/22]

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the social dialogue coordination unit in his Department. — Gary Gannon. [51653/22]

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

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

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

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

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [49903/22]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Peadar Kirby. [51564/22]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Gary Gannon. [51654/22]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Brexit and Northern Ireland will next meet. — Mick Barry. [51691/22]

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

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a timeline for future Citizens' Assemblies. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50103/22]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a timeline for future Citizens' Assemblies. — Paul Murphy. [50106/22]

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

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50104/22]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Paul Murphy. [50107/22]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Mick Barry. [52019/22]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Ivana Bacik. [51663/22]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Cathal Crowe. [52024/22]

35. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council. — Paul McAuliffe. [52031/22]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the National Economic and Social Council.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52027/22]

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

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

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Cathal Crowe. [52025/22]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office in his Department. — Paul McAuliffe. [52032/22]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the policing reform implementation programme office based in his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [51661/22]

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office based in his Department. — Gary Gannon. [52017/22]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51710/22]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [51713/22]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the public service, justice and police reform division of his Department. — James Lawless. [52028/22]

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

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

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

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

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

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the UN General Assembly. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51711/22]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the UN General Assembly. — Paul Murphy. [51714/22]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the UN General Assembly. — Bríd Smith. [51717/22]

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. — Mick Barry. [52020/22]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. — James Lawless. [52029/22]

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

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

58. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. — Bríd Smith. [51716/22]

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

60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51678/22]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51712/22]

62. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [51715/22]

63. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. — Bríd Smith. [51718/22]

64. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [52021/22]

65. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the north-east inner city oversight group chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49703/22]

66. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the shared island dialogue all-island women's forum civic initiative. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49704/22]

67. To ask the Taoiseach if he will list the various companies, groups and organisations which have received funding as part of his Department's Shared Island investments; if he will provide a breakdown on the amounts of funding each received; and the purpose of it. — Peadar Tóibín. [51562/22]

68. To ask the Taoiseach if efforts continue to be made through the Shared Island concept to ensure that the benefits of a shared-island approach can be of major economic significance to the island of Ireland, North and South. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51636/22]

69. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [49705/22]

70. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [49902/22]

71. To ask the Taoiseach if security issues were discussed at the recent meeting in Prague consisting of the European-wide heads of state. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50288/22]

72. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the first meeting of the European Political Community. — Seán Haughey. [50726/22]

73. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting of the EU Council in Prague. — Neale Richmond. [51381/22]

74. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Prime Minister of Ukraine in Prague. — Neale Richmond. [51382/22]

75. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting of the European Political Community in Prague. — Neale Richmond. [51383/22]

76. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which discussions took place at the recent intergovernmental conference in Prague in relation to the Russian invasion of Ukraine. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51635/22]

77. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the Prague summit of the European Political Community. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51352/22]

78. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the European Political Community meeting in Prague and the informal European Council meeting. — Ivana Bacik. [51662/22]

79. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51679/22]

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

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

80. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, and the Minister for Finance on extending the renters' tax rebate to students and parents as well as PhD researchers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51723/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he recognises the need to remove all fees for and financial barriers to further and higher education given the shortage of graduates and postgraduates across multiple sectors of Ireland's economy and public services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51823/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated total expenditure from the National Training Fund in 2022; the allocated expenditure for this coming year as part of Budget 2023; the estimated reserve in the National Training Fund by the end of 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51724/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the quantum of capital funding which he envisages will be available to draw down over a timeframe to deliver on the aspirations to halt the brain-drain in the south east as part of this framework; the new courses, new disciplines and new buildings that are being put in place as part of South East Technological University configuration; the timeframe for this achievement given that he has made great efforts to deliver amalgamation of the new university; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [52079/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the implementation of the action plan for apprenticeships 2021–2025, particularly in relation to participation of employers and retention rates of apprentices with their training employer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51822/22]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

85. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a full breakdown of the number of PhDs who are funded through State or State-funded bodies (details supplied) and an estimate of privately-funded PhDs registered at Irish universities. — Gary Gannon. [51684/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that are being taken by his Department to assist young people in aftercare, that is persons that have left Tusla residential or foster care placements at the age of 18 years, who are in further or higher education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [51338/22]



87. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that mature students who are studying blended learning courses will be ineligible to receive the €1,000 reduction in fees announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [51632/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on the initiatives that he plans to encourage the recruitment of apprentices in the renewable energy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [51441/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who will benefit from the double payment of student grants per county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51092/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address the inequity experienced by PhD researchers who are excluded from the €500 one-off payment; if the PhD researchers excluded are on average on lower stipends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51727/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans, if any, for the further development and expansion of local training initiatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51633/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to extend the SUSI grant to part-time students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51699/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the further development of the technological universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51634/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of additional medical, nursing, midwifery, and health and social care undergraduate places across further and higher education courses which will be added across higher education institutes State-wide in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [51639/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the timeframe for when the double payment of student grants will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [51358/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his engagement with private third level institutions on the one-off €1,000 reduction in student contribution fee for higher education students to ensure their inclusion in this measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51645/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the process for contribution fee refunds in 2022; when students can expect a refund of their contribution fee in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51686/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase the provision of health and social care places, and veterinary places to address the crisis in vacancies seen across these sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51728/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the development of Cavan Institute; the investment that his Department is allocating; and the works that will be carried out. — Niamh Smyth. [51141/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the additional investment in the South East Technological University Waterford campus which he will make available in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [51640/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on the measures that he intends to take to make student accommodation affordable given that it is a major barrier to people taking up college places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [51658/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Solas painting and decorating apprentices have to travel to Dublin to complete their classroom-based training due to nowhere else in the country being able to facilitate this (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [51719/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on any meetings with student unions in relation to the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [51657/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the future farming apprenticeships which he plans to announce in the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [51225/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of applications for green cert places available through education and training boards in the academic years beginning in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51335/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department plans to introduce additional funding for apprentices to support them to continue in their apprenticeships in view of the increase in the cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51687/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which students are encouraged to study medicine, veterinary medicine and similar professions currently suffering from a dearth of graduates at a time of population growth; if an adequate supply can be maintained in these areas in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51638/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will increase the SUSI grant qualification threshold further for the next relevant academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51626/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of women who are currently completing apprenticeships across Ireland; the steps that are being taken to continually increase participation rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51010/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that his Department is taking in order to address the shortage of educational psychologists in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [51630/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that he intends to take to address the inequality in and the inadequacy of stipends across PhD research students which is now exacerbated by the recent Budget 2023 increase of €500 only to those in receipt of SFI and IRC stipends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51700/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his engagement with the Minister for Housing, Local Government, and Heritage concerning the shortage of accommodation for students attending third level courses. — Holly Cairns. [51319/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the implementation group for the delivery of the new further education and training funding model; the membership of the group; the terms of reference of the group; the number of times that the group has met to date; the dates of these meetings; if minutes are taken in respect of the meetings of the implementation group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51698/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if consideration is currently being given with respect to part-time students and their access to the SUSI grant scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51223/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who will benefit from the €1,000 reduction in student contribution fee per county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [51162/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to address the chronic shortage of affordable accommodation for students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51703/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has engaged with SUSI about the possibility of raising the income threshold to ensure that middle income earners who are struggling financially will be able to avail of third level grants in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51495/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has examined the possibility of extending the €500 cost-of-living payment and stipend increase announced in Budget 2023 to PhDs funded outside of the IRC and SFI; and if a mechanism similar to the pandemic-related payments to students has been considered for this cohort. — Gary Gannon. [51683/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on student accommodation providers charging a full month's rent to students where they have not spent a full initial month upon moving into their accommodation. — Pa Daly. [51607/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has met with universities in Cork to discuss the potential of a northside campus. — Thomas Gould. [51643/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of PhD researchers who have dropped out of their studies in recent years; and if any research has been done on the reason they dropped out. — Paul Murphy. [51673/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions he has taken to maximise the availability of accommodation for third-level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51336/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on pathways to CORU registration for social care students studying in the private sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51729/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports that his Department provides for research for new antibiotics; his views on whether this is sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51005/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagements that he has had recently with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to student accommodation. — Pa Daly. [51608/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that his Department is taking in order to ensure that there is an available and sufficient workforce with the requisite skills and expertise for the new green economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [51631/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will abolish the fees for graduate entry medicine programmes, given the chronic shortage of doctors across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51701/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that are being taken to unlock the 3,000 student accommodation beds in college-owned projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51725/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his engagement with third level student accommodation providers to ensure that the €600 electric credits announced in Budget 2023 are passed onto students in form of reduction of rent which includes their utilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51646/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps he is taking to further reduce student contributions in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [51363/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will report on the initiatives that he has facilitated to encourage the recruitment of apprentices to the construction sector in order to achieve construction targets as set out in Housing for All; if

he is considering any additional measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [51440/22]

132. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide additional funding per registered PhD student to each university to allow them to pay an increased stipend, bringing their income in line with the €28,000 paid to individuals on the PhD Innovate for Ireland programme. — Patrick Costello. [51670/22]

133. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students can expect their student contribution fees to be further reduced beyond 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51625/22]

134. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that all postgraduate psychology students are provided with funded doctorate programmes and to end the discrepancies in funding between clinical, educational and counselling psychologists; if he will abolish all fees for these programmes to address the chronic shortage of these professionals across the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51702/22]

135. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons that have qualified for a SUSI grant this year; the number of persons whose applications for a SUSI grant have been rejected and the number of students for whom a decision has yet to be reached on their grant application. — Peadar Tóibín. [51337/22]

136. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he recognises the need to remove all fees for and financial barriers to further and higher education given the shortage of graduates and postgraduates across multiple sectors of Ireland's economy and public services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51704/22]

137. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports he has provided in Budget 2023 to help with the costs of going to college both in terms of fees and grants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [51362/22]

138. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding that he has provided to University College Cork and Munster Technological University to build student accommodation in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [51644/22]

139. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which arrangements continue to be made whereby an adequate supply of apprentices or graduates in the most urgently required areas continue to be available, having regard to the public demand and the need to provide for the future in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51637/22]

140. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of regularising the terms and conditions of adult education tutors employed by education and training boards; the timeline to address the outstanding commitments, recommendations, awards and claims within the terms of the quantum of the sectoral bargaining fund available for agreed sectoral bargaining units; if an agreed approach with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform has been reached; and when a proposal will be made to staff representatives with a view to resolving outstanding issues. — Marian Harkin. [51641/22]

141. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if those who are currently preparing to sit their Leaving Certificate in the next two years expect their student contribution fees to be further reduced beyond 2024 given the cost-of-living crisis and the increasing rates of rent being experienced by current third level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [51677/22]

142. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagement that he has had with the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Inclusion and Youth in relation to ensuring that Ukrainian refugees are supported in attending further and higher education, particularly in relation to accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51726/22]

143. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way in which he and his Department plan to expand apprenticeship offerings in the north-east; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51224/22]

144. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the need to establish a veterinary college in the province of Munster; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [51222/22]

145. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the new Innovate for Ireland scheme will be open for applicants; and the criteria that potential applicants will need to meet in order to be eligible for the scheme. — Gary Gannon. [51682/22]

146. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has had any contact with Carlow College St. Patrick's with regard to bringing about the full integration of Carlow College St. Patrick's into the higher education system in the south east region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [51571/22]

147. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of plans to upgrade the 1974 building in Munster Technological University, Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51496/22]

148. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the development of Cavan Institute as a hub for further education and training. — Niamh Smyth. [51140/22]

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## CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*149. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Policing Reform Implementation Programme Office based in his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [49905/22]

\*150. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timelines for the citizens' assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Ivana Bacik. [51664/22]

\*151. To ask the Taoiseach the number of judicial reviews taken against his Department in the past ten years to date in 2022, in tabular form; 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. [50767/22]

\*152. To ask the Taoiseach the average wage and the median wage in Ireland in each of the years 2012 to 2021 and to date in 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [51118/22]

\*153. To ask the Taoiseach the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022. — John Lahart. [51181/22]

\*154. To ask the Taoiseach the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date. — John Lahart. [51205/22]

\*155. To ask the Taoiseach the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [51264/22]

\*156. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons in full-time employment who were on less than 60% of the median wage in Ireland in each of the years 2012 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [51030/22]

\*157. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons in full-time employment who were on less than 66% of the median wage in Ireland in each of the years 2012 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [51031/22]

\*158. To ask the Taoiseach the expected timeline for the citizens' assemblies committed to in the Programme for Government. — Mick Barry. [51689/22]

\*159. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which he has had dialogue with his fellow heads of state at the recent meeting in Prague; and if distinctive action was agreed in respect of applicant countries for EU membership. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50287/22]

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

\*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he supports extending the World Trade Organization decision of 17 June 2022 on the TRIPS agreement to cover intellectual property relating to Covid-19 treatments and diagnostic tests with no further conditions or changes to the text; and if he has responded to a correspondence concerning this matter from 18 NGOs. — Róisín Shortall. [51104/22]

\*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons, expressed as a percentage of the total workforce, who were in the highest income tax bracket in Ireland in each of the years 2012 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [51119/22]

\*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when this Deputy can expect a substantive reply to an as-of-yet unacknowledged email representation dated 4

October 2022, on the non-payment of wages to Irish film production workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51124/22]

\*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that his Department has taken to transpose EU Directive (EU) 2019/1152 on Transparency and Predictability of Working Conditions, due to be transposed into Irish law on 2 August 2022; when he expects that work to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [51139/22]

\*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51170/22]

\*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51194/22]

\*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51253/22]

\*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a company is entitled to the €1,000 application fee for international work permits in the case of an applicant who was approved for a work permit, but denied a visa to enter the country, and where the company which they were to work for in Ireland paid the €1,000 for the work permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51433/22]

\*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to extend the remit of eligibility for work permits to bus drivers from third countries given the acute shortage of same within the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51772/22]

\*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51777/22]

\*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason that a work permit application for a person (details supplied) was refused; if the application can be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51796/22]

\*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the review of critical skills shortages in the Irish economy will be initiated with a view to sanctioning new work permit applications from various sectors suffering from skill shortages; if his Department is open to additional work permits in the dairy sector; if so, if he will be conscious of the fact that most of these are required for spring calving herds and need to be in place shortly so as to enable the required visa applications to be submitted and approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [51929/22]



\*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason that the ineligible list of occupations for employment permits precludes the 3,231 persons denoted as youth and community workers from receiving employment permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52060/22]

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

\*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the way that the waiver system for domestic refuse charges operates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [51227/22]

\*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51171/22]

\*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51195/22]

\*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in addition to the Climate Action Plans if his Department will publish a long-term climate action plan which focuses on post-2030 targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51214/22]

\*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51254/22]

\*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports that are available for community facilities looking to replace a boiler (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [51271/22]

\*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that pensioners of an organisation (details supplied) and An Post who were civil servants prior to the vesting of these two state companies on 1 January 1984 under the Postal and Telecommunications Act 1983, are treated differently in their pension benefits; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the An Post pensioners in question believe that the benefits-guarantee given to them in section 42 of that Act has not been complied with by An Post; if he accepts that the An Post superannuation scheme as amended in 2013 is out of line with public service pension's policy generally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51302/22]

\*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide update on progress made towards transposing article 2 (15) of the Directive (EU) 2019/944 regarding dynamic electricity price contracts. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51303/22]

\*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update regarding which of the following articles of Directive (EU) 2019/944 remain to be

transposed; and if he will outline the financial penalties that have been imposed, if any, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51304/22]

\*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of attics that would have been insulated by 2021 assuming that the rate of attic insulation would have continued at the rate seen in 2011 and been maintained in each subsequent year. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51306/22]

\*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of attics that remain to be insulated. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51307/22]

\*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of heating systems upgrades installed broken down by heat source including but not limited to oil, gas, electric heat pump and so on for the warmer homes scheme for the year to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51308/22]

\*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will introduce a grant towards the purchase of battery units for solar panels, which provide electricity at night-time and create the opportunity to sell excess solar electricity to the national grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51322/22]

\*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of companies currently acting as one-stop-shops for retrofitting of homes under the Government's energy upgrade scheme; the criteria that must be met by a company to obtain such a status; if he expects their numbers to increase in the near future; if he will allow more smaller private contractors to get involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51323/22]

\*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current expected waiting time for a home to avail of a deep retrofit under the national home energy upgrade scheme, by county; the main causes of delays in homes being able to avail of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51324/22]

\*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current average cost of a deep retrofit under the national home energy upgrade scheme; if he intends to further increase grant-aid to counter the rapidly rising costs involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51325/22]

\*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications that have been received to date for grant-aid towards deep retrofitting of homes, by county; the number of grants that have been paid to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51326/22]

\*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a grant will be provided for the installation of wood pellet stoves in residential properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [51345/22]

\*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will devise an alternative process other than the MRPN system for those on sub meters to access the electricity grants to ensure that those who are already struggling do not fall into energy poverty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51424/22]

\*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if an elderly person living in a rental accommodation scheme flat that has a coin meter and no separate MPRN number from the main building would be eligible for €600 electricity credits; the way in which they could apply in order that they could also benefit from the credit allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51446/22]

\*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the €600 energy credit in Budget 2023 can be used towards a person's gas bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51453/22]

\*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that it took so long for his Department to act in relation to REPowerEU earlier in 2022; the reason that he did not seek consultation from Gas Networks Ireland immediately on receipt of correspondence from the European Commission and instead, according to reports, waiting until three quarters of the application time was up to commence consultations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51457/22]

\*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the impact that the failure to make an application for funding made available by the European Commission under its REPowerEU initiative to help combat the energy crisis owing to the Ukrainian war is going to have on the Government's ability to help households for the duration of this crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51458/22]

\*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason for not making an application for the funding that was made available by the European Commission under REPowerEU to help combat the energy crisis as a result of the Ukrainian war; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51459/22]

\*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the requirement as referred to by his Department and the details of the European Union legislation which his Department claims is required to provide for funding under REPowerEU; the way in which this would prevent funding to the State, particularly in light of reports that such legislation is not required for either the biomethane or liquefied natural gas strands of REPowerEU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51460/22]

\*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total amount of installed solar photovoltaic capacity in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [51472/22]

\*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 47 of 8 September 2022, if he will clarify the reason An Post does not propose to comply with Paragraph 8 of DPER Circular 16/2021 in relation to the submission of its request for Ministerial approval of the 2% increase due to its pensioners from 1 January 2023 (details supplied); if he will ask An Post to undertake the necessary processing well in advance of the payment due date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [51501/22]

\*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that he intends to support the eight new Ireland gas-fired power plants with natural gas supplies from Ireland to protect us depending on imports, via Scotland or the European network which is already under pressure. — Alan Dillon. [51548/22]

\*201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will identify the location, backer, technology, megawatt output for the eight new gas-fired power plants and the stage of development for each development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [51549/22]

\*202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has determined the viability of gas reservoirs in nearby areas of the Mayo coast already licensed for exploration that have the potential to tie into Corrib Gas existing infrastructure allowing gas to be brought ashore with minimum disruption. — Alan Dillon. [51550/22]

\*203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports that are available for commercial solar energy; if there are plans to increase these supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51552/22]

\*204. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in relation to Question 131 of October 6 2022, if he will provide the actual timeframe for work being completed / commenced and the number of applicants awaiting the work to be done, as distinct from the approval time for any work (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51573/22]

\*205. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51671/22]

\*206. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the backlog in credit awarded to solar panel holders who contribute electricity to the grid and if he can comment on the issue. — Francis Noel Duffy. [51764/22]

\*207. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51778/22]

\*208. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 67 of 9 September 2022, if he has received the final report of the independent analysis of the warmth and wellbeing scheme carried out by the London School of Tropical Medicine; if he will publish the report in advance of World COPD day on 16 November 2022 in light of the potentially significant global impact of this ground-breaking work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51851/22]

\*209. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [51876/22]

\*210. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the grant for smart heating controls is reduced based on the BER rating of the dwelling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [51877/22]

\*211. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that the Government is not looking at bio-mass technology as an option (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51886/22]

\*212. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will introduce a ban on advertising and sponsorships by fossil fuel companies; and if not, the reasons. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51961/22]

\*213. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the maximum amount that was available to the State to apply for; and the reason that there was no application for the biomethane section of REPowerEU that has a budget of €35 billion. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51962/22]

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

\*214. To ask the Minister for Transport if he was informed that the proposed cycle path from Whitestrand to the Barna Road, Galway, would remove a section of public road space from the Salthill diving board to the Barna Road before approving funding of the engineering design works. — Mairéad Farrell. [51916/22]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to many issues that commuters are reporting with the reliability of the Real Time passenger information system for buses in Dublin, particularly the inconsistencies between the information on the TFI Real Time Ireland app, the Dublin Bus app and the RTPI screens at bus stops; if his Department has had contact with the National Transport Authority and or Bus Átha Cliath in relation to such reliability issues; the steps that are being taken to ensure that the issues are resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51109/22]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to many issues that commuters are reporting with the reliability of the Real Time passenger information system for trains serving Kildare, particularly the inconsistencies between the information on the Irish Rail app and the screens at train stations; if his Department has had contact with the National Transport Authority and or Irish Rail in relation to such reliability issues; the steps that are being taken to ensure that the issues are resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51110/22]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the ongoing issues that commuters are experiencing with the reliability of the scheduled 8.20 am train ex Sallins, which is now consistently delayed by between 10-20 minutes, which not only delays passengers on that service but on many occasions results in a missed connection to the 8.35 am ex Hazelhatch service, meaning that passengers cannot travel onwards to Grand Canal Dock as planned but must terminate at Heuston; if his Department has had contact with the National Transport Authority and or Irish Rail in relation to such reliability issues; the steps that are being taken to ensure that the issues are resolved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51111/22]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide assistance in relation to the lack of a bus shelter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51114/22]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of instances in which an Irish rail bridge has been struck by a vehicle in Dublin county and city in the past two years to date in 2022; the same information in respect of level crossing gates being struck; and the number of acts of vandalism on Irish rail assets and property in the same time period. — Catherine Murphy. [51160/22]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51183/22]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51207/22]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the action that is being taken to support businesses with the cost of petrol and diesel, particularly those that employ drivers, in view of increased prices since the beginning of the Russian invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51209/22]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review a bus service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51219/22]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51220/22]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51266/22]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the way he intends to address the issue of a lack of morning bus services to Limerick city from Charleville, County Cork which is an ongoing issue for years (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that at the same time, the NTA continue to refuse private bus operators licences to stop in Charleville; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [51314/22]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Transport the way he intends to address the issue of Charleville students trying to access college in Limerick and Cork without adequate morning public transport services; if his attention has been drawn to dozens of parents that are making two trips daily to Limerick city due to a total lack of accommodation, which is adding to their carbon footprint and traffic congestion with parents adding 900km to their weekly driving; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [51315/22]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the deadline for submissions for Metrolink beyond the deadline of 25 November 2022, in order to allow residents time to assess the lengthy application. — Gary Gannon. [51342/22]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to reports that the independent experts RINA appointed by the National Transport Authority to assist resident stakeholders were not furnished with the draft application before the public, so now will not have a report ready for residents until ten days before the closing deadline, therefore not allowing residents time to fully participate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [51343/22]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new active transport infrastructure projects completed in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [51369/22]



\*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of upgraded active transport infrastructure projects completed in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [51370/22]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of active transport infrastructure completed in 2021 including location of delivery, length of active transport route at each location, cost of project and nature of work completed in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [51372/22]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the funds allocated to each local authority in 2021; the amount of funds unspent, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [51373/22]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of all the proposed active transport projects that applied for funding in 2021 but were incomplete by the end of Q4 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [51374/22]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the substantial delays experienced by taxi operators when booking appointments to recalibrate and seal their meters for the new fare regime which came into force from 1 September 2022 (details supplied); the measures that are being taken to alleviate the obstacles in having additional appointments made available to have these meters recalibrate and resealed given that operating without a meter being sealed is an offence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51395/22]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the anomaly whereby 18-year-old students in some instances cannot qualify for the 50% fare reduction due to their being too young to apply for the young adult card for those aged 19 to 23 years, meaning that they have to purchase a full adult ticket; if his Department has made contact with the private bus operators that are awaiting action by his Department to resolve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51400/22]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will urgently seek a deadline extension to applicants who have received approval for funding through the eSPSV grant scheme to purchase an electric vehicle (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51403/22]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will increase the number of buses that are placed on the Navan NX route (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [51454/22]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the shortage of bus drivers in Dublin Bus and Go-Ahead; his plans to deal with same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51456/22]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request a review of an application by a person (details supplied) waiting on a driving test for work purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51473/22]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request a review of an application by a person (details supplied) waiting on a driving test for work purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51474/22]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department can review the rules and regulations concerning rickshaws; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51478/22]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he and his Department will take to expand access to EV charging facilities for persons living in terraced housing given the failure of Dublin City Council to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51479/22]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will contact and request Go Ahead Ireland to reinstate its 7:30 am service on bus route 17 as a matter of urgency. — Patrick Costello. [51480/22]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Transport when the public transport shareholders' forum will be established as is provided for in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [51580/22]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fines issued by Dublin Bus, Irish Rail and the Luas operator to passengers for fare evasion and being in possession of an invalid travel ticket and or leap card in 2021 and to date in 2022; the totality of fines collected by each operator; the number of appeals by passengers that were successful and unsuccessful; and the number of instances in which the case progressed to a summons being issued by a district court; and a breakdown of the outcome of court cases. — Catherine Murphy. [51589/22]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine the feasibility of increasing the frequency of the new Route 60 bus as part of the G-Spine Bus Connects. — Patrick Costello. [51765/22]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51789/22]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of new buses that have been added to the Dublin Bus fleet in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of buses withdrawn from the fleet during the same period; and the amount of funding that has been provided by the National Transport Authority to purchase extra buses for Dublin Bus in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [51854/22]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Minister of State within his Department met with senior officials of airline corporations (details supplied) when she recently travelled to the United Arab Emirates. — Catherine Murphy. [51855/22]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount that Iarnród Éireann spent on installation of artwork display at Howth Junction/Donaghmede train station. — Catherine Murphy. [51856/22]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Transport further to his statement in Dáil Éireann on Thursday 22 September 2022 that 16-, 17- and 18-year-olds would be added to the young adult card scheme, the timeline on when this cohort will be added to the young adult card scheme given the urgent need for families to cut unnecessary costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51870/22]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a system in place where a person who travels extensively for work and needs to exchange their UK driving licence for an Irish driving licence



can retain the UK licence until the Irish licence is printed to enable them to continue to travel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51893/22]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the scheduled work at Kishogue train station; when work is expected to commence; when work is expected to finish; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51911/22]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that it is taking a minimum of 19 weeks in County Meath to get an invitation to book a driving test (details supplied); if he has plans to resolve this issue; and if he will fill any and all vacancies in the section given that the delays are due to a staff shortage. — Peadar Tóibín. [51926/22]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Transport the breakdown of the amount of funding that was provided to each airport for the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51960/22]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered the consequences for persons who have already purchased an annual bus ticket in relation to the latest extension of the reduction of public transport fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [51979/22]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Transport in respect of the BusConnects project if the S4 bus route has been approved to go up and down Highfield Road every ten minutes and, if so, if there will be a cycle path; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [52022/22]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Transport if there will be bus stops on Highfield Road, Dublin 6 and, if so, the location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [52023/22]

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

\*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the specific laws, policies or exemptions that mean that stipends are untaxed income. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [51836/22]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Finance if Innovate for Ireland PhDs will pay income tax, USC or PRSI. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [51837/22]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will instruct NAMA to urgently pay for the remediation costs of the building defects leading to fire safety and water ingress issues at a location (details supplied); if he will ask NAMA for an explanation as to the reason that it has not done this to date when receivers controlled by NAMA in the neighbouring estate reportedly carried out similar remediation works for defects; if he will investigate whether NAMA have and are currently selling apartments in the complex without informing purchasers of the defects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51095/22]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax that was raised in 2020 and 2021 by the 3% levy on self-employed income above €100,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [51100/22]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that the 3% levy on income above €100,000 is limited to those who are self-employed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [51101/22]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51172/22]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Finance the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51196/22]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Finance if an anomaly (details supplied) that is preventing self-employed sole trader professionals from claiming expenses for food and so on when out working will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51210/22]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to recent media reports that the ECB has purchased millions of dollars in bonds issued by companies linked to deforestation of the Amazon Rainforest; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [51232/22]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Finance the effective tax rate in the form of dividend withholding tax paid by Irish real estate funds as a proportion of operating and pre-tax profits respectively in each of the years 2018 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51241/22]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Finance the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51255/22]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Finance the annual corporate tax, and other named taxes, paid by the revenues generated by aircraft leasing firms based here in each of the years between 2014 and 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51305/22]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Finance the assessment his Department has made of the planned payment of three €200 electricity credits to multiple homeowners in their distributional analysis of Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51313/22]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update in the case of a person (details supplied); the extent to which the perceived benefit is payable, taxable or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51316/22]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a comprehensive breakdown of the tax compliance measures, including PAYE compliance interventions and increased debt management activity, and the revenue associated with each. — Pearse Doherty. [51339/22]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update with respect to the review of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; the funding that was allocated towards it in 2023 compared to 2022 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51340/22]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is scope without new legislation for refundable tax credits to be introduced through the income tax system given the use of refundable tax credits

through the R&D tax credit regime; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51341/22]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of compliance interventions made by the large cases high wealth individuals division; the money recouped as a result of these interventions in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51351/22]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated number of properties that will fall under the scope of the vacant homes tax in 2023; the average tax in nominal and percentage terms that will be payable with respect to those properties in 2023; the planned means to assess compliance with the tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51364/22]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a number of Revenue Commissioners staff working in County Tipperary who have been informed that they were wrongly paid a franking allowance for an extended period of time (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [51447/22]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will assist those whose mortgages have been sold by their banks to vulture funds in accessing fixed rates from the new owners of these mortgages (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [51462/22]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the €1,000 cost-of-living payment being made by two banks (details supplied) to their staff; if he will make enquiries as to the reason that staff of other banks are not being included in such a payment scheme; if he will encourage these financial institutions to follow suit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51464/22]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Finance the percentage of each of the different costs which make up the price the consumer pays for petrol, diesel and agricultural diesel at the pumps; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51506/22]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51535/22]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has been notified of the withdrawal by a bank (details supplied) of its digital payments service from Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [51592/22]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged with mortgage lenders with respect to forbearance measures and solutions put in place for mortgage holders where their mortgage loan is with respect to and secured against a property affected by defective concrete blocks; if he has a view with regard to the need for a coordinated approach among lenders with respect to such mortgage holders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51628/22]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are no taric codes, or appropriate codes for ancient coins, and that collectors and dealers are having problems getting them shipped to Ireland from the United Kingdom (details supplied); and if he will address the matter and see if it can be addressed. — Peadar Tóibín. [51629/22]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many people are being charged VAT on the import of books from England after Brexit as it would seem An Post do not recognise the TARIC code and are charging the customs on the parcels; and if he will examine the matter and find a resolution for this issue. — Peadar Tóibín. [51665/22]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Finance the recent assessment or analysis his Department has made in the trends and levels of incidence of push payment fraud; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [51675/22]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Finance if Innovate for Ireland PhD candidates will pay income tax, USC or PRSI. — Gary Gannon. [51694/22]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the specific laws, policies or exemptions that mean that stipends are untaxed income. — Gary Gannon. [51697/22]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the specific legislation that allows PhD stipends to be provided as untaxed income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51737/22]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Finance if Innovate for Ireland PhDs will pay income tax, USC or PRSI; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51738/22]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding the capital allowance depreciation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51740/22]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Finance the specific laws, policies or exemptions that mean that stipends are untaxed income. — Paul Murphy. [51745/22]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Finance if Innovate for Ireland PhDs will pay income tax, USC or PRSI. — Paul Murphy. [51746/22]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51779/22]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 153 of 6 October 2022, his views on a matter (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [51824/22]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is in the spirit of the EWSS and TWSS given that it was to support business through the pandemic to have granted and then withdrawn from a company (details supplied) employing 12 staff in one of the most disadvantaged areas of the city and then demand the amount that was paid, back, thus undermining the future viability of the company; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51970/22]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Finance the merit of putting a start-up (details supplied), Ireland's highest rated brewery, out of business when the brewery only commenced production on 7 November 2019, with the first product packaged for sale on 26 November 2019, over a technical argument over the EWSS and TWSS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51971/22]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a company (details supplied) that commenced production as a new brewery business on 7 November 2019, once the Revenue Commissioners issued it its brewery licence and had its entire on-premise business closed for the majority of the pandemic when it only opened its manufacturing facility four months before the lockdown and should therefore fully qualify for the EWSS and TWSS which it received and which is now being demanded to be repaid. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51972/22]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51973/22]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of tracker mortgage cases currently before the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman, disaggregated by complaint stage, investigation, preliminary decision, final decision and appeal by respondent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52011/22]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of section 481 tax-relief claims that have been rejected on application stage in each of the years 2016 to 2020; the number of section 481 tax-relief claims that have been subsequently recovered with interest following inspection of the post-production compliance report; the total value of recovered claims in each of the years 2016 to 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52012/22]

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

\*304. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the report on the independent review of the allocation and utilisation of National Lottery funding. — Ivana Bacik. [51120/22]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list and status for OPW-owned and controlled properties in County Longford. — Joe Flaherty. [51127/22]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the former Garda station in Ardagh, County Longford (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [51128/22]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51178/22]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51202/22]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51261/22]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works has concluded phase 1 works at the National Monument located on 14 to 17 Moore Street, Dublin

1; if the OPW expert technical team and external technical services teams have been formally appointed; the amount of funding allocated in Budget 2023 to the project; and if design preparation works have begun. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51388/22]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51785/22]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW will fund the purchase of defibrillator and cover the costs of the training of the usage of defibrillator by OPW staff based in Maynooth Castle. — Catherine Murphy. [51857/22]

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

\*313. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she will reply to this Deputy's correspondence of 4 October 2022 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51123/22]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the details of any engagement she has had with an organisation (details supplied) on foot of recent allegations of competition fixing at Irish dancing events; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51165/22]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total spend by her Department and the agencies under her remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51182/22]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the proportion of her Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of her Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51206/22]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the names of all special advisors working in her Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51265/22]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if he will provide the timeline for the roll-out of the €35 million in funding set aside in Budget 2023 to help sports clubs cope with the rising cost of energy this winter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [51310/22]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding that individual sport clubs draw down from the new funds of €35 million; if he will provide a timeline for when the said clubs will receive the funding following their application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [51311/22]



\*320. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if funding will be made available to the Irish Athletic Boxing Association to ensure that all those who have qualified for selection to represent Ireland at the world youth boxing championships can attend. — Paul Murphy. [51471/22]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by her Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51788/22]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she or her officials have formally met with a person (details supplied) since 1 October 2021. — Catherine Murphy. [51860/22]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount that Fáilte Ireland spent on marketing the Ireland's ancient east initiative in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [51861/22]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason for which 27 artists declined the offer of the basic income for the arts. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51918/22]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a list of all individuals and entities who obtained funding from Screen Ireland under the Covid-19 production fund; and the monetary amount which they received and the date of payment in tabular form. — Mairéad Farrell. [51999/22]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of current Screen Ireland board members who are directors or shareholders in companies that have received finance, grants or other financial supports from the state agency. — Mairéad Farrell. [52000/22]

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

\*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if all farmers with special areas of conservation lands will be entitled to apply for the scheme and be admitted to National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) farm plan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51150/22]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51176/22]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51200/22]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the proposed new planning legislation in preparation by his Department (details supplied); and the expected timeline for the introduction. — Patrick Costello. [51216/22]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the way the waiver system for domestic water charges operates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [51227/22]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the number of appeals to An Bord Pleanála that are currently in excess of the 18-week timeframe; the number that have exceeded this timeframe to date in 2022; and the total number of appeals to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [51239/22]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a breakdown of the number of An Bord Pleanála decisions that have been set aside by judicial review decisions in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [51240/22]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51259/22]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the number of acquisitions that have been made by local authorities of homes with tenants in situ and at risk of homelessness, broken down by local authority, the amount paid and type of unit in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [51437/22]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the Government's intended response to TRIS notification numbers 2022/376/IRL and 2022/184/IRL with respect to the Electoral Reform Act 2022; the expected timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [51438/22]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an annual breakdown of the private rented and private ownership homes target for each year with respect to the housing targets set out in page 32 of Housing for All. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51452/22]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the procedure that is in place in terms of the decanting of social housing tenants, both in local authorities and approved housing bodies, when works need to be completed on their homes due to the presence of pyrite or Mica. — Louise O'Reilly. [51466/22]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the totality of wholetime equivalent staff directly employed, by each local authority, for each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [51475/22]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide 50% flexibility to homeless HAP in Galway city, as is provided for in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51476/22]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current upper limits per unit for the affordable housing fund and the cost-rental equity loan. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51510/22]



\*342. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a review of all planning permissions granted by An Bord Pleanála under the strategic housing development provisions will be carried out following the finalisation of the review he commissioned in April 2022 into certain matters relevant to the planning board; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51518/22]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of building control officers that are employed by each local authority; his views that the numbers are sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51558/22]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51559/22]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his Department's engagement with the European Commission on the implications of State aid rules for financing and development by the Land Development Agency. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51572/22]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on recent issues within An Bord Pleanála; and the steps he has taken in relation to the organisation's ongoing operation. — Pa Daly. [51667/22]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of the 31 local authorities that have housing applications lodged with An Bord Pleanála; the number of housing applications lodged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51755/22]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider asking councils not to consider working family payment and carers' allowance when calculating rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51761/22]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will finish the review of the differential rents scheme; if this will be made a reserved function as promised in the 'Putting People First' document in 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51762/22]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a comprehensive copy of the briefing notes and recommendations that he received from his Department in respect of the 2022-2023 General State-wide Wild Birds Declaration that he signed on 6 July 2022. — Louise O'Reilly. [51766/22]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 399 of 12 July 2022, if he will provide a direct and more comprehensive reply as not previously provided. — Louise O'Reilly. [51767/22]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department/National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) retains the records pertinent to the research, consultation and preparatory work for the drafting and final approval of S.I. No. 254/1986 - European Communities (Wildlife Act, 1976) (Amendment) Regulations, 1986, and if so, the reason these records have not been submitted to the Office of the National Archives under the National Archives Act, 1986, Regulations 1988; and whether or not his Department/NPWS holds an up-to-date and legally

compliant certificate of retention for the records from the consenting officer in the Department of An Taoiseach, and if so, if he will provide a copy of the certificate. — Louise O'Reilly. [51768/22]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to the warnings to the general public posted on his Department/NPWS's website concerning the current, persistent avian flu outbreak (details supplied) and specifically with regard to the warnings about risks from faecal waste from wild birds, if he is satisfied that these publications provide sufficient transparency regarding the public health risks for example to schoolchildren/schools, patients/hospitals, food businesses and residential areas where large colonies of urban gulls are known to have established for breeding purposes in the period March-September each year, and are also known to forage year round; and if he is not satisfied with the current level of publicity and transparency regarding the public health risks, he will outline the way his Department/NPWS intends to improve transparency and awareness. — Louise O'Reilly. [51769/22]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to the national warnings to the general public posted on his Department/NPWS's website concerning the current, persistent avian flu outbreak (details supplied) and specifically with regard to the published warnings about risks from faecal waste from wild birds, his attention has been drawn to the best practice advice for the proper methods of cleaning high-amenity locations/sites contaminated with faecal waste from wild birds for example screening off of affected areas, chemical treatment and use of full respiratory equipment by staff and workers, and for example that power washers should not be used as they cause wide dispersal of contaminated micro-droplets than can be inhaled/ingested by workers and passers-by; and if he will consider that such best practice advice for cleaning contaminated locations/sites should be well publicised, especially to ensure that schools, hospitals, supermarkets, restaurants and so on where high density colonies of seagulls are known to breed in the period March to September each year and deposit large amounts of faeces and detritus, should be properly advised as to how to clean and indeed how not to clean such locations. — Louise O'Reilly. [51770/22]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to the national warnings to the general public posted on his Department/NPWS's website concerning the current, persistent avian flu outbreak (details supplied), if he will outline the way all risks from the avian flu and other attendant risks for example from faecal contamination from wild birds are documented and managed in his Department's/NPWS's and local authorities' formal Health and Safety Statements under the terms of the Health and Safety Authority's legislation; and if he will provide a copy of the pertinent sections of the NPWS's up to date, pertinent Health and Safety Statements, procedures, advices and details of all protective equipment provided and applied towards the protection of staff and contract employees who may be exposed to such risks in the course of their work. — Louise O'Reilly. [51771/22]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51783/22]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the proposed development of affordable housing by the Land Development Agency, Sandy Road, Galway; if the land is owned by the Land Development Agency; the level of funding that has been committed to the Land Development Agency to enable the project to proceed; when the planning permission will be sought for the project; the projected completion date for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51914/22]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the proposed development of affordable housing by the Land Development Agency, Dyke Road, Galway; if the land is owned by the Land Development Agency; the level of funding that has been committed to the Land Development Agency to enable the project to proceed; when the planning permission will be sought for the project; the projected completion date for the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51915/22]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions that he has taken to advance the recommendations of the National Women's Council toolkit for local authorities on the way to encourage women into local government and support them to stay. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51925/22]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which companies seeking to provide fit-for-purpose accommodation units for disabled and elderly communities can receive departmental approval in order to be engaged by local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [51932/22]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department receives reports from Irish Water regarding the length of time it is taking to connect new residential schemes to a water supply. — Seán Haughey. [51934/22]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 212 of 15 September 2022, the maximum spend permitted for Traveller accommodation in each of the years since 2020; if there is a ceiling on the funding that each local authority can draw down or any other budgetary restrictions since the allocation process was amended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51947/22]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's plans for the fire stations in Ballyshannon and Bundoran; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52001/22]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of notices of termination that have been submitted to the Residential Tenancies Board since the beginning of July 2022. — Gary Gannon. [52035/22]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homeowners who have availed of the repair and leasing scheme in each county since its inception in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52057/22]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of properties that he believes will become available in the next five years in County Clare through the Lease & Repair Scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52058/22]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the targets for the repair and leasing scheme over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52059/22]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the powers that local authorities have with regards to derelict properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52061/22]

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

\*369. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51173/22]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51197/22]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he is concerned in relation to the continuous silencing of critical voices regarding the Palestinian struggle for justice, in the name of combating antisemitism; his views on whether these efforts infringe on freedom of expression and the right to be informed; his views on whether antisemitism, which does exist, is being used to try to silence Palestinian political consciousness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51243/22]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51256/22]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on two foreign birth registration applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [51312/22]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a foreign birth registration application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [51451/22]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the processing of the backlog of applications to the foreign birth registry; when an application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51519/22]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth registry application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51520/22]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if consular assistance is being provided to Irish citizens in Russia since the invasion of Ukraine; if any Irish citizens in Russia have sought advice from his Department or embassies; and if there are plans to issue advice regarding travel to Russia. — Sorca Clarke. [51731/22]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51780/22]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the applications to the foreign births registry for two siblings can be linked to their third sibling's application (details supplied) as they are all using the same documents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51842/22]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will support the rights of Palestinian refugees living in refugee camps across Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to return to their homes from which they were forcibly displaced; if he is of the opinion that the biggest obstacle to their return is the Israeli settler-colonial movement that wants to continue to remove the Palestinians from their lands; the new attempts that he intends to make at EU and UN level to ensure that the rights of these refugees, which are firmly based in international humanitarian, human rights, and refugee law are upheld; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [51935/22]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current waiting times for processing foreign birth registration applications; and if there are plans in place to further resource the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51980/22]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the person who is responsible for inviting four separate NATO-connected warships to visit Cork harbour in recent months; the reason that such invitations were issued; if these warships having been welcomed into Irish ports or allowed to use Ireland's seas violates the Hague Convention on Neutrality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52044/22]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the State has ratified or signed the Hague Convention on Neutrality (V); the plans that exist for Ireland to come into full compliance with the Convention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52045/22]

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

\*384. To ask the Minister for Defence the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51168/22]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Defence the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51192/22]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Defence the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51251/22]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will detail both the maximum and the current strength levels of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51594/22]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will detail both the maximum and the current strength levels of the Naval Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51595/22]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Defence the current total strength of Air Corps personnel and the breakdown of the number of qualified military pilots, cadet pilots in training, qualified military aircraft maintenance technicians, qualified military avionics technicians and military apprentices in training of both aforementioned disciplines. — John Brady. [51596/22]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Naval Service operations and patrols which have been cancelled to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51597/22]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Defence the current number of women in the Defence Forces by rank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51598/22]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Defence the current number of women in the Defence Forces who are currently serving overseas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51599/22]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women members of the Defence Forces who have left in 2022, by month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51600/22]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Defence the current strength of the Reserve Defence Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51601/22]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of women in the Reserve Defence Force; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51602/22]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Defence the strength of the Reserve Defence Forces for the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51603/22]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Defence the cost of increasing the establishment figure of the Defence Forces by 2,000 to 11,500 personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51604/22]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Defence the current capital expenditure budget for the Defence Forces for 2022 to 2025, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51605/22]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Defence the capital expenditure for the Defence Forces from 2017 to 2022, tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51606/22]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Defence the meetings of the Ukraine Defence Contact Group that have been attended by representatives of Ireland in which those meetings took place; and on what date those meetings took place, and the person or body that has represented Ireland at those meetings. — Paul Murphy. [51668/22]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51775/22]



\*402. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated full-year cost if the daily food allowance for personnel within the Defence Forces of €4.20 per day per personnel was increased to €6.20 per day per personnel. — Catherine Murphy. [51866/22]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacant engineer room artificer technicians currently in the Naval Service; and when these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [51867/22]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Defence if he has undertaken a review of the operation to evacuate Irish citizens from Kabul in Afghanistan; if a review, if any, examined the mode of transport that was required to facilitate the Army Ranger Wing trip to Afghanistan; if he is satisfied that a future purchase of enhanced airlift capabilities for the Air Corps is a necessity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51881/22]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Defence with reference to the strategic reach aircraft requirement noted in a Commission On Defence Report (details supplied), if this recommendation requires yet another aircraft type for the Air Corps with new support and operational resources or alternatively; if there are any aircraft types in service or coming into service which, if an additional airframe were to be procured, could fulfil this requirement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51882/22]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Defence with reference to a recent evacuation mission by the Air Corps (details supplied), if he has undertaken a review of the mission; if a review did take place, if it examined the appropriateness of the mode of transport that was utilised such as a single engine aircraft; if he is satisfied that the specified mode of transport is suitable for future evacuation missions as they may arise; if his Department is considering the purchase of alternative air operational resources that offer a safer enhanced airlift capability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51883/22]

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

\*407. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which mental health professionals will be recruited to deliver much-needed mental health supports in schools. — Gary Gannon. [51693/22]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Education if experienced bus drivers aged 70 years and over, and meeting all health criteria, will be eligible for employment by Bus Éireann or by private contractors carrying out public contracts; if she will ensure that this issue is given further consideration in view of the shortage of such drivers at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [51998/22]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on the appeal made by a person in County Louth (details supplied) against the decision not to be provided school bus tickets this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51096/22]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 345 of 4 October 2022, if she will confirm that the application for school transport in this case was received before the initial April 2022 deadline; if she will identify the national school referenced in the response as closer; and if she will confirm the patronage of this school. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51125/22]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 389 of 4 October 2022, if her attention has been drawn to an application by a school (details supplied) for temporary

accommodation; if she will advance the approval of this urgent application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [51129/22]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD units that will be provided in north County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [51136/22]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to provide a school transport service in this current school year for all post-primary students attending their second nearest school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [51151/22]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Education if she will establish a dedicated helpline within her Department for members of the Houses of the Oireachtas who need to access information on school transport provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [51152/22]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51164/22]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Education the total spend by her Department and the agencies under her remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51169/22]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Education if there is any scheme to help support a bus service to a school (details supplied) where a significant number of pupils come a significant distance to school. — Richard Bruton. [51187/22]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Education the proportion of her Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of her Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51193/22]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Education the names of all special advisors working in her Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51252/22]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene to support a special school (details supplied) to keep its classes open for children with autism. — Joan Collins. [51278/22]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of a project for a school (details supplied) in Clondalkin; and if she will provide a timeline for the commencement and completion of the works.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51329/22]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Education the reason the Irish language allowance previously available to teachers was discontinued; and if there are plans to reintroduce the allowance. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51330/22]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to the re-instatement of a band 3 in DEIS for schools that are not successful for entry to band 1 or band 2 but have a higher proportion of students with additional educational needs, from international communities



and living in State subsidised private rented accommodation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51331/22]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to provide professional supervision for teachers and if not, if it will be considered in order to support teachers dealing with trauma. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51332/22]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of a project for a school (details supplied) in Saggart; and if she will provide a timeline for commencement and completion of the works. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51333/22]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be provided with an internet connection. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51334/22]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Education the consideration that is being given to the residents of counties Longford and Westmeath that await places on school transport given the additional funding available to the school transport scheme to provide temporary additional capacity. — Sorca Clarke. [51346/22]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the current system for designating catchment areas for the school transport services and to factor in an element of feeder schools being taken into consideration. — Brian Stanley. [51349/22]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that all those pupils that had a concessionary ticket in previous years for school transport are facilitated in the current school year. — Brian Stanley. [51350/22]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the temporary accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [51356/22]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the permanent school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [51357/22]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [51386/22]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Education if the State Examinations Commission has completed its assessment of the Junior Certificate examinations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51399/22]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that there remains Ukrainian children living in a hotel (details supplied) who have not been provided with a school place near their State-sponsored accommodation and who have also not been provided with the necessary transport to bring them to and from the schools in the north east inner city where they were previously registered to attend and which can still provide them with a school place. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51436/22]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of a proposed new school under the SDZ for an area (details supplied); if she can provide a timeline for the

delivery of the school; and if the project will be expedited given the rapidly increasing population in the area. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51448/22]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school places currently unfilled in schools in Lucan, County Dublin at both primary and secondary school level. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51449/22]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that her Department is taking to increase capacity in schools across the Lucan, County Dublin area at both primary and secondary level. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51450/22]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Education if she can examine a case (details supplied) in relation to the free school transport scheme, where the applicants were classified as late applicants due to technical issues with the application portal resulting in “internal server is down” messages; if, tickets can issue to those who were unable to apply due to the technical issues within the system in view of current challenges and anomalies within the portal system and the recently announced additional funding secured for this scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [51468/22]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 182 of 5 October 2022, if she will sanction the supply to the school concerned of the 200m<sup>2</sup> modular accommodation in 4x50 m<sup>2</sup> general classroom accommodation given that the SNU needs have been met within the existing school building and the urgent need for general classroom space; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51470/22]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that her Department is providing to schools to assist children missing school due to the effects of long-Covid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51485/22]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a request for school transport for a child (details supplied) which was passed some time ago but is still not in place. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51492/22]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Education if a pupil (details supplied) with a diagnosis of autism who changed school and was notified that transport would be provided under the school transport scheme for children with special needs service under the new school, will receive this service as their parents have been informed that this service is no longer possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [51508/22]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Education the legislation upon which the school patronage process is based; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51511/22]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that she has in place to introduce personal assistant service (personalised budget) for children with disabilities in schools, which could greatly assist in getting the specific help that they need while in a mainstream setting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51525/22]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider prohibiting the use of seclusion and restraint in schools; if she will consider prohibiting the use of reduced timetable for children with disabilities who have behavioural issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51526/22]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she will take to ensure that all children who need access to the in-school July provision programme in 2023 can access it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51527/22]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Education the actions she has taken to ensure that all children with additional learning needs can request and receive an individualised education plan as is contained within the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51528/22]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Education if she will detail the training that has been undertaken by newly-recruited special needs assistants prior to the start of the school year in in order to better support students with a disability; if she will provide details of the ongoing training for SNAs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51529/22]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Education if she will detail the initiatives that are in place to develop cross-departmental links between education, special education and disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51530/22]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which the policies of schools are monitored to ensure that primary and secondary schools cannot refuse to enrol a child with a disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51531/22]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004, including the way in which it intends to enable a right to educational supports for children with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51532/22]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will see work commence on their new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51575/22]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide an update on when a school (details supplied) will receive a permanent school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51576/22]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to provide clinical supervision to primary school teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51577/22]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to expand the DEIS criteria to reflect the changing cultural and economic changes communities are facing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51578/22]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to shorten current two year-long professional masters in education courses to one year; if consideration has been given to reintroducing the equivalent higher diploma (Hdip); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51590/22]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Education when the Junior Certificate results will be released to those persons who sat their Junior Certificate in June 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51613/22]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Education if a bus route (details supplied) will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51616/22]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Education when the previously promised school transport tickets are likely to issue to the children of a person (details supplied) in respect of whom one ticket was issued for three children, while subsequently informed by the relevant section that they would not receive any tickets, and was insulted when they tried to explain that there were several available seats on the bus in question; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51620/22]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on an appeal against a decision not to provide a school bus for a person (details supplied) in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51669/22]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to a query on behalf of a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [51660/22]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Education the engagement that she has had with Bus Éireann, private bus operators and school boards of management in relation to the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [51730/22]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to change or remove the upper age limit for driving a school bus from 70 years of age; if he will increase the number of bus drivers eligible to drive a school bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51754/22]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by her Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51776/22]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 90 of 11 October 2022, the reason that some schools in the Gaeltacht qualify for the Irish and bilingual grant and others do not; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51825/22]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Education if schools (details supplied) will be considered for future iterations of the Schools Energy Retrofit Pathfinder Programme; if this programme will be expanded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [51846/22]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51905/22]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that educational psychology is now the only professional psychology training programme not in receipt of funding (details supplied); if she will ensure that there is an extension of funding to include educational psychology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [51910/22]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a child (details supplied) will be provided with school transport; if she will review the circumstances of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51912/22]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Education further to the case of a student who was not awarded a concessionary school transport ticket in 2022 but had been awarded a concessionary school transport ticket in 2021, if they are entitled to a ticket in 2022, following her recent announcement as part of Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51917/22]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a school bus ticket is issued to a child (details supplied); the reason that the size of the bus for the route in question was reduced in this academic term considering the additional demand; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51936/22]

\*472. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais cad iad uimhreacha rolla agus ainmneacha na scoileanna sin a raibh scoláirí iontu a rinne scrúdú T1 Gaeilge an Teastais Shóisearaigh in 2022; agus an féidir leis an Aire líon na ndaltaí a rinne an scrúdú sin i ngach ceann de na scoileanna sin in 2022 a sholáthar. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51939/22]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any plans for parents of school-age children who have no access to public buses to offset the price of this service (details supplied); and if she will examine the options for these families and possibly discuss with Bus Éireann regarding the possibility of servicing the area. — Peadar Tóibín. [51946/22]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Education her support in securing a meeting for a school (details supplied) with the planning and building unit of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51948/22]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Education if it is the intention to increase the grant payment for behavioural support to a school (details supplied) given that this post is not considered a public service post and has not increased in 17 years while school employees such as SNAs and teaching staff are due to receive a 6-7% pay increase in the coming 12 months. — Sorca Clarke. [51958/22]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Education if it is the intention of her Department to fund the position of behavioural analyst for a school (details supplied) after June 2023 when the current contract is due to expire; and the amendments or considerations that have been given to ensure that the notification date of rolling contracts forward is made to the school at an earlier point in the year to allow for planning by the school. — Sorca Clarke. [51959/22]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Education if a child (details supplied) who has always travelled with their twin siblings on the bus to school can continue to travel with them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [51963/22]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a school (details supplied) that is seeking details on the past-pupil status of a child's brother or father and information on the parents' occupations on the application form for enrolment; and if this is considered appropriate by her Department for State schools to discriminate in enrolment based on such details. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51966/22]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a school (details supplied) that lists the siblings or parents of a child having been past pupils of the school as grounds for priority treatment, or positive discrimination, for that child being allowed to enrol at the school; and if such discrimination is considered appropriate by her Department. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51967/22]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [51997/22]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Education if there will be any funding brought forward for third year trainee counselling psychologists. — Gary Gannon. [51685/22]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Education if the attention of her Department has been drawn to issues relating to the recruitment and retention of school principals; and if so, the actions that it is taking to address them. — Gary Gannon. [52036/22]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Education the number of principal vacancies in schools across the country. — Gary Gannon. [52037/22]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Education the number of school principals who have retired from their post between since 2018 to date in 2022; and in which school they formerly worked. — Gary Gannon. [52038/22]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of all monies paid by each religious order under the residential institutions redress scheme and all monies still outstanding in each case in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52041/22]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of all monies paid by each religious order under the Ryan Report and all monies still outstanding in each case in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52042/22]

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

\*487. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the €500 disability support grant will be accessible to a person who have recently signed up to a course and are paid through bodies like Louth and Meath Education and Training Board; and if she will consider these people when making the payments. — Peadar Tóibín. [51568/22]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the recently announced increase in the threshold for fuel allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [51908/22]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the domestic abuse rent supplement will be maintained or adjusted for inflation in the next year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52054/22]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a breakdown of the number of persons who have availed of the domestic abuse rent supplement by month since its introduction in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52055/22]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a carer's allowance appeal by a person in County Kerry (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51099/22]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Social Protection in view of the recognition of long Covid as an occupational disease for healthcare workers by the EU Commission and the EU Advisory Committee



on Safety and Health at Work, if she will confirm her intention to include it as a prescribed disease or illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51102/22]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on an appeal for a one-parent family payment for a person (details supplied) in County Clare; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [51106/22]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 397 of 20 September 2022, if she will provide further details regarding a payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51116/22]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that those paying D stamps and who were recruited prior to 1995 are not eligible for the State pension (contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51121/22]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current processing time and backlog of the number of applications for new invalidity pension claims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [51148/22]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current processing time and backlog of the number of appeals for invalidity pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [51149/22]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal in the case of a person (details supplied) in respect of alleged overpayment; if their appeal can be expedited given the stress that this ongoing case is causing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51158/22]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total spend by her Department and the agencies under her remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51180/22]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal has now been registered in the case of a person (details supplied) in respect of their recent refusal of a carer's allowance application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51189/22]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the proportion of her Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of her Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51204/22]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the television licence is covered as part of household benefits in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51211/22]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a married couple now qualify for fuel allowance given the recent changes as a result of Budget 2023, whose incomes have not changed but who narrowly missed out on qualifying in 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51221/22]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the names of all special advisors working in her Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51263/22]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce a payment, similar to that of the pandemic unemployment payment, for individuals with monkeypox who are required to isolate for the duration of their illness, which typically lasts two to four weeks; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [51267/22]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an email address can be used to create a mygovid account if it was previously used on a different account that has since been deleted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51355/22]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the situation facing old age pensioners who have lost their entitlement to fuel allowance, due to the fact that their adult children who are not in receipt of an qualifying payment have had to move back in with them due to the housing shortage; the steps that she intends to take to address the problem; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51390/22]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm that refurbishment works at the INTREO centre, Navan Road, Dublin 7 have commenced; if so, when the works are due to be completed; the schedule of works; and the expected date on which the service will be reopened to the general public. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51394/22]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff working in the INTREO centre, Parnell Street, Dublin 1 in October 2021, and currently, in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51397/22]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the catchment area of the INTREO Centre, Parnell Street, Dublin 1, including the number of people that it includes, as well as the geographical area. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51398/22]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a copy of the comprehensive review undertaken in 2021 of all services and activities delivered by her Department's network of local offices. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51401/22]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide all recommendations relating to the Intreo service from the comprehensive review undertaken in 2021 of all services and activities delivered by her Department's network of local offices. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51402/22]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress made to date in the determination of an application for the Working Family Payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51429/22]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a State pension (non-contributory) will be paid to a person in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51434/22]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51463/22]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the working family payment claim of a person (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [51467/22]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a pension appeal of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51488/22]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide greater clarity in writing for the reason for refusing an application by a person (details supplied) for an invalidity pension; if the person's application was made inside the required one year since becoming continuously incapable of work; if she will provide a list of the qualifying contributions paid by the applicant since 2018, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [51489/22]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on assessing a person's eligibility for certain payments, including the State pension non-contributory and disability allowance, entirely on their spouse's income in cases where the person has no income or assets outside of their marriage; if her Department is considering altering or amending this policy particularly in view of the impact this can have on those in abusive relationships; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51494/22]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Social Protection his plans to increase the pay of community employment supervisors in view of the fact the sector has not had an uplift in pay since 2008. — Catherine Murphy. [51498/22]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the €500 lump sum payment for those in receipt of disability allowance includes disabled persons who have been transferred from disability allowance to a pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51523/22]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a family carer caring for more than one person is entitled to a family carers' €500 lump sum payment for each person who they are caring for; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51524/22]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on a review of services provided by INTREO and Social Welfare Offices in 2021; if this review is publicly available and where it can be assessed; if it is not publicly available, when it will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51540/22]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on a review of services provided by INTREO and Social Welfare Offices in 2021; if she will provide an overview of the review recommendations; if she will outline the measures which have been put in place to date regarding changes to services provided by INTREO and social welfare offices and related processes; if she will outline those measures which are intended to be implemented moving forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51541/22]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a vacant commercial property over ten years old that is in need of extensive refurbishment in order to be of any commercial use, still needs to be assessed as part of one's capital in a means assessment as per her Department's means assessment operational guidelines: a second property must be capable of being sold, let or put to profitable

use before a capital value assessment is applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51566/22]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Social Protection what exactly signifies a second property as capable of being sold, let or put to profitable use as per her Department's means assessment operational guidelines; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51567/22]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the full list of payments that will qualify for the cost-of-living measures in Budget 2023, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51591/22]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will advise on an application by a person (details supplied) regarding a pension. — Peter Burke. [51674/22]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by her Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51787/22]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she agrees with jobseekers' benefit recipients being taken off electronic funds transfer and being compelled to collect cash at a post office as a result of having been customers with a bank (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [51852/22]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has entered into an agreement regarding the lease or rental of the Intreo office, Navan Road, Dublin 1 to An Garda Síochána. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51878/22]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the correct level of disability allowance has been determined and is payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51923/22]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will examine a case whereby a person (details supplied) has had their disability allowance application rejected. — Chris Andrews. [51933/22]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 491 of 11 October 2022, if those in receipt of illness benefit will not be receiving the autumn bonus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51949/22]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the arrangements that are in place to ensure continued payment of illness benefit where a GP has vacated a practice (details supplied) and no locum has been put in place with a registered general practitioner number who can provide the required medical certificates; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [51950/22]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of each payment that is eligible and not eligible for double payment under proposals in Budget 2023, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [51964/22]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of child benefit claims paid to persons where both the child and social welfare claimant reside outside of the State; the euro value of such

payments for 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51965/22]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if records have now been updated to reflect payments of PRSI in the case of a person (details supplied) in 2021 and to date in 2022 respectively, who recently applied for the State pension (contributory) given recent correspondence; if their application can be reviewed on the basis of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52003/22]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be eligible for all or part of the disability support grant. — Pa Daly. [52006/22]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend eligibility of the disability support grant to include those in receipt of partial capacity benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [52013/22]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the length of time in advance of 1 January 2023 that applications for fuel allowance under the increased income threshold can be submitted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [52014/22]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cut-off date for applications to have fuel allowance paid as a lump sum for the winter season 2022/2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [52015/22]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the arrangements, if any, that she is making to assist with the expeditious processing of additional fuel allowance applications as a result of the extended income threshold; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [52016/22]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a school (details supplied) has not been approved for the hot meal scheme following a successful trial run; if this decision will be urgently reviewed particularly in view of the cost-of-living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52030/22]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the new income guidelines for fuel allowance coming into effect on 23 January 2023 will apply to a couple (details supplied) where one person is over 70 years and is in receipt of a State pension (contributory) but their spouse, while in receipt of a qualifying payment of carer's allowance, is under 70 years. — Robert Troy. [52048/22]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider reinstating one-member arrangements and make those with less than ten members exempt from the additional audit functions; if not, if she will allow for the readjustment of a personal retirement savings account product to allow contributions from employer to employee to be exempt from USC benefit-in-kind; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [52468/22]

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

\*547. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51328/22]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when Tusla will publish its fostering service improvement plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51122/22]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the options available to a preschool (details supplied) in terms of getting additional space for 2023. — Cathal Crowe. [51126/22]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that he can make available to ECCE providers in respect of the administrative burden that the HIVE hub presents to end users. — Catherine Murphy. [51132/22]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has conducted a data protection impact analysis in respect of the HIVE system for the ECCE service; and if he will clarify whether his Department is the controller or processor of data in respect of the HIVE system. — Catherine Murphy. [51133/22]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of registered ECCE providers that have not drawn down and or accessed core funding in 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [51134/22]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51167/22]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51191/22]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on scheme A funding application (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [51231/22]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will commit to including the cuts in childcare costs announced in Budget 2023 in aspects of the ECCE given that all providers are not registered with the national childcare scheme and not all parents will benefit from the Budget 2023 announcements as it stands. — Patrick Costello. [51248/22]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51250/22]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the timeframe for the completion of the transfer of disability functions from the Department of Health to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51268/22]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify the way in which his Department will interact with the Minister of State for Older People



and Mental Health in relation to psychosocial disabilities once the transfer of disability functions is complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51269/22]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the childminding steering group; and when the group is expected to publish its report. — Patrick Costello. [51274/22]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will release the minutes from the childminding steering group meetings. — Patrick Costello. [51275/22]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made to amend the policy regarding parents leave and benefit to allow lone parents to avail of full-time entitlement as is the case with two-parent families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [51276/22]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an application for ECCE time extension exemption for a child (details supplied) which was refused will be reviewed on the basis that this child is waiting on an assessment with the child and disability team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51320/22]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of transfers between different IPAS accommodation centres for each month to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [51486/22]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will intervene in the case of a number of Ukrainian refugees who are currently accommodated in Killarney attending a college (details supplied) and are completing courses for progression to third level, who have received two days' notice that they will be moved to another hotel in County Mayo; the rationale for this repeated upheaval of Ukrainian refugees; if the uprooting of this particular group of students will be reconsidered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51536/22]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a case with an accommodation provider (details supplied) will be fully addressed. — Chris Andrews. [51539/22]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding refugees being moved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [51666/22]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51774/22]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason a list of vacant properties (details supplied) offered for accommodation of refugees has been with IPAS since August 2022 without progress or correspondence with representatives despite repeated efforts; if this is a widespread occurrence; if so, the reason therefor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51797/22]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the basis that Section 56 childcare organisations which were previously Section 38 organisations, identified as public sector workers by their inclusion in the HSE superannuation scheme, were excluded from public sector pay agreements and pay restoration when re-designated as Section 56 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [51808/22]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on a person's (details supplied) childcare subsidy claim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51879/22]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagements that he has had with HIQA over inspections for IPAS contracted properties. — Pa Daly. [51896/22]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which his Department is competing with other Government agencies for private sector accommodation, including homeless emergency accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [51897/22]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a breakdown of the average transfer notice period provided, by month, to those in IPAS accommodation to date in 2022, broken down by the status of the those receiving notices, for example TPD, leave to remain, current applicants for protection and so on in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [51898/22]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the admissions policies of early years providers; if he has plans to put in place a legal basis for the parameters that an early years' provider may have placed upon them in drafting admissions policies; and the recourse that parents have if they are dissatisfied at the manner of implementation of such policies. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51921/22]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions he has taken to progress the recommendation of the Different Paths, Shared Experiences: Ethnic Minority Women and Local Politics in Ireland research funded by the gender equality unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51927/22]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that he has made to date in advancing a statutory entitlement to maternity leave for Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51930/22]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of adults and children with leave to remain living in direct provision, with a breakdown by local authority area and by household size, one and two-adult household with no children, households with one child, two children and three children and with more than three children. — Eoin Ó Broin. [51978/22]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will urgently seek a review concerning the level of funding for youth services such as Waterford and South Tipperary Community Youth Service in Budget 2023 (details supplied); the measures that are being taken to alleviate the financial difficulties and obstacles that youth service organisations

are experiencing; if additional funding will be made available to such organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [52018/22]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the position regarding funding increase for all strands of youth funding from his Department; if additional funding will be provided for community youth services including youth programmes, activities and projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52049/22]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the person or body that is responsible for housing victims of domestic violence when the six-week refuge period comes to an end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52056/22]

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

\*582. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive their Solas safepass card given that this one-day course was completed on 29 September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [51117/22]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has plans in view of the reduction in the student contribution charge for undergraduate students for a corresponding reduction in the prices of fees for postgraduates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51156/22]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has plans in view of the recent changes announced to the SUSI eligibility criteria to expand eligibility for those who already hold a degree; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51157/22]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for a higher education grant in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51163/22]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51174/22]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51198/22]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to undergraduate students in the Marino Institute of Education not being eligible for the recent supports which he announced for students in the free undergraduate programmes; and if he will consider extending the arrangements to this not-for-profit college. — Richard Bruton. [51212/22]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51257/22]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the measures that are being taken to increase and encourage women to pursue a career in farming through education and agriculture courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51659/22]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update to an organisation (details supplied) on his promise to consult it in various relevant committees convened from within his Department, including fund the future committees. — Gary Gannon. [51695/22]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of PhD researchers who have dropped out of their studies in the past three years in tabular form. — Gary Gannon. [51696/22]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to extend the free fees scheme to students attending part-time courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51732/22]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships currently waiting to start off-the-job training; the expected timeline for the clearing of the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [51733/22]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the new Innovate for Ireland scheme will be open for applicants; the criteria that potential applicants will need to meet in order to be eligible for the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51735/22]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department have examined the possibility of extending the €500 cost-of-living payment and stipend increase announced in Budget 2023 to PhDs funded outside of IRC and SFI specifically, if a mechanism similar to the pandemic-related payments to students had been considered for this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51736/22]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the new innovate for Ireland scheme will be open for applicants and the criteria potential applicants will need to meet in order to be eligible for the scheme. — Paul Murphy. [51742/22]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department has examined the possibility of extending the €500 cost-of-living payment and stipend increase announced in Budget 2023 to PhDs funded outside of IRC and SFI and if a mechanism similar to the pandemic related payments to students had been considered for this cohort. — Paul Murphy. [51743/22]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of PhDs that are funded through State or State-funded bodies (details supplied); and

the estimated number of privately funded PhDs registered at Irish universities. — Paul Murphy. [51744/22]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will update an organisation (details supplied) on his promise to consult it in various relevant committees convened from within his Department including fund the future committees. — Paul Murphy. [51747/22]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department possesses counts of PhD researchers who have dropped out of their studies in recent years. — Paul Murphy. [51748/22]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a detailed breakdown of the way in which the €307 million figure contained in the funding the future policy document would be spent, with a specific comment on any funds dedicated to improving the conditions of PhD researchers and other staff members on temporary, contingent and or precarious contracts. — Paul Murphy. [51749/22]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on the importance of apprenticeships in society moving forward; the steps that his Department is taking to increase staffing levels in areas that have seen a reduction in apprentices since Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [44956/22]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51781/22]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason part-time students are excluded from the reduction in student fees outlined in the recent Budget; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many students are trying to progress their careers in difficult circumstances by pursuing part-time education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51809/22]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on plans for the development of the Longford Westmeath Education and Training Board further education campus on the Battery Road, Longford. — Joe Flaherty. [51821/22]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if, as an urgent measure, he will look into reforming the need for social work students to do four months unpaid full-time placements, especially in view of the need for more social workers in the country and the current cost of living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51831/22]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the new Innovate for Ireland scheme will be open for applicants; if he will clarify the criteria potential applicants will need to meet in order to be eligible for the scheme. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [51833/22]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department have examined the possibility of extending the €500 cost-of-living payment and stipend increase announced in Budget 2023 to PhDs funded outside of IRC and SFI. specifically, if a mechanism similar to the pandemic-related payments to students had been considered for this cohort. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [51834/22]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a full breakdown of numbers of PhDs who are funded through State or state-funded bodies (IRC, SFI, HRB, Bord Bia, National Arts Council and so on and an estimate of privately funded PhDs registered at Irish universities. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [51835/22]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will update the Postgraduate Workers Alliance of Ireland on his promise to consult PGWA in various relevant committees convened from within his Department, including fund the future committees. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [51838/22]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department possesses counts of PhDs researchers who have dropped out of their studies every year for the past five years. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [51839/22]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the various cost-of-living measures for postgraduate and PhD students and researchers that were announced in Budget 2023 will be provided; if he will provide details of these payments and when they will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51844/22]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of the capital expenditure provided to University College Dublin since 2018, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [51858/22]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science with respect to the sale of a large site in Dublin city centre (details supplied), if his Department will consider including a clause in the sale whereby the provision of sports and recreational facilities be included in the development owing to the fact that there is a chronic lack of such facilities in the inner-city area. — Chris Andrews. [51900/22]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the exact process that will operate for the refund process as announced in Budget 2023 and the criteria for the refund of fees, in each third level institution; and if refunds are dependent on funds being deposited in each institution before refunds are paid to students. — Sean Sherlock. [51901/22]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a college course (details supplied) qualifies for a SUSI grant; if it qualifies for the €1,000 repayment as recently announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [51906/22]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the level of progress achieved the main stakeholders in providing an adequate supply of suitably qualified graduates for the marketplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51982/22]



\*619. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of graduates required in both the public and private sectors in academia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51983/22]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of graduates required in both the public and private sectors in the technology sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51984/22]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he continues to identify the most acute areas of shortages of graduates available to the workforce; his ongoing plans to meet such shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51985/22]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which his Department is focused on the health sector in terms of ensuring a steady supply of graduates with a view to ensuring the filling of the maximum number of posts in the health services in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51986/22]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of graduates in the technological area likely to emerge for their respective colleges/apprenticeships on an annual basis over the next ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51987/22]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of graduates in the area of academia likely to emerge for their respective colleges on an annual basis over the next ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51988/22]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which his Department continues to monitor incidents of professional bullying throughout the higher education system; the extent to which bullying is evident in colleges throughout the country; the action taken or being taken to counter this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51989/22]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the degree to which he expects science to play an increased role in the higher education sector with particular reference to ensuring an adequate number of graduates to meet the demands of the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51990/22]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to ensure the continued access to third-level for all students seeking to avail of education at this level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51991/22]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which his Department continues to coordinate opportunities to emphasise the sciences, innovation and research, with a view to ensuring the maximum level of preparedness to graduates through such channels having particular regard to the needs in an ever-increasingly competitive marketplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51992/22]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which he expects third and fourth level student numbers to increase at academic and technical level in the future, in line with demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51993/22]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 511 of 4 October 2022, if he will give further consideration to the need to provide the once-off €1,000 State financial support towards fees for students attending college outside the State, taking into account the substantial increase in costs for such students studying in Northern Ireland and Britain (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52026/22]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to increase the number of places in further and higher education facilities in the 2023/2024 academic year to study speech and language therapy, occupational therapy, psychology and physiotherapy courses; the level that each of these additional courses will be delivered in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52077/22]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the engagements that his Department has had with the Department of Health, the HSE and the Higher Education Authority since July 2020 to identify skills shortages in health and social care and the need for additional further and higher education courses in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52078/22]

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

\*633. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will account for the long delays faced by non-EU PhD researchers when applying for their yearly stamp; if her Department will consider conducting a review of visa renewals for PhDs to allow for essential work travel-year round for the duration of all candidates' PhDs. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [51832/22]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 322 of 6 October 2022, the number of gardaí who were assigned to the Cobh district and to the Garda stations in the district by rank at the end of August 2021, end of August 2020, end of August 2019 and end of August 2018; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [51094/22]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of visits that An Garda Síochána has made under a scheme (details supplied) from 1 January 2017 to date, in tabular form. — Michael Ring. [51112/22]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Justice the residency status in the case of persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51135/22]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a full update in respect of an independent investigation into allegations against a company (details supplied); and if she has received an interim report and or briefing on the matters raised. — Catherine Murphy. [51137/22]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of contracts for service that her Department and or bodies under her aegis have with a company (details supplied); and if she will provide a schedule of the contracts and a summary of the nature of same. — Catherine Murphy. [51138/22]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for a visa in the case of a person (details supplied); when same can expect to issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51153/22]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 538 of 4 October 2022, if a person or organisation under the aegis of her Department maintains a record of the information sought with respect to deportations under the relevant legislative sub-sections; if she will seek to obtain that information and provide same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51154/22]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Justice the total spend by her Department and the agencies under her remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51177/22]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason that a visa has been refused in the case of a person (details supplied); if the application can be reviewed at an early date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51188/22]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Justice the proportion of her Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of her Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51201/22]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will urgently examine an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [51213/22]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and motorcycles attached to Donegal roads policing unit as of 31 March 2021 and 5 October 2022, in tabular form. — Pearse Doherty. [51228/22]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has had sight of a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [51233/22]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that electronic tagging of criminals has been used since the introduction of legislation enabling it in 2006; the reason for the delay in enacting this legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51246/22]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Justice the names of all special advisors working in her Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51260/22]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have resigned for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [51294/22]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in putting in place a multi-agency structure to progress a plan to tackle the causes and consequences of the recent seriously anti-social behaviour in Cherry Orchard. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51296/22]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on whether there needs to be a long-term sustainable plan drawn up and a multi-agency structure put in place in order to tackle the causes and consequences of the serious increase in anti-social behaviour in Cherry Orchard. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51297/22]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress made to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application is expected to be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51427/22]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of community gardaí posts nationally broken down by division; and the total number of such posts currently filled broken down by division. — Patrick Costello. [51502/22]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Justice if any further official events will take place to commemorate the centenary of the foundation of An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51513/22]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of successful applications for the immigrant investor programme in each of the years 2020, 2021 and to the 1 October 2022; if she will provide information on the nationality of each successful applicant on the basis of the socio-economic purpose of the investment made by each investor including sports, arts and culture, housing and so on; if she will provide this information based on the counties in which each qualifying investment is located and under the aforementioned headings; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51556/22]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána who are at present unavailable for work due to sick leave, suspension and secondment. — Jim O’Callaghan. [51561/22]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the increasing use of libel actions to intimidate new retail outlets and politicians; the steps she is taking to monitor this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51583/22]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will account for the long delays faced by non-EU PhD researchers when applying for their yearly stamp; if she will consider conducting a review of visa renewals for PhDs to allow for essential work travel year-round for the duration of all candidates’ PhDs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [51734/22]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the long delays faced by non-EU PhD researchers when applying for their yearly stamp; and if her Department will consider conducting a review of visa renewals for PhDs to allow for essential work travel year-round for the duration of all candidates’ PhDs. — Paul Murphy. [51741/22]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by her Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51784/22]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied) which was submitted in March 2022,

if all is in order with the application; if the application can be expedited given the urgent need to travel to visit sick elderly relatives in South Africa; if a travel document can be facilitated in such circumstances given that the parents are both Irish citizens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51790/22]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are plans to set up a formal register for suitably qualified persons such as social workers or child psychologists to assist in family law cases. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51800/22]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí within the Kildare division who successfully completed the protestor removal course in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the duration of this course. — Catherine Murphy. [51859/22]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will list all previous examples of criminal provisions or Garda powers which were introduced in legislation after either being specifically opposed, or deemed unnecessary, by An Garda Síochána at the time of their introduction for the period 2011 to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51874/22]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Justice the current average length of time to process probate. — Robert Troy. [51875/22]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Justice when the promised legislation on gambling regulation will come before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [51907/22]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) will be considered for naturalisation given the precarious nature of their position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51924/22]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to delays relating to security clearance for prospective employees of an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52004/22]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52008/22]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the details of a citizenship application (details supplied) which has been ongoing since 2006 without a resolution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [52033/22]

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

\*671. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that CORU social care worker registration status has not been given to the BA in professional social care (disability) degree from open training college courses for students who completed the course in 2020; the steps that students who completed this degree course in 2020 can take to get registered as a social care worker; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51758/22]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Health the list of schemes that qualify under employment incentive schemes or education opportunity schemes that entitle medical card holders to retain their medical

card for 3 years on taking up employment in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51097/22]

\*673. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person did not receive a 1% increase in their pension (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51098/22]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Health in view of the recognition of long Covid by the EU Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work as an occupational disease for healthcare workers, if he will justify the reason that he has set a date of 84 days prior to 7 February 2022 as the threshold of special leave with pay for those with long Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51103/22]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients waiting on radiation therapy since January 2022 until the end of September 2022, by county and radiotherapy centre in tabular form; if he is satisfied that there is enough radiation therapists working in the HSE to carry out radiation therapy treatment to those on waiting lists; the measures that are being taken to alleviate the obstacles in having radiation therapy provided to patients in the earliest timeframe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51105/22]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Health if NDT thyroid tablets have been removed from the reimbursement list for the drugs payment scheme and medical card; is so, the reason for same; if they will be replaced on this list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [51107/22]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 recognition payment will issue to health care workers who work for organisations funded under section 39; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51108/22]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Health his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of radiation therapy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51113/22]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Health if he will remove any roadblocks by Government Departments to the setting-up of the independent radiation therapist review, in addition to his commitment to implement any recommendations which could emanate from the review dealing with the crisis in recruitment and retention of radiation therapists and or service improvements including advanced practice and safe and adequate staffing levels. — Mairéad Farrell. [51130/22]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Health the status of all local health centres in County Tipperary that closed during Covid-19; the centres that have re-opened; the centres that remain closed; when all centres will be re-opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51155/22]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which workers in the Section 39 organisation, Brampton care home in Oranmore, County Galway will receive the pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51159/22]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Health the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51175/22]



\*683. To ask the Minister for Health if supplements (details supplied) will be included under the medical card scheme given that those on waiting lists for transplants rely on such medication. — Claire Kerrane. [51186/22]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51199/22]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department can provide clarity as to the outcome in the matter of the double welfare payment due, where nursing homes have automatic access to and control of a resident's regular payment; if in this case, the resident themselves will have independent control of, and access to, the second part of the payment, or if it will be treated in the way of the usual payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [51218/22]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to ensure that a review (details supplied) will proceed without delay. — Cathal Crowe. [51229/22]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that the staffing crisis in radiation therapy is addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51230/22]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for a bed in the Dún Laoghaire acquired brain injury unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51234/22]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Health the current average processing time for the payment of completed applications under the EU cross-Border Directive; the date when current applications being processed were received; the present number of staff processing such claims; the number of claims to date in 2022; the corresponding figures for 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51235/22]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time optometrists employed by the HSE working in County Donegal in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the locations where these optometrists are located. — Pearse Doherty. [51236/22]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost in 2023 if the number of training places for GPs increased to 293. — Pearse Doherty. [51237/22]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Health if access to out-of-hours and weekend cover for mental health services is available in the County Donegal catchment area of the HSE, including nursing, psychology and other allied health services; if so, if he will provide details of these services by WTE across each discipline. — Pearse Doherty. [51238/22]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that counselling psychologists are included in relation to the Budget 2023 announcement of €750,000 to support counselling and psychology training places but not educational psychologists, given that they both train and are qualified to work in mental health services post-qualification. — Patrick Costello. [51242/22]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time and part-time radiographers who are based at Ennis General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [51245/22]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for a place in NRH Dún Laoghaire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51247/22]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Health the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51258/22]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Health his views on patients in public nursing homes being charged €100 for transport between one hospital and another for a scope, especially in light of the removal of inpatient hospital charges; if he recognises that many such patients are already contributing much of their State pension (non-contributory) towards their care and are left with little real income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51273/22]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Health when therapies will be re-instated for two children (details supplied) through either an organisation or the east Meath disability team in Ashbourne. — Paul McAuliffe. [51277/22]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Health the Budget 2022 allocations relating to disability services that currently remain unspent in tabular form; if these allocations will be spent by the end of December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51279/22]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Health the number of personal assistant hours delivered each month to date in 2022, in tabular form; the number of people receiving these hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51280/22]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Health the number of personal assistant hours to be delivered in 2023, in tabular form; the number of people who will receive these hours; the budgetary allocation for these hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51281/22]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new day support services that were delivered each month to date in 2022 to disabled persons in tabular form; the number of people receiving these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51282/22]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new day support services to be delivered in 2023 to disabled persons in tabular form; the total number of people who will receive these service hours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51283/22]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people moved out of congregated settings each month to date in 2022, in tabular form; the cost of this measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51284/22]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people who moved out of congregated settings in 2023, in tabular form; the cost of this measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51285/22]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people inappropriately living in nursing homes who were supported to move to appropriate living options, each month to date in 2022, in tabular form; the details of these options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51286/22]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people under the age of 65 years to be supported to move out of inappropriate nursing home settings in 2023, in tabular form; the cost of this measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51287/22]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the €29.3 million Budget 2023 disability funding for new developments in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51288/22]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for the completion of the transfer of disability functions from his Department to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51289/22]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Health the reason the transfer of disability functions from his Department to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth has been delayed; when the matters related to this delay will be resolved; if he will provide a timeframe for the transfer of disability functions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51290/22]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the way in which existing commitments such as publication of the Action Plan on foot of the Disability Capacity Review and the establishment of a Workforce Planning Group and Strategy for Disability will be progressed in relation to disability now that the transfer of disability functions from his Department to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth has been delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51291/22]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which his Department will interact with the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in relation to psychosocial disabilities once the transfer of disability functions is complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51292/22]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Health when a change, subject to a recent Regional Group Private Members' motion that houses within the fair deal scheme could be made available to the rental market without impact to the cost of the scheme for those in residential accommodation, will come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [51293/22]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Health the number of endometrioses specialists who are employed in the Coombe Hospital endometriosis clinic; the number of clinical nurses who are employed in the clinic; the number of endometriologists who are employed in this clinic; and if his attention has been drawn to the number of women who travel each year to Romania to have endometriosis-related surgery. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51298/22]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Health if the Coombe Hospital endometriosis clinic can receive electronic results of MRI scans from outside hospitals and clinics, including a particular clinic (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51299/22]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Health the dates and attendees of any meetings which HSE officials had with any Oireachtas Members from the mid-west, counties Tipperary, Limerick or Clare from 1 January 2022 to 10 October 2022, in chronological order by date, Oireachtas Member attendees, HSE officials and topic of meeting. — Alan Kelly. [51300/22]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Health if Ireland will be participating in the European Union joint action on diabetes and cardiovascular disease initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51309/22]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has plans to set targets for green procurement in 2022 and in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51321/22]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 391 of 6 October 2022, the reason that the Government is funding one cohort of trainees but not another, even though both are eligible for the same posts in child disability and psychology services post-qualification; the rationale behind this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [51327/22]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the application by a doctor (details supplied) to be added to the medical card list. — Paul McAuliffe. [51348/22]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 840 of 5 July 2022, if he will give a date for when the evaluation of the obesity policy and action plan undertaken by University College Cork will be published; when his Department will respond to the evaluation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [51360/22]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work being undertaken by his Department in relation to the restructuring of the NIAC in order to facilitate its continuing work and examining improved structural options for the committee, as per the deficiencies identified in the briefing that he received upon entering office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [51361/22]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on plans to support women who were impacted by mesh implants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [51387/22]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a timeline that the working interdepartmental group established to review the report of the Special Oireachtas Joint Committee on International Surrogacy is working towards in completing its work; when he expects the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022 will reach Committee stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51391/22]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) whose key worker submitted an urgent request to the HSE for them to be assigned a GP could be assigned to one as a matter of urgency. — Chris Andrews. [51396/22]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time nurses in St. Joseph's Hospital, Dublin 5 in each of the years of 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — David Cullinane. [51404/22]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for radiology reporting across all hospitals in the Saolta University Hospital care group for September 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [51405/22]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant consultant posts by speciality currently at Mayo University Hospital; and when these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [51406/22]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the amount of theatre time available in public hospitals by hospital group and hospital in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [51407/22]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of children on waiting lists for grommet insertions in CHO6 by wait times (details supplied). — David Cullinane. [51408/22]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans for a new chronic disease clinic in Sligo-Leitrim. — David Cullinane. [51409/22]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time advanced nurse practitioners in urology oncology services in Beaumont Hospital in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — David Cullinane. [51410/22]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time clinical pharmacists working in University Hospital Kerry in each of the years of 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [51411/22]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant neonatologists attached to Limerick Maternity Hospital in each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [51412/22]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff members that are currently employed and working in children's disability network teams in County Laois by role and by team in tabular form; and the number of unfilled posts. — David Cullinane. [51413/22]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant plastic surgeons working in Tallaght University Hospital in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [51414/22]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Health the number of Irish sign language interpreters currently available to assist deaf or hard-of-hearing patients attending Wexford General Hospital. — David Cullinane. [51415/22]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time psychologist posts in Donegal CAMHS teams in 2021 and to date in 2022. — David Cullinane. [51416/22]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Health the current and capital funding required for a second cataract theatre at the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital. — David Cullinane. [51417/22]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time autism therapists and autism support workers in the Finglas children's disability network team in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [51418/22]

\*741. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours provided at each of the locations in north Dublin in which D-Doc services operate in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [51419/22]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Health the number of international recruitment fairs where staff from Letterkenny University Hospital were in attendance in the years of 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the number of jobs offered in each recruitment fair. — David Cullinane. [51420/22]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his Department have ever received any data, evidence or information from a drug manufacturer (details supplied) that indicates that its Covid-19 vaccine was ever tested in terms of its ability to stop the transmission of Covid-19. — Peadar Tóibín. [51421/22]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in getting a review (details supplied) up and running; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51422/22]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiation therapists who have been recruited by the HSE in each of the years 2010 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51423/22]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a medical recommendation to make a second booster dose of the Covid-19 vaccine available to the broader public; his views on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51425/22]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to instances in which GPs are charging menopausal women fees well in excess of normal rates for appointments relating to the menopause, including prescriptions for HRT medications, meaning that some women who do not have a medical card are having to go without GP visits and their medication; if he will acknowledge the necessity of healthcare and HRT treatment for women in menopause, and that it should not be based on ability to pay; his views on this practice; if he can intervene in these situations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [51426/22]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Health if he will issue a payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51428/22]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting time for a public appointment with a cardiologist at St Vincent's Hospital; the average waiting time for a public appointment with a cardiologist when a referring GP submits an urgent request at the same hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51430/22]

\*750. To ask the Minister for Health when a former agency worker (details supplied), now permanent HSE employee, will receive their pandemic bonus payment. — Robert Troy. [51432/22]

\*751. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are in place to continue the care of a person (details supplied) who requires home support services but cannot avail of it due to the lack



of expressions of interest from approved providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [51435/22]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1575 of 14 June 2022, if he will provide an update on the delivery of beds and planned for delivery under the given headers, including any additional beds planned under the winter plan 2022/2023 or funded in Budget 2023, in tabular form; the timeframe for delivery of outstanding beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [51445/22]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that mammograms cease for women at the age of 69 years when the incidents of breast cancer are higher over the age of 70 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51455/22]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for surgery in Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51461/22]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a child (details supplied) who is awaiting a surgery appointment at University Hospital Limerick to have tonsils removed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51469/22]

\*756. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Sláinte an féidir leis an t-eolas is déanaí a chur ar fáil faoin dul chun cinn atá á dhéanamh chun an post buan mar dhochtúir teaghlaigh ar an gCeathrú Rua a líonadh.; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Mairéad Farrell. [51477/22]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Citizens' Assembly on drug use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51481/22]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of long-Covid care for young persons and children. — Patrick Costello. [51482/22]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of members of multidisciplinary teams by speciality who are supporting young persons affected by long-Covid in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51483/22]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 12 years diagnosed with long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51484/22]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Health if he and or the HSE plans to modernise and or update the mental health protocols for public health nurses in the course of engaging mothers of newly born children in the post birth care and follow-up care. — Catherine Murphy. [51491/22]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will have this reviewed in view of recent tragic events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51493/22]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details with respect to a previous statement on Section 56 organisations that pay restoration in relation to organisations funded through section 39 was applied to organisations who met certain specific criteria (details supplied); if he will detail the way this criterion was developed and the person or body that was involved in developing it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [51497/22]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the situation regarding beneficiaries of the nursing home support scheme; the way in which the balance of nursing home fees under the scheme are eligible for tax relief; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [51499/22]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the situation as regards the revised arrangements under the fair deal nursing home support scheme as regards the treatment of working farms and the way this asset is assessed in circumstances where the farm is in a long-term lease as part of a farm partnership arrangement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [51500/22]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the figures for occupancy and waiting lists for a palliative care bed at a hospital (details supplied) in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [51507/22]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to recruit more radiotherapy nurses in hospitals (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [51515/22]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to there being no adult speech and language therapy for adults with intellectual disabilities in south Tipperary resulting in no referrals to the service being accepted; and his Department's plans to address this lack of service. — Martin Browne. [51521/22]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Health if a disabled person will lose their entitlement to their medical card if they are accepted for the basic income for the arts pilot scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [51533/22]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Health when the National Information Management System for the CDNT's will be in operation; the timeline; the reason this is taking so long; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51542/22]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Health the current staff vacancy rate within CDNT 4 and 5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51543/22]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department have carried out a review of the reason staff are leaving the HSE; if not, if he will establish a review team to carry out such a review and carry out exit interviews to gather the reason staff are leaving the HSE particularly disability services in such numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51544/22]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to introduce an independent complaints body to investigate complaints of failures by the HSE particularly in relation to disability services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [51545/22]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will fund coaguchek meters and self-test strips for patients who require long-term oral anticoagulant therapy with warfarin in order to decongest warfarin clinics at public hospitals and also make self-management easier for patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51554/22]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the building project at St. Vincent's Hospital, Mountmellick, County Laois; and the projected timescale for it to be up to total planned capacity. — Brian Stanley. [51555/22]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are available to a child (details supplied) with Down Syndrome and moderate or severe hearing loss; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51569/22]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Health if CAMHS provide treatment for young people experiencing post-traumatic stress disorder; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [51579/22]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he has taken to address the crisis in radiotherapy in Ireland's hospitals with lengthening waiting lists due to a chronic shortage of radiation therapists (RTs); when the independent radiotherapy review will begin and be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [51582/22]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies born with life-limiting conditions in each of the past ten years in Mayo University Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [51584/22]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Health the number of babies referred for end of life care services in each of the past ten years in Mayo University Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [51585/22]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days in the past two years that a bereavement midwife has been available in Mayo University Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [51586/22]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days in the past two years that a bereavement room has been available in Mayo University Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [51587/22]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a service (details supplied); what is being considered by his Department by way of extending the hours of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51593/22]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Health if he will remove any roadblocks by Government Departments to the setting-up of the independent radiation therapist review; and if he will commit to implement any recommendations which could emanate from the review dealing with the crisis in recruitment and retention of radiation therapists and or service improvements including advanced practice and safe and adequate staffing levels. — Gary Gannon. [51692/22]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the case of a person (details supplied) who has been waiting 14 months for an operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51739/22]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter regarding funding inequity for trainee educational psychologists (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51751/22]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug semaglutide will be made available to a person's (details supplied) medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [51752/22]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Health the progress to date of negotiations on a special scheme of paid leave for public health service employees with long-Covid; the expected timeline for the commencement of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51753/22]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Health if the drugs pentoxifylline and clasteon are available in Ireland; if so, if there is a shortage of these drugs; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that doctors are prescribing these drugs that are in short supply; if a person who has been prescribed these drugs from a doctor in an Irish hospital can seek a prescription to obtain these drugs from the United Kingdom; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [51756/22]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Health the actions taken around the new medical device regulation, MDR, which came into effect on 26 May 2021 (details supplied); the specific actions which he is taking to address this urgent matter at both Irish and EU level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [51757/22]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE roles that will be put forward for social care worker registration; and the level three qualifications that will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51759/22]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Health when a paediatric neurologist will be assigned to University Hospital Limerick, appreciating that the last paediatric neurologist left UHL in December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51760/22]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51782/22]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be assessed by CDNT as they have yet to receive an assessment and post-primary application dates are quickly approaching; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [51791/22]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the work of his Department towards enhancing the provision of community-based vasectomy services; if he will provide an update on the work to develop a standard GP contract for the provision of vasectomy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [51792/22]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to tackle the waiting lists times for children in foster care for services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51793/22]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Health if an appointment for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51794/22]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CAMHS pharmacists throughout Ireland; the location that each pharmacist is based; if there is any data on the number of people each pharmacist serves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51811/22]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated timeframe for when the Covid-19 booster vaccine will be offered to the general population that is those outside the current recommended groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [51815/22]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacancies in the CAMHS service in County Wexford by profession in tabular form; the length of time that each vacancy has existed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [51816/22]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on the CAMHS waiting list in County Wexford; the average waiting time and the number waiting more than six and more than 12 months respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [51817/22]

\*802. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the new 96-bed ward block at Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [51818/22]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the new MRI scanner for Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [51819/22]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Health if additional funding for radiographers to staff the new MRI scanner for Wexford General Hospital has been ringfenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [51820/22]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Health when it is scheduled to begin the independent review of radiation therapy, as committed to by his Department at the Workplace Relations Commission in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51826/22]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Health the cause of the delay in setting up the independent review of radiation therapy, as committed to by his Department at the Workplace Relations Commission in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51827/22]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancy rate, that is the number of WTE posts, for radiation therapists in each of the hospital groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51828/22]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting time to start radiation therapy in each of the hospital groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51829/22]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently waiting to start radiation therapy in each of the hospital groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [51830/22]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Health if he will remove any roadblocks by Government Departments to the setting up of the independent radiation therapist review (details supplied) in addition to his commitment to implement any recommendations which could emanate from the review dealing with the crisis in recruitment and retention of radiation therapists and or service improvements like advanced practice and safe and adequate staffing levels. — Joan Collins. [51843/22]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline on the payment of the €1,000 pandemic payment to eligible healthcare workers who are not employees of the HSE; the total number of workers involved; the reason for the delay in the processing of payments; if he will commit to ensuring that all eligible workers will receive payment before Christmas, 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [51845/22]

\*812. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 259 of 11 May 2022, if he will outline the steps that have been taken to date by the HSE to capture the scale of the incidence of long Covid; if he will outline the demand and activity levels at each post covid and long covid clinic; the corresponding waiting list at each clinic; the number of patients attending each clinic monthly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51847/22]

\*813. To ask the Minister for Health the total drawdown of funding to date in 2022 for the long and post covid interim model of care; the estimated drawdown by year end; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51848/22]

\*814. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 654 of 31 May, 2022, the funding provided by his Department or agencies under the remit of his Department towards research into treatments for long Covid; if he will list the publications to date on foot of the research; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51849/22]

\*815. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 80 of 31 March 2022, the status of plans to introduce a no-fault vaccination compensation scheme for severe adverse reactions to State-promoted vaccination programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [51850/22]

\*816. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP services that are available, by head of population, in counties Cavan and Monaghan between Monday and Friday, between 9am to 5pm; the way the catchment system for GP clinics is worked out (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51853/22]

\*817. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in CHO7 waiting for a HSE approved shower chair; and the average waiting time for same. — Catherine Murphy. [51862/22]

\*818. To ask the Minister for Health the locations nationwide in which hearing aids and related items can be repaired. — Catherine Murphy. [51863/22]

\*819. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time consultant cardiologists at Naas General Hospital in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [51864/22]

\*820. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that “exclusion zones”, as referred to in commitment in the Programme for Government, are now being referred to as “safe access zones” in the general scheme of the Health (Termination of Pregnancy Services (Safe Access Zones) Bill 2022; the reason that this change of language was necessary; if the proposed change of language was suggested to his Department by any statutory body, non-governmental organisation or campaign group; if so, the name of that organisation; the reason for the substantive difference between an “exclusion zone” and a “safe access zone”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51871/22]



\*821. To ask the Minister for Health the number of abortions carried out by general practitioners for each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51872/22]

\*822. To ask the Minister for Health the number of abortions carried out in hospitals under section 12 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [51873/22]

\*823. To ask the Minister for Health if persons on public health waiting lists are impacted by refusing the option of taking care through the National Treatment Purchase Fund; and if their position on the public health list is affected in any way. — Paul Murphy. [51880/22]

\*824. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his Department officials are in discussions with any particular provider about an elective hospital being built in Limerick city or county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51887/22]

\*825. To ask the Minister for Health if a site for an elective hospital in Limerick is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51888/22]

\*826. To ask the Minister for Health if he or his officials on his behalf, have met with an organisation (details supplied) recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51889/22]

\*827. To ask the Minister for Health the details of any agreement that the HSE has with private providers in Limerick to treat patients off waiting lists. — Niall Collins. [51890/22]

\*828. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients from Limerick that have been treated by the National Treatment Purchase Fund over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51891/22]

\*829. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant consultant posts in University Hospital Limerick; the specialities they are in; the number recruited over the past two years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [51892/22]

\*830. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there is no nursing representative on the strategic advisory group on monkeypox; if there are plans to amend the membership of this group to include nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51902/22]

\*831. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 768 of 11 October 2022, the engagements that his Department has had with relevant stakeholders regarding the guidelines and regulations for the sale of codeine containing medicinal products since January 2022; if further engagements are planned in view of reports of widespread abuse of guidelines and regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51903/22]

\*832. To ask the Minister for Health in relation to the ambulance service for counties Offaly, Westmeath, Laois, Longford and Kildare, the number of ambulances serving each county; the ratio of ambulance to population for each county; the number of times that each ambulance service for each has had to travel 50 km or more for each month to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51904/22]

\*833. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51909/22]

\*834. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise which State body, if any, monitors the residential service providers to ensure if they are implementing the family forum guidelines (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [51913/22]

\*835. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine favourably on a submission from the CHI when submitted to provide chest bracing service for children under the public healthcare system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [51922/22]

\*836. To ask the Minister for Health the reason counselling psychologists have been favoured over educational psychologists for funding even though both trained and are qualified for work in mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [51928/22]

\*837. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be allocated their full 28 home support hours in order that they may leave hospital step-down; if his attention has been drawn to such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [51931/22]

\*838. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the chronic shortage of radiation therapists which is leading to even longer waiting lists; the efforts that are being made to address the recruitment and retention crisis; if he has engaged with the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [51937/22]

\*839. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Freestyle Libre2 application for reimbursement on the HSE's long-term illness scheme through the community-funded aids and appliances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51952/22]

\*840. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 2021 application to HSE to have the NovoPen 6 and the NovoPen echo plus smart insulin pens included for reimbursement on the long-term illness scheme; the reason that this particular application still has not concluded over 12 months after the application was submitted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51953/22]

\*841. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to include the omnipod tubeless wireless insulin patch pump on the list of approved insulin pumps that have been added to the insulin pump and transmitter pricing agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51954/22]

\*842. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending University Limerick Hospital Group's paediatric diabetes service and using insulin pump therapy to manage their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51955/22]

\*843. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are waiting on a first appointment to the out-patients' diabetes clinic in the University of Limerick Hospitals group who are aged 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64 and over 65 years of age in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51956/22]

\*844. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are registered to attend the University of Limerick Hospitals Group adult diabetes clinics; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [51957/22]

\*845. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there is no dental emergency treatment for adults with disabilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51994/22]

\*846. To ask the Minister for Health if any emergency fund exists to assist with gaps in fair deal funding with particular reference to the case of a person (details supplied), who has no family and no assets and no means with which to clear her debt to the facility which now cares for her, who still has a debt outstanding after many months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [51995/22]

\*847. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons attending the adult diabetes service in University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [52002/22]

\*848. To ask the Minister for Health when the staff at a nursing home (details supplied) will be awarded the pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [52007/22]

\*849. To ask the Minister for Health if any progress is being made to make the cariban medication free for pregnant women suffering from morning sickness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [52009/22]

\*850. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE intends to downgrade the services in Bantry Hospital centre for mental healthcare and recovery from an 18-bed unit to 12 beds; if resources have been made available to rectify the situation; his views on whether this will have a detrimental impact on the community and the ability in future for the unit to provide acute care; the locations in which the displaced patients will be sent instead; his views on whether this will increase pressure on other frontline services in the area; if he will direct the HSE to implement the recommended changes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52034/22]

\*851. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals which are still enforcing visiting rules which were brought into effect during the Covid-19 pandemic, specifically relating to end-of-life circumstances and childbirth; and the details of these restrictions in each hospital. — Gary Gannon. [52039/22]

\*852. To ask the Minister for Health the conditions which are required for hospitals to ease visiting restrictions which were brought into effect during the Covid-19 pandemic, specifically relating to end-of-life circumstances and childbirth. — Gary Gannon. [52040/22]

\*853. To ask the Minister for Health if the appropriate level of care at the highest possible level can be provided in the case of a person (details supplied) whose case is considered a high priority; if all appropriate avenues can be pursued to ensure that the required level of care is provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52046/22]

\*854. To ask the Minister for Health if retired pensioners from the UK living in Ireland are exempt from paying the prescription charge under the EU Social Security/Bilateral Agreement with the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [52047/22]

\*855. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the Government's nationwide strategy on step-down accommodation when a person leaves a domestic violence refuge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52050/22]

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

\*856. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total spend by his Department and the agencies under his remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51166/22]

\*857. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if dog owners with more than ten dogs are required to register with his Department; the rules that are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51184/22]

\*858. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the proportion of his Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of his Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51190/22]

\*859. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a payment will be made to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [51208/22]

\*860. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the names of all special advisors working in his Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51249/22]

\*861. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on a capital project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [51270/22]

\*862. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of free tickets, complimentary passes and VIP invites issued for the Irish greyhound derby competition nights between 19 August 2022 and 24 September 2022. — Neasa Hourigan. [51272/22]

\*863. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the legal obligations placed on farmers to facilitate TB inspections in the event that a neighbouring farm has positive cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51465/22]

\*864. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to any semi-state body connected with forestry that is putting together a special vehicle to draw down funding from the premium system on forestry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [51514/22]

\*865. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter regarding the ACRES scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [51516/22]

\*866. 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. — Brendan Griffin. [51517/22]

\*867. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans to reduce organic nitration limits from 250kg to 220kg which effectively would mean reducing the stocking rates (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [51546/22]

\*868. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason the reports regarding the reduced stocking rate limits which are causing much worry among farmers, is arguably not being led by science (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [51547/22]

\*869. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the main effect of the reduced stocking rate will increase the cost of rent as farmers try to rent more land to reduce their stocking rate rather than reduce cow numbers (details supplied); if he will provide reassurance that he and his Department will continue to back an economically viable dairy industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [51551/22]

\*870. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the huge increase in land rent that this measure will bring, if implemented, and will reduce the land available to tillage and forestry as these industries will be outcompeted by dairy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [51553/22]

\*871. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he hopes to introduce changes to the valuation of reactor cattle who have contracted bovine tuberculosis and if he replaces valuation agents with vets who he proposes will pay for the vet call-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [51557/22]

\*872. 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. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51560/22]

\*873. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his rationale for requiring farmers applying for the new beef suckler scheme 2023 to be Bord Bia quality-assured given that the Bord Bia audit is another cross-compliance check for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51565/22]

\*874. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied) regarding pair trawling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [51574/22]

\*875. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the Government provides sufficient research support in relation to understanding antimicrobial resistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51004/22]

\*876. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of the names of each special advisor employed by his Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date that their employment with the Department/Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51773/22]

\*877. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to concerns by farmers regarding a new scheme (details supplied); if clarity can be provided on the benefits of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [51812/22]

\*878. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the environmental report grant as set out in circular 13/2022 will be payable on afforestation files planted in 2023 and payable in 2023 or afterwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51813/22]

\*879. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine with the environmental report grant as set out in circular 13/2022, if the “report from an external ecologist” must be an NIS or

does a habitat survey or ecology survey qualify for the environmental report grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [51814/22]

\*880. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full-time superintending veterinary inspectors and senior superintending veterinary inspectors employed by his Department as of 1 April 2020 and 12 October 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [51865/22]

\*881. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of individuals and their county of location who have been issued an exclusion order pursuant to Section 47 of the Greyhound Industry Act 1858, including any revocations since 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [51894/22]

\*882. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans in place to allow dual registration of fishing boats to allow boats to be registered on the register of fishing boats, and the Marine Survey Office at the same time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [51938/22]

\*883. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will instruct Howth harbour to respond to person (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [52010/22]

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

\*884. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she intends to ensure that any funding streams available for community organisations to assist with increased energy costs will also be available to community organisations that are companies limited by guarantee. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [51919/22]

\*885. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total spend by her Department and the agencies under her remit on cybersecurity measures since 2019 to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51179/22]

\*886. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the Dog Breeding Establishments (Amendment) Bill 2021; the timeline for its implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [51185/22]

\*887. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the proportion of her Department's IT data that is stored in the cloud; the proportion of the data held by all agencies and subsidiaries of her Department in the cloud; if this represents an improvement; if so, the development that has been made towards cloud storage since 2019 to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [51203/22]

\*888. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the names of all special advisors working in her Department; the Minister and Junior Minister who each advisor is associated with and their respective salaries, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51262/22]

\*889. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the address location of all operational and proposed regional work hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [51301/22]



\*890. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of members of the National Library Service in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, by county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [51347/22]

\*891. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that certain organisations (details supplied) were deemed ineligible for the community centre investment fund; if there is an appeal process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [51365/22]

\*892. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when categories for a fund (details supplied) will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [51366/22]

\*893. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development If she will provide a list the names of each special advisor employed by her Department since 2015, the relevant Minister they worked under and the date their employment with the Department / Minister ceased where applicable. — Paul Murphy. [51786/22]

\*894. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that an organisation (details supplied) was unsuccessful in their application for funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [51795/22]

\*895. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that a community centre (details supplied) did not obtain funding under the community centre investment funds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [51868/22]

\*896. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason that a community centre (details supplied) did not obtain funding under the community centre investment funds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [51869/22]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,  
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**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government information service unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51354/22]