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CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH
QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

1. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the timelines for appointments of new members of the judiciary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [52628/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that she will take to ensure that the recruitment of new gardaí and civilian staff following the Budget 2023 allocation to her Department will meet the announced target; if she has engaged with Garda management in respect of the new recruitment campaign; and the date on which it will commence. — Catherine Murphy. [52296/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties facing recruitment and retention in An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [52718/22]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

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

4. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the development and implementation of the Garda Reserve strategy 2021-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [52413/22]

5. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline her legislative priorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [51444/22]

6. To ask the Minister for Justice the trends in anti-social behaviour since the end of Covid that require changes in the policy approaches taken by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [51943/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Justice the additional measures that will be introduced to reduce access to illegal drugs which are causing serious problems in communities throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52114/22]

8. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on whether the punishment must match the crime; if she is considering introducing legislation to increase the maximum sentence for any crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [51443/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to increase the financial and human resources available to the Legal Aid Board to enable persons with disabilities to vindicate their rights in court, in view of the fact that the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022 is close to completing all stages of the legislative process and the decision support service will open thereafter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52429/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the possibility of including time accrued with student and graduate visas towards the five years residency required to apply for citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51376/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the launch of the Irish Travellers' Access to Justice landmark report, published recently by the University of Limerick that found that Travellers' trust in the Irish criminal justice system is extremely low; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52181/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will undertake a comprehensive review of economic crime, financial fraud and scamming given the increased prevalence of economic crime arising online and through digital technology and its growing threat to consumers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [46289/22]

13. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda youth diversion projects in Cork city and county; if there are plans over the coming months to extend the service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52187/22]

14. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide an update on the legal aid review being undertaken. — Niamh Smyth. [51504/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on any progress made on advancing duty-of-care legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51619/22]

16. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons facilitated in relocating to this country under the Afghan Admission Programme; the number of persons who have been accepted but are yet to be relocated; the number of persons refused participation in the programme; and the reason for the refusals. — Holly Cairns. [36289/22]

17. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to tackle anti-social behaviour in Irish cities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52459/22]

18. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to review, expand and further support the community alert service nationwide; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [52357/22]

19. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the ongoing battle against organised crime is set to continue, with particular reference to the need to remove the crime barons from society in Ireland and throughout Europe or elsewhere; if An Garda Síochána continues to have access to adequate resources to meet this challenge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52340/22]

20. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in achieving the Istanbul Convention targets for refuge spaces for domestic violence victims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52422/22]

21. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to introduce compulsory disability training for those involved in the administration of justice, in view of the fact that the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022 is close to completing all stages of the legislative process and the decision support service will open thereafter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52428/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on efforts to tackle rural crime, and to particularly protect those who are vulnerable, either living alone or in rural, isolated areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52120/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a detailed update on the progress made with respect to the Drogheda implementation report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52170/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline her Department's plan going forward to expand the availability of domestic violence refuge in the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52051/22]

25. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of gardaí who have been assaulted while on active duty in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [51621/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 590 of 11 October 2022, the reason for the delay in approving applications under the Afghan admissions programme, which was announced in September 2021, but under which no applications have been approved to date; the analysis that her Department has carried out into the eligibility criteria for the programme; if they are operating as intended; the timeline for when decisions on applications will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52189/22]

27. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the status of Operation Citizen and high-visibility policing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [51375/22]

28. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress in the delivery of the new Cork county Garda divisional headquarters in Macroom; her engagement with the OPW on progressing the delivery of the divisional headquarters in Macroom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52436/22]

29. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of the Garda Reserve; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52176/22]

30. To ask the Minister for Justice the mental and emotional supports that are available to members of An Garda Síochána who, in the course of their duties, are faced with tragic and violent situations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52423/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases at Circuit Court level that have been heard in Limerick courthouse since it was opened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52334/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Justice the role she believes that the Garda reserve should play in policing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [52116/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received the scoping report into the death of a person (details supplied); and the actions that she intends to take on foot of that report. — Matt Carthy. [51969/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will indicate her support for a public inquiry into the killing of a person (details supplied) almost two years ago; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52182/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí currently serving in the Dublin south division; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [52183/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí who have been recruited to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [52412/22]

37. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to bring forward legislation to enable the use of automatic number plate recognition systems to assist gardaí in their law enforcement duties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [52445/22]

38. To ask the Minister for Justice if a specific transport police unit will be introduced, in light of public safety fears concerning public transport, especially at night; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52425/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on when the community safety innovation fund successful projects are expected to be announced; the total number of applications received; the future plans to expand the fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [52169/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the independent review of part IV of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017; the timeline for the publication of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52190/22]

41. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of funding, resources and so on that are available in Budget 2023 for the domestic violence sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51377/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions that she has taken and plans to take in response to the substantial shortcomings found on handling of 999 calls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [52404/22]

43. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that an organisation (details supplied) has submitted a report to the UN highlighting the case of a person, recommending that the investigation include consideration of issues of race and discrimination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [52408/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on plans to refurbish Wicklow District Courthouse; when it is anticipated that works will commence; the timeframe for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51940/22]

45. 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; and if her Department will consider conducting a review of visa renewals for PhDs, to allow for essential work-related travel year-round for the duration of all candidates' PhDs. — Gary Gannon. [51681/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has engaged with the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to consider legislative and policy measures to prevent the recording of and subsequent sharing of videos of acts of violence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52366/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the expected completion date for the procurement process and opening date of the domestic violence refuge accommodation centre in County Laois. — Brian Stanley. [51841/22]

48. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the development of an online portal through which citizens can report traffic offences, as positively referenced by An Garda Síochána at a recent Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice; if it will be enabled through the Garda Síochána (Recording Devices) Bill 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52432/22]

49. To ask the Minister for Justice the current progress of the promised legislation on duty of care in relation to occupier's liability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [51941/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that are being taken to address the lack of judges in the Irish legal system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51006/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide the probation services the resources they need to expand the strive programme in the Ballymun sub-district as recommended in the "Ballymun a Brighter Future Report"; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [52123/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will indicate the learnings to date from the pilot initiatives in the new approach to community policing; and the implications they have for the roll-out of the approach nationwide. — Richard Bruton. [51942/22]

53. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in each of the Cork stations now and at their peak. — Thomas Gould. [52331/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of the Garda Reserve; the gender breakdown of the Garda Reserve; the situation with regard to recruitment to the Garda Reserve; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [52356/22]

55. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date into any developments on an independent inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52421/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the details of the newly launched rural safety plan 2022-2024; the planned outcomes of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52458/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Justice when additional commissioners will be appointed to the Data Protection Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52426/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Justice the projects which will be funded by the capital allocations to the Courts Service in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [51611/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to establish an independent public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied), as previously agreed by both Houses of the Oireachtas. — Matt Carthy. [51968/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí recruited for each station in the County Cork from January to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52435/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Justice when she intends to respond to the recommendations in the “Ballymun a Brighter Future Report” commissioned by Dublin City Council and presented to the Taoiseach at the Dublin North West area Joint Policing Committee in July 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [52122/22]

62. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the work of her Department in tackling drug-related intimidation and reporting. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [52410/22]

63. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who are fully trained in high-speed driving and pursuit in the Blanchardstown, Finglas and Cabra area. — Paul Donnelly. [51649/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on actions in the Justice Plan 2022 regarding reform of sentencing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [51642/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to strengthen trespassing laws, to add more protection to the property owner; the efforts that her Department is taking to deter trespassing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52121/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will carry out a review in respect of the current measures available and their effectiveness in dealing with, addressing and reducing anti-social behaviour. — Kieran O'Donnell. [52411/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is concerned by the number of instances of ramming of Garda vehicles annually; her views that such actions warrant being classified as a stand-alone crime, carrying a lengthy sentence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52367/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí who are currently assigned to Longford Garda stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [52434/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Justice if Operation Tombola will run prior to Halloween 2022; the way in which her Department plans to tackle anti-social behaviour in the run-up to Halloween; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [51371/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vehicles in the Garda fleet that are electric, by vehicle type and station in tabular form; the percentage of vehicles in the Garda fleet that are electric; the number of vehicles in the Garda fleet that are reaching end of life within the next 12 months; the percentage of these that will be replaced with electric vehicles; the infrastructure that has been put in place throughout the Garda network to facilitate charging electric vehicles; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52397/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new gardaí it is proposed to recruit in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52175/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the concerns of rank-and-file gardaí over proposed new rosters. — Paul Donnelly. [51650/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a detailed breakdown of domestic violence funding for his Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [50611/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the budget allocated for the provision of a domestic violence refuge accommodation centre in County Laois. — Brian Stanley. [51840/22]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

75. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline his strategy for addressing the collapse of general practice and primary care out-of-hours services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52298/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Health when St. Brendan's day-care centre in Loughrea, County Galway will be reopened for use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51142/22]

77. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish a multi-annual waiting list strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52299/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Health when a psychiatrist will be made available on the HSE team in counties Louth and Meath for children with a dual diagnosis of autism and a moderate learning disability (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52629/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Health the number of drug support workers in County Tipperary; the supports available for young persons with drug addictions in County Tipperary; the steps that will be taken to address the growing drugs crisis in County Tipperary; the measures that his Department is taking to work with An Garda Síochána and other bodies to break the cycle of more young people falling into addiction; the number of people being supported with drug addiction in County Tipperary; the supports available to meet the cost of addiction counselling and rehabilitation; the supports that can be made available to help those who have come through rehabilitation and

are facing homelessness, bringing greater risk of falling back into addiction without appropriate housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52630/22]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

80. To ask the Minister for Health the latest position on conducting a review of Covid-19 deaths in nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [52402/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that employees from an organisation (details supplied) and other Section 39 organisation workers were excluded from the Covid-19 special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [52466/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the planned Ballyhaunis primary care centre which had a scheduled operational date of Q4 in 2021, but which continues to be on hold as of 12 October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52467/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on when the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022 will be brought back before Dáil Éireann for the next stage of the Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52374/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in both CHO3 and CHO5; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff in WTE terms approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [52416/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the finalisation of a terms of reference and the appointment of an independent chair to commence a review of the radiation therapy service provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52414/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the crisis in the shortage of funding to deal with the provision of Section 39 services (details supplied) who are struggling to continue to provide necessary services for children and adults. — Danny Healy-Rae. [38903/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount that it will cost the Exchequer to bring the pay of workers in Section 39 organisations in line with public service pay agreements Building Momentum and its potential successor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [48278/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of long-Covid supports for children; his views on whether current supports are sufficient; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51008/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the issue of backlogs in dental treatment for primary school children and the need for urgent recruitment of dentists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52376/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide further information on the €900,000 allocated to Cork and Galway for a paediatric neurology service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [52090/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children’s disability network teams in CHO4; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff, in WTE terms, approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [52173/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the various hospital building/extension/replacement programmes in County Kildare and throughout the country with particular reference to the replacement of obsolete buildings, old-fashioned practices or facilities and the provision of a modern health service to meet the public demand of an increased population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52354/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the need for an elective hospital for Limerick and the mid-west (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O’Donnell. [52398/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Health if there has ever been a survey done of non-consultant/SPR hospital doctors on their working conditions, number of consecutive days worked and their annual leave allocated and taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51721/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place a contingency plan to ensure staffing levels are in place at Ennis injury unit following the closure of the unit on 20 August 2022 at short notice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47993/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the funding allocated by his Department in Budget 2023 for the provision of therapy services in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [52439/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Health if a community neuro-rehabilitation team will be provided in CHO8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [52451/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the plans for a new elective hospital in Merlin Park, Galway; the timeline for the completion of the project; if this is phase one of the new elective and acute hospital proposed for the MPUH site, as set out as the preferred option in the Saolta University Health Care Group’s “Options Appraisal for Saolta Model 4 Hospital Services in Galway” 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52192/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progressing disability services roadmap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52172/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to provide a greater level of training for general practitioners across Ireland. — Charles Flanagan. [52236/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for the full roll-out of early intervention in psychosis services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52302/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects the long-delayed x-ray facilities to be up and running in Tuam primary care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51143/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Health if he will re-evaluate the eligibility criteria currently being used by the HSE mental health services for counsellor / therapist positions which seem to be restrictive (details supplied); if the same criteria are to be used for counsellor / therapist positions in schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [52409/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a call by an organisation (details supplied) for ventilation in hospitals to be examined, to ensure the safety of nurses and midwives in their workplaces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [52403/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Health the action that he intends to take concerning the ongoing inability to staff the disability network teams; the impact that is having on early intervention for children with developmental delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [50101/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for electronic health records; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52303/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Health if a contractor has been appointed to construct the new building at Midleton Community Hospital; if so, when he expects work to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [52359/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Health when the cystic fibrosis drug kaftrio will be available for all children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [52162/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will commence the process of prioritising the allocation announced in Budget 2023 of the 136 additional staff such as speech and language therapists, occupational therapists and physiotherapists to special schools; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [52186/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish a national screening programme for structural heart disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51147/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide more detail on his Budget 2023 commitment of €12.3 million to facilitate catch-up programmes for human papillomavirus vaccine to girls and boys at school and to women aged up to the age of 25 years in 2023; the estimated number of additional girls and boys in school and women up to age 25 years it is anticipated that this allocation will allow vaccinations to be provided for; if he will provide a breakdown on the way in which it is intended that this budget be used; if this budget is ringfenced for HPV or if it will be available for other vaccines; the start date for the funding allocation; the time period for which it will be dispersed; the locations in which the scheme can be accessed; the further programmes, if any, that he is considering to support vaccination in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [51570/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the long waiting lists for treatment due to a chronic shortage of radiation therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51145/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the timeline for an inquiry into nursing home care during the Covid-19 outbreak; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51614/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Health the steps his Department is taking in relation to concerns about a shortage in radiation therapists to carry out treatment in Ireland. — Niamh Smyth. [51505/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in respect of the negotiations between his Department and the medical consultants' representative bodies in respect of the proposed new consultant contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52294/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements he has had with the RCSI Hospital Group with regard to expanding the operational opening times of the minor injuries' unit at Monaghan Hospital. — Matt Carthy. [52117/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the additional 23 specialist nurses in adult neurology services that will be allocated to the mid-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [52417/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on when publicly funded IVF services will be made available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [51384/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has made kaftrio available to all adults and children who need the treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [52400/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE or hospitals have ever conducted exit interviews on doctors leaving the Irish medical system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [51720/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to publish an action plan for implementation of the Disability Capacity Review recommendations relevant to the specialist services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [50434/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Health when staff in private nursing homes will receive the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52419/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the reimbursement pricing negotiations for the cystic fibrosis drug kaftrio as of October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52377/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether Ireland's national action plan on antimicrobial resistance is sufficiently robust to address the significant issue of antimicrobial resistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [51007/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the additional 23 specialist nurses in adult neurology services who will be allocated to Sligo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [52462/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Health when additional supports will be provided to small-scale nursing home providers in view of the substantial pressures on such providers due to increased costs at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52111/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Health if the manpower planning exercise for Ireland's health service needs has identified the most immediate gaps to be filled and the longer-term needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [51945/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a report (details supplied) into the conditions at University Hospital Limerick. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [52052/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the 2022 budgets for the dental treatment services scheme, school dental scheme and the public PRSI-based scheme in CHO8. — Brian Stanley. [52179/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure there is sufficient GP capacity in light of the free GP care provided in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [51385/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the roll-out of the winter flu vaccine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [51378/22]

132. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 100 of 12 July 2022, if the examination by his Department of the HSE's strategic assessment report regarding the new emergency department in University Hospital Galway has been completed to date; the status of the updated preliminary business case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52191/22]

133. To ask the Minister for Health if the winter plans will result in any permanent increase in acute hospital bed numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52420/22]

134. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he proposes to take to increase the number of general practitioners in rural areas. — Charles Flanagan. [52235/22]

135. To ask the Minister for Health the location of the elective hospital in Cork; and when it will be fully operational. — Thomas Gould. [52394/22]

136. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in both CHO1 and CHO2; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff in WTE terms approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [52461/22]

137. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the independent review into the radiation therapy profession following agreement at the Workplace Relations Commission last year between an organisation (details supplied) the HSE and the Department of Health; the timeline for completion of this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52300/22]

138. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nurses who have retired before reaching retirement age in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [51706/22]

139. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that he has had recently with an organisation (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [51609/22]

140. To ask the Minister for Health when a site will be identified for the building of a new elective hospital for Cork; the timeline for the design, applying for planning and building of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52293/22]

141. To ask the Minister for Health his plans for dental services for public patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52301/22]

142. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 686 of 11 October 2022, if the position of chief health and social care professionals' officer will be established in his Department, following comments made by the Secretary General of his Department at the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Health on 28 September 2022 (details supplied); the timeline that he is working towards in bringing this expertise into his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [51899/22]

143. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of the new elective hospital in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52089/22]

144. To ask the Minister for Health if he will indicate the new capacity planned for the coming year in clearing waiting lists within the public system and through the NTPF; the estimated number of additional outpatient first-time consultations and the number of additional procedures which will be facilitated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [51944/22]

145. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that he is putting in place to deliver the specialist neurology required to meet the current demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51146/22]

146. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to expand endoscopy services in Naas General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52430/22]

147. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that some persons who are diagnosed with lifelong conditions which render them eligible for a medical card often have to re-apply for a medical card. — Gary Gannon. [50747/22]

148. To ask the Minister for Health if a locum audiologist will be put in place in Kerry to cover the public audiologist currently on maternity leave; if he will detail the impact this uncovered leave has had on the waiting list and provide data regarding the current numbers on the list in Kerry including waiting times for those on the list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52365/22]

149. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide timelines for the expected publication of a report (details supplied) and any other details, further to his acknowledgement that he received the report concerning the handling of the Covid-19 pandemic in September; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52165/22]

150. To ask the Minister for Health the vacant positions currently in primary care in counties Cavan and Monaghan for children waiting for occupational therapy, speech and language support and psychology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [50499/22]

151. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the engagements that his Department has had with the Department of Further and Higher Education, Innovation and Science, 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. [52463/22]

152. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being considered in the short-term to alleviate current long wait times in the accident-and-emergency department of Cork University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52438/22]

153. To ask the Minister for Health if there have been any official studies into vaping and young persons and the effects of vaping on them. — Paul Donnelly. [51648/22]

154. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will reintroduce a 24/7 ShannonDoc service in Thurles, which has not resumed post-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52119/22]

155. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the community rehabilitation teams in CHO6 and CHO7; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff, in WTE terms, approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [52163/22]

156. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of nurses currently on sick leave; the number who cite stress as the reason for their leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [51705/22]

157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are on the CAMHS waiting list nationally; the number waiting for care for over 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [52401/22]

158. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider expanding pharmacist services currently provided, in order to aid in alleviating the pressures currently experienced with GP services and hospital services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52437/22]

159. To ask the Minister for Health the next steps that his Department will take in the development of a national diabetes register given that funding has been provided under Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [52415/22]

160. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the range and nature of services available to Louth based adults and children at hospitals; if there are plans to improve the diabetes service currently serving adults and children in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51615/22]

161. To ask the Minister for Health his views on plans for a second palliative care bed at the St Joseph's Care campus in Longford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [52450/22]

162. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene to ensure that medical card holders can avail of dentistry services which are currently unavailable at this time due to an ongoing dispute between dentists and his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [51144/22]

163. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing breakdown at West Kerry Community Hospital; the way this compares with the numbers at the start of this year; if extra beds will be opened at the hospital; the specific efforts that are being made to recruit new nurses at the hospital including a breakdown of details of advertisements that have been made in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52364/22]

164. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the 50% increase in radiation therapy treatment waiting lists for cancer patients and the shortage of radiation therapists to carry out these treatments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52378/22]

165. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated timeline for the reopening of Keltoi. — Thomas Gould. [52393/22]

166. To ask the Minister for Health the 2022 budgets for the dental treatment services scheme, school dental scheme and the public PRSI-based scheme in counties Laois and Offaly. — Brian Stanley. [52180/22]

167. To ask the Minister for Health the yearly spend on sepsis awareness in the past five years; his plans to raise awareness of sepsis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [52371/22]

168. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which plans are in hand to improve the delivery of the health services and to use the experience of combatting Covid-19 to overhaul waiting lists, staff shortages, the use of theatres and associated issues with contribute to the delay in the delivery of the services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52353/22]

169. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to develop new healthcare infrastructure in the mid-west to match the demographic targets set out in Ireland 2040, the national planning framework; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [52449/22]

170. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that he has taken to address the shortfall in GP provision, including out-of-hours services, within the north-east region. — Matt Carthy. [52118/22]

171. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in CHO8; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff in WTE terms approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [52418/22]

172. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the dental treatment services scheme; if the additional funding allocated by his Department to this scheme in the past six months has led to an increase in the number of dentists accepting medical card patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [52427/22]

173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in CHO9; the locations in which each team is based; the number of staff, in WTE terms, approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [52171/22]

174. To ask the Minister for Health if the workforce planning process that his Department commenced, in conjunction with the clinical programme for persons with disabilities, has been finalised; and if he will detail the findings of the workforce planning process. — Pauline Tully. [52464/22]

175. To ask the Minister for Health when a community neuro-rehabilitation team will be in place in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [52174/22]

176. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts to prepare the health system for increased demand over the winter months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [51379/22]

177. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will publish the disability capacity review action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [50739/22]

178. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that will be introduced to eliminate the differential in payments to nursing homes across different geographical areas under the Nursing Homes Support Scheme Act 2009; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52112/22]

179. To ask the Minister for Health if all sections of the Nursing Home Supports Scheme (Amendment) Act 2021 have been commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [52358/22]

180. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the discussion in relation to multi-annual funding for community projects especially those in Section 38 and Section 39 organisations. — Paul Donnelly. [44555/22]

181. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives who have been recruited into the HSE since 1 June 2022; the measures that he is undertaking to recruit and retain nurses and midwives in the short, medium and long-term, including measures to bring Irish nurses back from abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52375/22]

182. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the dangerous understaffing and overcrowding conditions in the Mater Hospital recently highlighted by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [52399/22]

183. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children's disability network teams in both CHO6 and CHO7; the locations in which each team is based; the numbers of staff, in WTE terms, approved for each team; the numbers currently assigned to each team; the number of vacant positions on each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [52185/22]

184. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to address GP shortages. — Pa Daly. [51610/22]

185. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set-up a Commission of Inquiry as a matter of urgency to seek the truth for families on the significant loss of life in a nursing home (details supplied) during the initial wave of Covid-19 in 2020, further to this Deputy's previous calls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [52164/22]

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

*186. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of the meetings that he and or his officials have had with a company (details supplied) to date in 2022; the schedule should include online, phone conference and in-person meetings, date of meeting and topics that were discussed; and if he and or his officials have plans to or will schedule further meetings in the coming weeks with the company. — Catherine Murphy. [52551/22]

*187. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his Department's policy in respect of supporting data centres in Ireland in the context of the decarbonisation and digitalisation of Ireland's economy and society; and the steps that he has taken to ensure that these transitions are complimentary and in harmony with environmental policy. — Catherine Murphy. [52555/22]

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

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is a possibility of mobile phone and broadband blackouts this winter which could leave people unable to make emergency calls in the event of power cuts and if he has consulted the telecommunications industry on risks and mitigation. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52470/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will intervene in a case to allow a family (details supplied) in County Kerry whose house has been without heating and hot water for over three weeks due to the lack of availability of the services of Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland registered technical assessors assess a better energy home grant for a replacement heat pump; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52489/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will indicate the way that the energy credit can be claimed if a person uses so little that the credit rests in their account and cannot be applied to their gas bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [52508/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of data centres in Ireland that are not connected to the grid and that use on-site fossil fuel to generate power. — Catherine Murphy. [52554/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount (GWh) of electricity produced from coal at Moneypoint power station in the period January to September 2021, all of 2021, and the nine-month period from January to September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52576/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the engagement he had with (details supplied) prior to their withdrawal from the Irish wind energy market; if he will include dates of any meetings he participated in with them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52577/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the three-month grant draw-down period for eSPSV scheme grants given the wait times for new electric vehicles (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52474/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the need for bus and lorry drivers to sit a CPC course on a yearly basis and to pay for the courses themselves; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [52544/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if the strategic assessment report submitted by Kilkenny County Council for the next phase of the ring road will be expedited and approved; if approval will be given to the Council to appoint consultants to examine the route options; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [52559/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will commission a full feasibility study into light rail for Galway, including very light rail; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52575/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that the reduction in public transport costs for students will also be applicable to students who are resident in this State who are travelling to and studying at third level institutions in Northern Ireland. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [52605/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide the usage statistics for the individual stations of the Limerick bike scheme that are available between 2016 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52621/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the membership figures of the public bike scheme in counties Limerick, Galway and Cork in each year between 2016 and 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [52622/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the total cost per annum between 2016 and 2022 to run the public bike scheme in counties Limerick, Clare and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52623/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the current membership figures for the Waterford public bike scheme; and the total cost to date of the scheme and details on the operational contractor for this scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [52624/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if the bus service from Naas via Sallins and Maynooth to Blanchardstown can be augmented given that the bus is heavily overcrowded forcing passengers at peak times to stand for the whole journey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52649/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance the action that is being taken by his Department to help keep down the cost of diesel and petrol which is used by the commercial sector, in view of the fact that the suppliers now appear to be operating on a far higher profit margin than any time over the past 20 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52523/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that mortgage holders whose mortgages were sold by mainstream banks are now subjected to punitive interest rates by the mortgage purchaser without the option to switch providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52482/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of recipients of the pandemic unemployment payment who will be expected to pay back tax this year and in 2023, by county, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [52492/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide details in relation to the regulation of companies (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that these companies have increased the interest rates on lifetime loans by 1.37 %, from 4.82 % to 6.19 %; his views in relation to this dramatic increase in interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52507/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [52562/22]

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

*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 115 of 4 October 2022, if the attention of his Department has been drawn to any flood risks associated with a site (details supplied); if any previous flooding incidents took place that caused damage; if so, if this was considered when replacing oil tanks at this location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [52536/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the agreements that are in place between the Office of Public Works and local authorities in respect of removing debris and trees which have become trapped in bridges crossing rivers; the action that his Department and the OPW are taking together with local authorities to ensure that there is not an adverse outcome at these bridges as a result of increased rainfall and flooding; if all bridges will be inspected before the period of time when there would be increased rainfall and larger volumes of water in rivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52518/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current position in awarding a contract for the Glashaboy flood relief scheme; if he will outline the likely date when the contract will be awarded; when work is due to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52519/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current position in awarding a contract for the Blackpool flood relief scheme; if he will outline the likely date when the contract will be awarded; when work is due to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52520/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will consent to amendments of the Phoenix Park bye laws by the Commissioners of the Office of Public Works in respect to allowing for the enforcement of the 30 km per hour speed limit in the park. — Patrick Costello. [52530/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a schedule of the total expenditure by his Department on pension payments to former civil servants in each of the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; if he will also provide in tabular form the total payments made to former civil servants including a breakdown of the grade they held upon retirement and the number of persons in each grade; and if he will provide separate schedules for payments to former civil servants appointed before and after 6 April 1995. — Catherine Murphy. [52620/22]

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

*215. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the audio-visual media services directive will be fully transposed into Irish law; the details of the deadlines that will be applied to the requirement for audio-visual services to be made accessible to people with a visual or hearing disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52641/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of domestic and international tourists, respectively, visiting each county annually since 1 January 2010, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52580/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the dance bursary award, distributed by the Arts Council in 2022, will be open again in 2023 for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52634/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the next generation artists award, distributed by the Arts Council in 2022, will be open again in 2023 for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52635/22]

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

*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider an increase to the housing adaptation grant for people with a disability and housing aid for older people scheme grant, given the increased construction costs and increased costs of building materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [52484/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on an application by Cork City Council to build firewalls in Traveller bays. — Thomas Gould. [52488/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to the funding put in place for local authorities allowing them to purchase properties from landlords, if he will clarify if he has the authority to intervene in the process and whether his Department will have oversight as to whether local authorities are engaging with tenants facing eviction and landlords who indicate the reason for an eviction of the sale of a property. — Paul Murphy. [52497/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average wait time for approval by the National Standards Authority of Ireland of new biobased construction materials. — Thomas Gould. [52505/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details of the criteria local authorities use when buying homes for social housing under the Social Housing Investment Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [52509/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the implications that the recent enquiry into the affairs of An Bord Pleanála have for the status of previous decisions

by the Board; and if the Board can proceed as envisaged with those decisions. — Richard Bruton. [52516/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the croí cónaithe scheme will be extended to cities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52537/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason for the delay in the insurance survey (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [52545/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for processing submissions made to the housing supply clearing house; the status of an application made by a person (details supplied); the number of applications that have been made to date; the number of approved or rejected applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [52560/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider issuing a circular to local authorities advising them that a degree of prioritisation be given to retained fighters who are also social housing applicants in order that they can be housed within the required 1.5 km radius of their local fire station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52579/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of sites on the derelict sites register of each local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52582/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of notices issued under section 11 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 by each local authority in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52583/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of directions made by him and his predecessor under section 12 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in respect of each local authority in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52584/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of directions made by him and his predecessor under section 13 of the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in respect of sites held by statutory bodies in each local in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52585/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of derelict sites acquired by each local authority under the powers provided in the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52586/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the sum payable to each local authority in 2019, 2020 and 2021 as a result of the derelict sites levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52587/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of prosecutions initiated by each local authority under the powers provided in the Derelict Sites Act 1990 in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52588/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of derelict sites acquired by each local authority under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, the Derelict Sites Act, 1961, or the Acquisition of Derelict Sites Act, 1940, used for the purpose of housing in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52589/22]

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

*237. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the interactions his Department has had with the visiting delegation from the Polisario Front of Western Sahara during their visit and if his Department is open to maintaining future communications with representatives of the Polisario Front. — Chris Andrews. [52471/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the quantity of coal that has been purchased by the ESB from the Cerrejón coalmine in Colombia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52527/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when an application for a foreign birth registration will be processed (details supplied) the reason for the delay in processing the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52609/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a lost foreign birth certificate will be re-issued to a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in issuing this new certificate especially given that foreign birth registration has long since been established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52610/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth registration application will be processed for a person (details supplied) when supporting documentation will be returned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52626/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement he and his officials have had with regard to the present civil war in Tigray, Ethiopia; the measures that are being taken at EU and UN level to bring about a ceasefire; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52678/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*243. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will confirm that in the new Defence Forces structure that emerges as a result of the recommendations set out in the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces that Collins Barracks, Cork will be the location of the headquarters of the military formation that will control military operations in the southern region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52522/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*244. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application by a school (details supplied) for a school bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [52512/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of primary schools in Dublin by postcode that provide ASD classes; the total number of Irish-medium primary schools in Dublin by postcode that provide ASD classes; the total number of Educate Together primary schools in Dublin by postcode that provide ASD classes and the total number of fee-paying primary schools in Dublin which provide ASD classes, in tabular form. — Chris Andrews. [52473/22]

*246. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the policy that the board of management in a school (details supplied) have in place regarding the registration of new pupils for first year places, which requests that parents provide a utility bill along with the normal documents needed as proof of address and the fact that this need for a utility bill is not workable in the cases of shared parenting or for those families living in emergency accommodation who would not have access to these bills; her views that this process is discriminatory; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52500/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the funding for buildings at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [52510/22]

*248. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building project to be undertaken at a school (details supplied); when her Department will lodge the planning application to Kilkenny County Council; the indicative timeframe for the completion of each stage in the event that planning permission is granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [52513/22]

*249. To ask the Minister for Education if a 22-seater bus will be commissioned to accommodate students (details supplied) given that an additional 18-seater bus has been put in place however four students are still without a seat for this route; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52525/22]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of the number of leases and annual expenditure on same for primary and secondary school buildings by county; and if she will provide the details of the organisation she holds the lease with. — Catherine Murphy. [52550/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of post primary schools operating in the country by county in the current academic year; the number in the DEIS category; the number of fee-paying schools in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52573/22]

*252. To ask the Minister for Education when the Junior Certificate results of 2022 will be issued to students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [52608/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Education the length of time that it takes her Department to put a new teaching contract into payment; the reason that it is taking up to eight weeks to pay teachers who take up new contracts; if she is satisfied that new teachers and teachers taking up new contracts are being left without payment for such long periods during a cost-of-living crisis; the numbers

of new contracts currently being processed; the number of new contracts that took more than two weeks to be processed in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52680/22]

*254. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made in relation to the provision of a school bus ticket for a pupil (details supplied) in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [52681/22]

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

*255. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a comment in relation to a WRC case (details supplied) which states that Dublin South MABS was in breach of the Employment Equality Act and discriminated against a former employee on the grounds of their age; and if the board for Dublin South MABS have the minimum required number of directors at present to oversee proper governance. — Paul Murphy. [52495/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if funding for school meals has been increased in line with inflation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52572/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if fuel allowance is available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52643/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider making the fuel allowance available to those person aged over 66 years with a disability (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [52475/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to extend the fuel allowance to those in receipt of the working family payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [52476/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the €500 payment for people with disabilities to those who have moved to the State pension (contributory) due to their age (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [52477/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider increasing the recent RSS/Tús top-up of €5 in Budget 2023 to at least €12 to keep pace with other social welfare payments. — Marian Harkin. [52480/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the working family payment renewal for a person (details supplied); when this payment will resume; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52493/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all outstanding benefit payments due to a person (details supplied) will be paid immediately; and if she will confirm the amounts due to the person and the periods in question. — John McGuinness. [52502/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for a State pension in the name of a person (details supplied) will be expedited and approved as three applications have been submitted to date and two of which have been misplaced in the Department. — John McGuinness. [52503/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the correct payment option was not applied to a fuel allowance claim for a person (details supplied); and if the matter is to be rectified. — Sean Sherlock. [52504/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a full carer's allowance will be approved immediately for a person (details supplied) who is in receipt of payment of half of the carer's payment and whose financial circumstances have changed. — John McGuinness. [52517/22]

*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if either person can apply for farm assist in cases in which two names are on a herd number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52529/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a supplementary welfare allowance application by a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in making a decision on the case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52535/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if data (details supplied) in relation to the secondment of staff from her Department to the local employment service will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52543/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the wage subsidy scheme is not available to disabled people who are self-employed; if she will consider extending the wage subsidy scheme to disabled people who are self-employed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52546/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of disabled people who availed of the wage subsidy scheme in each year from 2017 to 2021; the expenditure on the wage subsidy scheme for people with disabilities in each year from 2017 to 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52547/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if child benefit will continue to be paid to a person (details supplied) who is in full-time education. — John McGuinness. [52549/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the payments that are due to a person (details supplied) will be issued to them as soon as possible. — John McGuinness. [52556/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [52578/22]

*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the position of the local employment services in Clondalkin and Tallaght, specifically the reason that 39 staff have been made redundant; if this is a direct consequence of her Department tendering out of services in local employment; the local employment services that are currently available to unemployed people in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52619/22]

*276. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current weekly entitlement in respect of a payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52647/22]

*277. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if continued PRSI-based entitlements continue whilst the applicant is in receipt of invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52648/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the maximum allowable income from employment while retaining disability allowance for a patient with a heart condition and other health issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52651/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if fuel allowance is payable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52653/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current position in regard to disability entitlement in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52654/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will indicate eligibility for working family payment in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52655/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Social Protection due to the cost of living crisis, her plans to reintroduce child benefit payments to those parents of children aged 18 to 22 years of age in full-time education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52676/22]

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

*283. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide in tabular form a breakdown of the applications to date to the magdalen laundries redress scheme by country of residence; the number of successful applications to the scheme by country of residence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52640/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will commit to an increase in funding to all Family Resource Centres, so that all FRCs receive a minimum of €166,400 annually through core funding under the National FRC programme with an adequate percentage increase annually thereafter in view of the recent increase in Tusla funding in Budget 2023 to €37 million. — Marian Harkin. [52478/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will reconsider his position to set up a database to hold DNA samples of family members of those who were resident at St. Mary's Mother and Baby home in Tuam. — Marian Harkin. [52479/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that childminders who have a service reference number for their premises are Tusla registered and have an active NCS or ECCE contract, are excluded from applying for a building blocks improvement grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52486/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if early years' service providers who provide early years education from their personal private residence are eligible to apply for the building blocks improvement grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52487/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Mother and Baby Institutions payment scheme will be extended to those who spent less than the prescribed time period of six months in an institution given that many persons have been excluded from the scheme on this basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52490/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in relation to the Mother and Baby Institutions payment scheme if it is open to persons to challenge the Commission's interpretation of specific named institutions; and if so, if the process will be outlined. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52491/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of all early years and SAC services that are in receipt of the graduate premium. — Kathleen Funchion. [52496/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to increase the income limits for the income assessed strand of the National Childcare Subsidy; the details of any analysis carried out by his Department in this regard; if he will clarify what, if any, mitigating circumstances are taken into account when assessing a subsidy application in respect of parents earning marginally over the income limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52498/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update in respect of the progress that has been made since the publication of a white paper to end direct provision; the number of international protection applicants that have transitioned into the new model to date in 2022; and if he will provide an update in respect of the work completed by implementation partners such as the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, the Housing Agency and the local authorities to develop and implement the new accommodation model and support services. — Catherine Murphy. [52548/22]

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

*293. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprentices who failed a phase; and the number who dropped out in each of the past five years by phase in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [52506/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if all third level students who are attending publicly funded third level colleges are entitled to the €1,000 cut in student fees, regardless of their SUSI grant entitlements. — Cathal Crowe. [52524/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the way that the reduction in student fees announced in Budget 2023 will be applied to students from this State who are currently studying in the North of Ireland. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [52541/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a situation in which part-time students were unable to participate in an in-person graduation ceremony in which full-time students could do so (details supplied); if he will advise on the reason that educational institutions at times do not provide a ceremony for their part-time students who are graduating; if he has advice on ensuring that part-time students

receive the same supports and treatments as full-time students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [52637/22]

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

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the interdepartmental group with responsibility for refuge provision in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52615/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has amended certain statutory instruments in Section 9 of the Garda Síochána Functions and Operational Areas Act 2022 since its enactment (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [52297/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new Garda recruits who have left the force within two years of completion of training in each of the years 2018 to 2021; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Donnelly. [51651/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Justice if legislative change is required in order to ensure that the paramount rights of children are fully vindicated and protected with particular reference to section 47 reports which have in some cases heretofore remained unchallenged; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [50591/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Justice if a series of matters in relation to an organisation (details supplied) will be clarified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52561/22]

*302. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision will be made in relation to an application for a join family visa lodged by a person (details supplied); the reason for the delay in considering an application by a person (details supplied) which has been lodged for over 12 months; if his attention has been drawn to the urgent need for a decision on the application given that it is having a profound negative impact on their family; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [52611/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52642/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in regard to 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. [52646/22]

*305. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has plans to place on hold the current work/research underway in respect of parental alienation until her Department undertakes an investigation into those agents who have submitted proposals for criminalising parental alienation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52656/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which she and her Department are currently combatting organised crime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52657/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the leaders of criminal gangs are currently in prison or have charges pending against them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52660/22]

*308. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which gardaí injured in the course of their duties are being compensated or are in course thereof; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52661/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí injured during the course of their duties in the past ten years; if all have received compensation for their injuries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52662/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which investigations into child abuse continue vigorously in order to ensure the safety of children in the home or in institutional care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52663/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Justice the degree to which educational or rehabilitative provision is being made for first-time offenders while in prison with a view to preventing recidivism; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52664/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons deemed to have committed further offences while on bail in each of the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52665/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Justice if private bus drivers who are engaged in the transportation of children are subject to Garda vetting. — Pauline Tully. [52679/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*314. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will carry-out a thorough national audit on those living with disabilities in this country which will help inform the Government on the needs of those living with disabilities, the level and extent of their disability, their needs for the future, the failings of the system and the areas with which they require most assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52631/22]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government has any plans to reintroduce the medication ozempic, for treatment for diabetes, to be covered under the medical card scheme or the drug payments scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52632/22]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which his Department is developing a strategy for carers; if closer integration of the work of his Department with other agencies is envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [50626/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on any progress made on the DRIVE project to build the capacity of communities to respond more effectively to drug-related intimidation and violence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [51618/22]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the 2021 application to the HSE to have the NovoPen 6 and the NovoPen Echo plus smart insulin pens included for reimbursement on the

long-term illness scheme; and the reason that this application still has not been concluded over 12 months after the application was submitted. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [47994/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health if it is planned to roll-out an additional Covid-19 booster for the wider population. — Chris Andrews. [52460/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has any initiatives to run harm-reduction education programmes around addiction for young people. — Thomas Gould. [47510/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the action that he is taking to improve children's disability services. — Thomas Gould. [49681/22]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the pro-active measures that he and his Department are now taking to attract physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and orthoptists since these roles were added to the critical skills list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [45184/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists and orthoptists that have been recruited since these roles were added to the critical skills list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [45187/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that will be made for third year counselling trainee psychologists who will not benefit from the new funding support announced in the Budget 2023 and have invested €50,000 in their doctorate fees over the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [52472/22]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the Departmental review of the dental medical card scheme; if a timeline can be provided for its completion; his plans to alleviate access issues to dentists for medical card holders in the short-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [43851/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government will call for an extension of medical device directive certificates (details supplied) until the notified body capacity is resolved, in order to maintain patient access to vital medtech that are already safely in use in the market, given that as much as 85% of the 500,000 devices covered under the previous medical devices directive are yet to be certified under the new MDR due to bottlenecks in the overburdened notified bodies system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [52494/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 208 of 12 October 2022, that recipients of the supplementary blind welfare allowance will receive a cost-of-living double payment in October 2022 and a Christmas bonus double payment in respect of their supplementary blind welfare allowance payment; the reason information on these double payments is not available on the HSE website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52499/22]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work to replace the mobility allowance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [52501/22]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will examine the case of a closure of a nursing home (details supplied) in which the relatives of residents were only informed of its

imminent closure with a few weeks' notice; and if there are any statutory requirements placed on nursing homes to provide a minimum notice period to allow families sufficient time to find appropriate alternatives for their loved ones. — Chris Andrews. [52511/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a recently published report from the Health Research Board, the national drug treatment reporting system: 2015-2021 drug treatment data, showing rapidly increasing drug use in Ireland; and if he will consider a different legal approach based on decriminalisation. — Gino Kenny. [52406/22]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the suitability of the St. John's Hospital site for an elective hospital for the mid-west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52540/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Patient Safety (Licensing) Bill 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [52553/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health if the drug plaquenil will be approved for use in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [52558/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health if the independent evaluation carried out by a university (details supplied) as part of the termination of pregnancy legislation review will be made publicly available; and when this will occur; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52564/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public-only dentists working in County Clare in 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021 and in October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52574/22]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the total money allocated to mental health in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52590/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of the overall health budget that has been allocated for mental health in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52591/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of the overall health budget that has been allocated to mental health for each of the Budgets 2019 to 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52592/22]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the way in which the additional funding of €14 million will be spent; the services that it will go towards; when these new measures will come into operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52593/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that will be allocated to the progression of mental health waiting lists; the way in which it will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52594/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that will be allocated to the progression of peer support and recovery services; the way in which it will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52595/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that will be allocated to the progression of the roll-out of more digital mental health supports; the way in which it will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52596/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health the amount in euros of the investment earmarked for approved centres to ensure that they comply with Mental Health Commission requirements and the centres that it is allocated for in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52597/22]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that will be allocated for additional employment and housing supports for persons with mental health difficulties; the way in which it will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52598/22]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health the amount in funding that will be allocated to funding for counselling and psychology training; the way in which it will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52599/22]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52600/22]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52601/22]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding in Budget 2023 that has been allocated for CAMHS, excluding existing levels of service; the way in which this funding will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52602/22]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding in Budget 2023 that has been allocated for eating disorders, excluding existing levels of service; the way in which this funding will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52603/22]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the additional funding in Budget 2023 that has been allocated for primary care psychology, excluding existing levels of service; the way in which this funding will be spent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [52604/22]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of beds in the ward at Letterkenny University Hospital that accommodates both haematology and oncology patients; and his plans to add to this number of beds for haematology and oncology patients. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [52612/22]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve the capacity of the haematology and oncology day unit at Letterkenny University Hospital. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [52613/22]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is satisfied that there are robust systems in place to prevent payments continuing to be issued under the GMS system to persons who are deceased; if overpaid moneys can be recovered when detected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [52616/22]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52617/22]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision made in 2011 in relation to congregated settings will be reversed (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52625/22]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the need for an extension of the medical device directive and active implantable medical device directive certificates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52633/22]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the need to allow conditional and temporary medical device regulation certification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52638/22]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the need to abolish the medical device regulation warehousing deadline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52639/22]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a person (details supplied) and her husband qualify for a full medical card which was previously withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52644/22]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health if and when full medical cards may be restored in the case of two persons (details supplied) whose medical needs are numerous and demanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52645/22]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a full medical card may issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52650/22]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health if and when a medical card might issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52652/22]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the delivery of health services in the community and throughout the hospital service is geared to meet the challenges of the coming winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52666/22]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which efforts are being made to replace GPs where the incumbents have retired leaving vacancies throughout the country; the number of such vacancies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52667/22]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which nursing staff throughout the public hospital staff is adequate or otherwise to meet the requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52668/22]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the number of consultant vacant positions are being filled as a matter of urgency in order to meet the challenges of the coming winter and the future in the health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52669/22]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which the regulations relating to junior hospital doctors such as emergency taxation arising from relocation are being updated to avoid same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52670/22]

*368. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the various changes and requirements needed to fully introduce Sláintecare are being pursued at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52671/22]

*369. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which Sláintecare provisions are currently embedded in the health service, with particular reference to the need to ensure regional representation on the Board of the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52672/22]

*370. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which patients seeking a scoliosis surgery have been accommodated in the past twelve months; the degree to which it is now proposed to accelerate the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52673/22]

*371. To ask the Minister for Health the number of primary care centres fully operational in County Kildare and throughout the country at the present time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52674/22]

*372. To ask the Minister for Health the degree by which it is intended to reduce the numbers on hospital waiting lists by whatever means over the next twelve months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52675/22]

*373. To ask the Minister for Health his response to correspondence (details supplied) in relation to nursing students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [52677/22]

*374. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time in County Louth for a hip replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52683/22]

*375. To ask the Minister for Health when the expansion in the GP visit card and medical card scheme, as announced in Budget 2023, will be brought into effect; if there will be a recruitment campaign to facilitate this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52685/22]

*376. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether the proposed tax on concrete and concrete products will incur additional cost with regard to the development of the new children's hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52686/22]

*377. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a funding stream available for those in palliative care or those with medical devices that increases their electricity bills to support them in paying these bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52687/22]

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

*378. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expected average annual payment for farmers participating in the agri-climate rural environmental scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [52514/22]

*379. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers whose participation in GLAS will expire in the current calendar year; the number of farmers expected to be accommodated in the new agri-climate rural environment scheme; the funding available for this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [52515/22]

*380. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the projected area of afforestation which will be planted in November and December 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52542/22]

*381. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the cap on work permits in the meat processing sector will be increased as a matter of urgency given that some companies in the sector are experiencing a shortage of skills and are being forced to recruit abroad; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [52557/22]

*382. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of animals in the national dairy herd in each of the years 2003 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52565/22]

*383. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of animals that are now in the national bovine herd; the number from 1922 and 1973; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52566/22]

*384. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of animals that are now in the national sheep herd; the number from 1922 and 1973; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52567/22]

*385. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers wholly or partly engaged in horticulture in the State; the number that were engaged in the activity from 1922 and 1973; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52568/22]

*386. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers wholly or partly engaged in poultry production in the State; the number from 1922 and 1973; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52569/22]

*387. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers wholly or partly engaged in pig production in the State in each of the years since 2016; the number from 1922 and 1973; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52570/22]

*388. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of number of persons who have left full-time farming since 1997; his views on whether this represents progress; his views on the decline in the number of full-time farmers; the steps that he is taking to counter the decline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52571/22]

*389. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the exact date the financial incentives for the new forestry programme will be made public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52606/22]

*390. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the area of GPC3 afforestation approved since 1 January 2021 which has not yet progressed to planting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52607/22]

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

*391. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on an application to the community centre investment fund of a facility (details supplied).; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [52485/22]

*392. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide details of the progress of the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund 1 funding application submitted by Clare County Council to her Department for the Inis Cealtra Holy Island visitor experience; when a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [52581/22]

*393. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the definition of separate agricultural activities under the local improvement scheme which applies to works on private roads; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52618/22]