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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the United Nations General Assembly. — Mick Barry. [53551/22]

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

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

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the Well-being Framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [52892/22]

12. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. — Mick Barry. [53212/22]

13. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53227/22]

14. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. — Paul Murphy. [53230/22]

15. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the well-being framework for Ireland overseen by his Department. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53310/22]

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

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

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

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

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

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

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the international unit of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [52893/22]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the international unit of his Department. — Seán Haughey. [53397/22]

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

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the north-east inner city oversight group chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [53392/22]

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

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

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

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the shared island dialogue all-island women’s forum civic initiative. — Mick Barry. [53213/22]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the shared island dialogue all-island women's forum civic initiative. — Bríd Smith. [53233/22]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the shared island dialogue all-island women's forum civic initiative. — Ivana Bacik. [53393/22]

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

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

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Mick Barry. [53214/22]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53228/22]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [53231/22]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Government Co-ordination will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53311/22]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the Prime Minister of Ukraine in Prague. — Peadar Tóibín. [52972/22]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting of the European Political Community.
— Mick Barry. [53552/22]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting of the European Council in Prague.
— Richard Boyd Barrett. [53576/22]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting of the European Council in Prague.
— Paul Murphy. [53579/22]

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

51. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [52891/22]

52. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [52971/22]

53. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53229/22]

54. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [53232/22]

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Mick Barry. [53553/22]

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All Q3/2022 Progress Report will be published.
— Richard Boyd Barrett. [53577/22]

57. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All Q3/2022 Progress Report will be published.
— Paul Murphy. [53580/22]

58. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government information service unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [51354/22]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the senior officials group chaired by his Department to provide a strategic overview of the implementation of the sustainable development goals. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52762/22]

60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department to oversee the implementation of the High Level Action Plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52764/22]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with European Commissioner Věra Jourová. — Neale Richmond. [52964/22]

62. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the European Commissioner Margrethe Vestager. — Ivana Bacik. [53391/22]

63. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the European Commissioner Margrethe Vestager. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53575/22]

64. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the European Commissioner Margrethe Vestager. — Paul Murphy. [53578/22]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements that he has had regarding proposals of the European Union on the change of land designation currently in agricultural use. — Matt Carthy. [53260/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the process through which the carbon or methane footprint of Irish farms is calculated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [53054/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to support farmers in complying with new TB regulations. — Matt Carthy. [53261/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of families that are giving up fishing due to the failed delivery of a third Irish de-commissioning scheme; and if 50 or 60 families will lose their right to catch fish in Irish waters (details supplied). — Michael Collins. [53530/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the Government will allocate an emergency support fund for the fishing industry to assist the industry with the cost-of-fuel crisis, in the same way that other EU member states have done so. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53262/22]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

70. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 17 July 2022, the status of the establishment of the wool council; if the promised €30,000 for initial set-up costs has been drawn down to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53219/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that have been put in place by his Department to support the mental health and well-being of farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53221/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to ensure an adequate supply of horticultural peat to the mushroom sector, with reference to the recent report on the horticultural sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [53173/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the way that the Russian war in Ukraine has impacted the Irish agricultural industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [52961/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the current environmental impact assessment regulations are fit for purpose as a deterrent against the removal of hedgerows and other on-farm vegetation; if he will revise the regulations to provide for greater environmental protections for rural land holdings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53243/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made in the Programme for Government commitment to ‘support the small food producer, providing support for on-farm diversification enterprises and investment in local processing facilities, allowing farmers to sell their products into the local and wider domestic markets’. — Holly Cairns. [53207/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that are available to incentivise farmers to erect solar panels on rooftops and to establish anaerobic digestion schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [53175/22]

77. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the atypical working scheme for non-EEA crew will now enable vessels under 15 metres in length to hire non-EEA crew given that previously fishing vessels under 15 metres were excluded from same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [53165/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the prohibition on fur farming will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [53245/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding that is being provided for the roll-out of the new CAP Strategic Plan to support farm investment and encourage climate and biodiversity action; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [53171/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the discussions that he has had with both the Department of Environment, Climate and Communications and with the European Union in relation to the re-wetting of farmland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [53127/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans for the ramping-up of energy production on Irish farms and in particular, the use of anaerobic digesters. — Marian Harkin. [53252/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that a livestock vessel (details supplied) did not dock at Alexandria port on 13 October 2022 as was authorised by him, but instead docked the following day at Damietta port; if he was advised of this change in destination during the journey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53244/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when provision will be made in the TB compensation scheme to provide for realistic payments for pedigree animals that are depopulated; if his attention has been drawn to the adverse impact that the loss of some pedigree

herds will have on the livestock sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52959/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the efforts by his Department to address issues regarding farmer mental health given that a recent study to coincide with agri mental health week found that almost one quarter of Irish farmers are at risk of taking their own life, and another recent UCD study showed that 80% of rural farmers suffered from mental distress and depression. — Alan Dillon. [53205/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the work that he is undertaking to support Ireland's wool industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47187/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to maintain and develop food security in Ireland given the impact of the Ukrainian crisis on European food supplies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [53167/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 203 of 26 May 2022 and No. 133 of 31 March 2022, the progress that has been made to date in supporting farmers to generate renewable energy for their own use or for potential sale to the grid under the TAMS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53220/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the forestry programme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [53246/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to liaise with the energy and climate reduction sectors to ensure that both agriculture production and climate measures such as emission reductions are balanced in such a way as to ensure the effectiveness and viability of both; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53201/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that he is taking in response to backlogs in the forestry licensing system. — Holly Cairns. [53208/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that he is taking to increase the low national rate of afforestation. — Holly Cairns. [53209/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that there is sufficient legislation to deal with the challenge of wandering and stray horses in urban areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [53097/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when compensation payments will be increased in respect of the depopulation of animals and herds due to TB; if particular provision will be made to pay proper compensation to owners of pedigree animals to reflect their market value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52958/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if any measures to introduce a new ash dieback scheme for impacted landowners will be included in the new forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53163/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has undertaken efforts to measure the average percentage increase in the cost of fertiliser in each of the past five years; and if so, if he will provide such statistics. — Peadar Tóibín. [53057/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with the veterinary industry regarding the considerable shortage of qualified vets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [53080/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who availed of a grant under the sheep welfare scheme in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [53060/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he plans to facilitate farmers’ trading carbon credits; if he intends to establish a verifiable framework to record and manage net carbon sequestration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47186/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the work underway to help farmers contribute to the national effort to reduce climate-based emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53323/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures in Budget 2023 to support women farmers. — Thomas Gould. [53166/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the destination of Irish agri-food exports post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [52960/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements that he has had with his ministerial colleagues regarding the EU-Mercosur trade agreement. — Matt Carthy. [53095/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of efforts to address the backlog in forestry licence issuance and meeting afforestation targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53239/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor the impact of the revised CAP on agriculture production and exports given that Ireland may be affected; if adequate steps are being taken to ensure the retention of the maximum number of family farms and shops, and that production is maximised to the greatest extent possible having particular regard to worldwide food shortages in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53200/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are financial supports and premia in the new forestry plan for those with ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53255/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of horses that were seized and/or impounded for trespass and for non-compliance with chipping law and regulation by county in each of the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [53096/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that the current distribution of the mackerel allocation aligns with the State's obligations under Article 17 of the Common Fisheries Policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [53210/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that the allocations in Budget 2023 to his Department will help tackle the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53084/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update in relation to research with regard to the development of varieties of ash trees that will be resistant to ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [53242/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider expanding the number of equine groups partaking in the discussions on the exact entry criteria and equine-specified facilities that will apply to the TAM 2 grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [53164/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of his plans to target the sale and distribution of animals through illicit puppy farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53083/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the announced increases in the Brazilian national herd comparable to the total cattle population in this State; and any implications that the Mercosur Trade Agreement may have on this. — Pa Daly. [53123/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 283 of 28 September 2022, the details of any analysis carried out by his Department regarding the amount of sprat caught within the six nautical-mile limit since September 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53218/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the funding levels in Budget 2023 for public marine infrastructure. — Holly Cairns. [53211/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that his Department has taken to reduce the economic burden on farmers as a result of the rapid increase in the cost of fertiliser; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [53058/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the continued failure to meet forestry licence issuance and afforestation targets. — Martin Browne. [53174/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the efforts that he has made, along with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, to reinstate access for Irish fishermen to their traditional fishing grounds around Rockall; and if this matter will be brought to international arbitration. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53098/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on Ireland's food security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53322/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the consideration that was given to the additional cost associated with complying with new TB regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53240/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department plans to make supports available for those wishing to introduce solar energy generation on their farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [53170/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department plans on publishing a green energy plan for renewable energy generation on farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [53253/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that Ireland's agriculture sector will reach its emissions reduction goals. — Paul Murphy. [53259/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the position regarding information relating to gas security for dairy processors in view of record gas shortages in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [53254/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of basic payments that have been issued to farmers to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [53126/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to increase the adoption of rooftop solar energy generation on farms. — Matt Carthy. [53094/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers leaving the sector on an annual basis over the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [53056/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made in implementing the working paper to address challenges related to peat supply in the horticultural sector; and his proposals to ensure an adequate supply of horticultural peat to the mushroom sector. — Matt Carthy. [53091/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the maximum number of applicants who will be accepted into the agri-climate rural environment scheme; the closing date for the scheme; the circumstances under which it is intended to reopen the scheme for further applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53169/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to increasing the number of farmers allowed into the ACRES programme given that there are currently only 50,000 places available between the co-operation entry route and the general entry route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53079/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the UK-Australia beef trade deal; and the effect that it will have on Ireland. — Paul Murphy. [53257/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts that have been made to form a sheep industry group recommended in the wool feasibility study published in July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53204/22]

132. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a report of the reconstitution and underplanting ash dieback scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [53241/22]

133. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the fact that the targets relating to the issuance of forestry licences have been missed by over 62.5% in the first half of 2022; and his proposals to ensure that yearly targets are met. — Matt Carthy. [53093/22]

134. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that are available within his Department to encourage the adoption of on-farm solar energy generation; and if he will outline the targets within his Department to encourage such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53118/22]

135. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to resolve the unfair situation regarding the group of farmers known as the so-called ‘forgotten farmers’. — Matt Carthy. [53092/22]

136. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals for the sanction of those found in breach of unfair trading practices. — Sorca Clarke. [53202/22]

137. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to concerns raised by farmers regarding the ACRES scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53081/22]

138. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide clarity to farmers regarding the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53082/22]

139. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the budgetary measures that are affecting suckler beef and sheep farmers under Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [53122/22]

140. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the biodiversity impact on marine life of failing to change to renewable energy sources over carbon-based energy sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53112/22]

141. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that the Government has failed to secure any quota of Atlantic bluefin tuna for the Irish fishing fleet, despite the documented recovery of the species within the Irish exclusive economic zone over recent years. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53099/22]

142. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who availed of the grant under the straw incorporation measure in 2021. — Peadar Tóibín. [53059/22]

143. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the inclusion of farmland in active use in the residential zoned land tax; if he has engaged with the Minister for Finance on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [53176/22]

144. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends extending the closing date for lodging applications under the new agri-climate rural environment scheme in view of the volume of work involved in applying for the scheme and the inability of agricultural planners

to deal with all their client's applications before the present closing date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53168/22]

145. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of any plans currently in place to ensure food security in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53113/22]

146. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied with the measures that are in place to reduce the backlog in felling and planting licence applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53162/22]

147. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that will be made available under the new CAP for the dairy beef calf programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53256/22]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*148. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons currently working in the Government press office and the Merrion Street content team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52769/22]

*149. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons working in his Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52789/22]

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

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons who received a general employment permit for a sector (details supplied) since the start of 2017 who applied for and were granted a new employment permit with a different employer while in Ireland within the first 12 months of their original employment permit. — Louise O'Reilly. [52749/22]

*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons who received a general employment permit for a sector (details supplied) since the start of 2017 who applied for and were granted a new employment permit with a different employer while in Ireland to date. — Louise O'Reilly. [52750/22]

*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons working in his Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52778/22]

*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will confirm that his Department is currently accepting new employment permit applications for the role of dairy farm assistant, in view of the fact that dairy farmers are having difficulty in recruiting employees; if the quota has been filled for this role; if so, when his Department will be accepting new applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52833/22]

*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of vacant properties that are owned by his Department; the estimated economic value of the vacant properties; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52847/22]

*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide the full list of sites the IDA holds in its land bank; the locations of these sites; their size in hectares and current zoned status in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52988/22]

*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will review a case again (details supplied); if he will advise his official that despite the Parliamentary Question reply no correspondence was received since 6 September 2022 refusing applications; if he will indicate that appeals were lodged earlier in 2022 on these three applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52995/22]

*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has carried out any investigation or received any briefing into the conduct of an Irish company (details supplied) that has been alleged to have been involved in serious human rights violations and environmental damage, bringing potentially huge reputational damage to Ireland and hardship to indigenous communities in that area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [52999/22]

*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [53031/22]

*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of data centre projects in which IDA Ireland have invested over the past ten years; and the volume of funding in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [53191/22]

*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of companies in which IDA Ireland has invested over the past ten years that have data centres in the State; and the volume of funding for same in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [53192/22]

*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that he is taking to provide target supports to self-employed disabled people and disabled entrepreneurs. — Holly Cairns. [53271/22]

*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the expected impact of the Sick Leave Act 2022; the number of businesses that currently pay sick pay for a medically certified absence; the number of businesses that do not; the number of employees currently entitled and not entitled to sick pay for a medically-certified absence due to an illness; the employment sectors that are least likely to pay an employee who has a medically-certified certificate of illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [53425/22]

*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the action that his Department is taking to ensure that the security industry employment regulation order in relation to the minimum rate of pay for security workers will proceed despite a High Court injunction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53445/22]

*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the timeline for the decision-making process in the lead up to the signature of the security industry employment regulation order; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53446/22]

*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline any engagement by his Department in a model of recruitment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53464/22]

*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to improve the intellectual property rights of performers and actors in this State to match the rights and royalties guaranteed for similar work north of the Border; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53466/22]

*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the total training budget allocated in 2021 to the 31 local enterprise offices for their local training initiatives for businesses, including training such as digital marketing, lean, mentoring and starting one's own business; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53554/22]

*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the total budget in 2021 allocated to the funding of staff roles, including part payments for incubation centre managers, programme managers and programme administrators, to manage and deliver Enterprise Ireland's national entrepreneur development programme, New Frontiers at the 16 campus incubation centres across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53555/22]

*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the total budget in 2021 allocated to the funding of participant training programmes, excluding the stipend paid to New Frontiers participants, on the Enterprise Ireland New Frontiers delivered by the 16 campus incubation centres across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53556/22]

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

*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will detail the total budget in 2021 allocated to the funding of staff roles, including part payments for centre managers, programme managers and programme administrators, to manage and deliver the NDRC national startup accelerator contract at the four NDRC consortium partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53557/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will detail the total budget in 2021 allocated to the funding of participant training programmes and relevant activities by the NDRC national start-up accelerator contract at the four NDRC consortium partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53558/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the European Commission's definition of 'high speed broadband' increasing from 30 Mbps would lead directly to a larger intervention area for the national broadband plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52695/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some persons who are living in stone cottages and farmhouses have been refused works under the retrofit scheme on the grounds that the buildings cannot be sufficiently insulated to a high enough building energy rating given that a sizeable section of the rural population live in stone houses; and if he plans to ensure that they can avail of retrofits. — Martin Browne. [52732/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the average annual cost of electricity and gas charged to households since 1990 to date; and the way that the cost relates to the average annual EU prices for same in tabular form. — Bríd Smith. [52753/22]

*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has undertaken any research into the effects of the liberalisation on energy prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52754/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the Commission for Regulation of Utilities ceased to have any role in setting prices for household gas and electricity household prices; his views on whether this move was good policy; if he plans to introduce such a role for the Commission in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52755/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of persons working in his Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52779/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement that has occurred between National Broadband Ireland and third-party broadband companies in relation to providing additional fibre broadband infrastructure to premises that do not have a fibre broadband connection in place and are situated in the amber area in which the private operators have capacity to provide a service. — Colm Burke. [52796/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify the roll-out of broadband by National Broadband Ireland to over 670 schools across the country; if additional broadband hubs will be put in place in community facilities in rural areas in which broadband connectivity will not be in place in homes and businesses for at least another three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52797/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a person (details supplied) will be provided with an Eircode for a new property before the next scheduled update of the system in November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [52820/22]

*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a matter in relation to the installation of a photovoltaic system (details supplied) will be examined; if he will liaise with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [52837/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of vacant properties that are owned by his Department; the estimated economic value of the vacant properties; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52848/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of properties that are being leased by his Department that are currently vacant; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52866/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 165 of 4 October 2022, if there are any outstanding approvals of superannuation schemes for An Post; and if so, when they will be signed-off on. — Duncan Smith. [52915/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the energy regulator stating that it has no function in dealing with former customers of a company (details supplied) which left the Irish energy market earlier this year, leaving many pre-paid customers, who were in credit, owed significant sums of money by the company; the steps that he proposes to take to resolve this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [52921/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of domestic electricity disconnections that have occurred due to non-payment of account in County Donegal in the first half of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53021/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide the details of the EU energy package; the way that this €40 billion redeployment of regional and structural funding will affect Ireland; the amount of financial support that will be available from this fund for Ireland; if this is additional support with energy costs for households will be additional to the Government announcements to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [53032/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the sale and supply of bituminous coal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [53035/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [53036/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration has been given to the use of vertical-axis wind turbines throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53143/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that are being taken to improve air quality in Glanmire, County Cork. — Thomas Gould. [53147/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged with the Minister for Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of reviewing and or amending planning guidelines or regulations in respect of SEAI-funded solar installation on houses; if his attention has been drawn to the requirement in some instances in which an applicant for solar installations must provide drawings and apply for planning permission to carry out works; his own plans to simplify the process from grant application to installation of solar on houses. — Catherine Murphy. [53306/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and or his officials will review the planning requirements for the installation of solar panels on houses. — Catherine Murphy. [53307/22]

*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details of the purchase of emergency generation capacity and mobile turbines; the total cost involved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53316/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged with the CRU regarding energy companies increasing their standing charge at a time of unprecedented energy increases, and if he has plans to introduce legislation around the standing charge. — Robert Troy. [53330/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when fibre broadband will be rolled out in Kyle, Cloughjordan, County Tipperary (details supplied); if the acquisition of National Broadband Ireland by a company will speed up this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53368/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he expects to see fibre broadband rolled-out in urban and rural areas (details supplied) in County Tipperary in tabular form in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53369/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider withdrawing Ireland from the Energy Charter Treaty, noting that Italy has already withdrawn and Poland, Spain and the Netherlands recently announced that they will be withdrawing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53447/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that persons who are in receipt of the blind pension and invalidity pension are not automatically eligible for a Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland fully-funded energy upgrade given the findings of a report (details supplied) commissioned by the Department of Social Protection; if he will consider a review of the grant to ensure that people receiving these payments automatically qualify; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53562/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on Ireland's position on the energy charter treaty, in view of the conclusion of the government of the Netherlands that it is incompatible with the Paris Agreement. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53570/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions, if any, that have been taken to inform relevant bodies of their obligations under section 15 of the Climate Act 2021 as amended. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53571/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he is taking to ensure that new Eircodes are assigned in a timely manner rather than in batches every few months. — Holly Cairns. [53583/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the provision of broadband will be ensured to residences that have not yet received Eircodes due to delays in the allocation system. — Holly Cairns. [53584/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made to date in the roll-out of fast charging points for electric vehicles across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [53131/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided to deliver a town bus service in Clonmel, County Tipperary, given that Clonmel is now included in the ten-minute town project and that providing a town bus service for Clonmel would help to reduce the dominance of cars entering the town centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53350/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if the extension of the 404 Galway city bus route to Clarinbridge is being considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52693/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of priority projects in his Department under the national development plan. — Sean Sherlock. [52690/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if an aircraft (details supplied) that arrived at Shannon Airport on 13 October 2022 and left on 14 October 2022, was approved to transport weapons or munitions through Shannon Airport; the details of any checks, inspections or inquiries carried out in this regard in respect of the aircraft; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [52706/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will provide a list of DART stations with CCTV-monitored bicycle parking in tabular form. — Chris Andrews. [52717/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the “exceptional file” also known as the ghost file generated by his Department’s driver and vehicle computer services division; the number of disqualifications received from the Courts Service each year since 2017 that were inputted to the exceptional file due to the fact that the disqualification cannot be matched automatically to a driver on the national driver file database; the number of disqualifications on this exceptional file sent by his Department each year since 2017 to the RSA’s outsourced agency (details supplied) in order to try to match the disqualification to a driver; the number of disqualifications on the exceptional file that were successfully matched to a driver each year since 2017 through this process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52722/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 194 of 1 March 2022, in which he advises that things are “progressing”, if he will outline the progress that has been made since this reply was supplied in March 2022; if he will provide a timeline for when legislation will be resolved (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52759/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons working in his Department’s press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52791/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of properties that are being leased by his Department that are currently vacant; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52878/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of an application by a school (details supplied) for the safe-routes-to-school programme. — Cathal Crowe. [52920/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide the details of the current appeals process for contesting a failed driving test due to alleged faulty brake lights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [52939/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of a new bus route from Carlow to New Ross route A62; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52978/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if a feasibility study of Metrolink south west Dublin is included within the Budget for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53008/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department is considering implementing a Leap-90 system for Galway city, given that passengers must transfer buses in Eyre Square to get from one side of the city to the other; if his Department is engaging with a company (details supplied) to determine if it would be willing to participate in such a scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [53026/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will amend section 81 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 to allow for the use of CCTV evidence in cases of parking in bus lanes, parking in cycle lanes and driving in bus lanes, which are currently prohibited under various statutory instruments issued by previous Ministers (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53029/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the issues caused by delays in the 17 and 75 bus routes (details supplied); if he will ensure that action is taken to resolve the issues outlined by bus users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [53034/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider issuing a directive that cyclists and scooter users should have bells on their bicycle or scooter for safety reasons when using public roads or parks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [53048/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will investigate the poor service provided by company (details supplied) on many of its routes, including late and cancelled services and no updates on the app; the steps that can be taken to improve this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53051/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a timeline for his Department and the Local Government Management Agency to publish plans to deliver EV charging solutions to persons living in housing without a driveway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53100/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vacant positions currently in Dublin Bus, noting the ongoing recruitment campaign to recruit 450 drivers and 50 mechanics and engineering operatives in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53106/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of hybrid, electric and hydrogen buses that will be delivered in 2023 and 2024, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [53184/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of bus and heavy goods vehicles driving tests that were carried out in each driving test centre within County Tipperary in July, August and September 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [53185/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport the consideration that is being given to bringing forward a standalone feasibility study into light rail, including very light rail in Galway, as opposed to the matter being considered as part of the upcoming review of the Galway Transport Strategy in view of a recent decision (details supplied) by An Bord Pleanála and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53194/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on increasing the fines for public transport providers who do not accommodate persons with guide dogs or assistance dogs. — Holly Cairns. [53274/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request Irish Rail to carry out a feasibility study for a dual railway line between Mullingar and Maynooth. — Robert Troy. [53329/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of an application for funding for a town bus service for Mullingar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [53338/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that County Galway was excluded from pathfinder funding for cycling and active travel projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [53367/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the measures that he is taking to support hauliers with the increasing price of fuel; if there are plans to extend or renew the licensed haulage support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53372/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider an alternative option for sending the W62 route from Tallaght to Newcastle on to Adamstown train station via the Peamount road and Newcastle road, in order to link the community of Newcastle to the trail line which is the objective of the original W6, in the context of the full W6 route not being operational until major works are done at Hazelhatch bridge. — Emer Higgins. [53374/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will take steps to allow for the recruitment of additional driver testers particularly within County Offaly where there is currently only one tester available in Birr and one tester available in Tullamore; if he recognises that there is an urgent need for such testers given the inadequate levels of public transport in rural Ireland more generally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53394/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to increase the service regularity of the 33X-bus in north County Dublin, as there has been a noticeable reduction in the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53426/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport when the open recruitment competition for the new CEO of the Irish Aviation Authority will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53477/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*237. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has reviewed the taxation system which may act as an obstacle to increasing (the development of solar energy aimed at farmers and persons with suitable land for leasing and renting in order to meet Ireland's climate goals) activity in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [52903/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Finance if the review under quarter 3 of 2022 of the Housing for All plan on the fiscal treatment of landlords was undertaken; if the Government plans to give landlords a tax relief under the recommendations of the working group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53379/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered VRT charges on imported vehicles, allowing appeals to be finalised before any VRT fee is paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53499/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of appeals that have been lodged in respect of VRT calculations on imported vehicles in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53500/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Finance if multinational corporations including those with global revenue above €750 million will be eligible for the maximum €10,000 energy grant; if multiple subsidiaries of the same company can each make applications for the energy grant up to the maximum of €10,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52696/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Finance the total revenue collected from non-tax resident landlords on their rental income in Ireland each year since 2011, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [52765/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons working in his Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52780/22]

*244. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that there is no appeals mechanism for the refusal of an application for a primary medical certificate; when will he reinstate the disabled drivers' medical board of appeal at the National Rehabilitation Hospital, Dún Laoghaire; and his views on same. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [52839/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Finance if an applicant must meet criteria (details supplied) to be granted a primary medical certificate. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [52840/22]

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance if a newly-granted holder of a primary medical certificate can qualify for tax relief under the disabled drivers' and disabled passengers' scheme in relation to adaptations carried out on a vehicle to make it accessible for their use in advance of them being granted the certificate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [52842/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has reviewed the tax treatment of the rental income received by landowners involved in solar energy in comparison to land leased for other types of farming such as dairy. — Peter Burke. [52904/22]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will review the tax treatment of rental income received by landowners and farmers who rent land for the development of solar energy; if his Department has considered a more equitable system to tax this land use in comparison to land leased for other agricultural endeavours; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [52905/22]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the current position regarding coinage and bank notes as legal tender in the State; if shops, restaurants, pubs, cinemas and traders in general are legally allowed to refuse to accept cash payment and state they are card only; if there have been any recent legislative changes in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53007/22]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide clarification in relation to benefit-in-kind on company cars (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53028/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount raised by each local authority since the introduction of the local property tax, by year, amount eligible to raise before local-adjustment factor and amount raised in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [53038/22]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of money raised by the local property tax each year since its introduction by local authority in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [53039/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance if the agriculture sector will be exempt from the concrete levy due to the nature of its business and the large quantities of concrete that are required for large buildings and farmyards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53045/22]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered altering the 50% limit of agricultural land which may be leased for the purposes of generating solar energy while maintaining access to capital acquisitions tax relief; if he has considered doing so specifically with a view to increasing the limit, in line with the position of the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine regarding the single farm payment, or specifically with a view to seeing the calculation of land reflective of the resulting reduction in agricultural production, rather than the amount of land which is leased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53133/22]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance the way that farmers are to be included in the temporary business energy support scheme; when they can expect to benefit from the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53149/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has engaged with banks and or the Central Bank in respect of the timeframes that the banks have set for borrowers to draw down mortgages once approval has been sanctioned; if his attention has been drawn to the issue for borrowers facing interest rate increases on loans that cannot be drawn down due to building works on properties not being completed in time in order to satisfy a bank to release borrowings. — Catherine Murphy. [53154/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance if he had a bilateral meeting with the US Federal Reserve Board Chairperson, Mr Jerome Powell during his recent visit to Washington DC. — Alan Kelly. [53188/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to increase the benefit-in-kind by 40% which will reduce the income for workers who need a company vehicle to carry out their duty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53189/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on extending the tax credits for renters to include persons renting social housing and meet the financial threshold. — Holly Cairns. [53272/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering any changes to the level of inheritance tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53454/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance the process by which a percentage of the section 481 tax relief for film production can be obtained up front in advance of production; and the way that this is calculated by headings (details supplied) in tabular form. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53459/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance the work that has been undertaken to ensure that section 481 tax relief complies with both the culture test and industry development test required under European Union state aid rules; and the engagement between his Department and the European Commission on this matter since 2012. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53460/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider requesting the Revenue Commissioners to streamline and simplify the online filing of form 11s to include a method to automatically calculate the preliminary tax due to the person, along with an option to either accept this or enter a different amount if they wish (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [53510/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of tax revenue foregone through tax reliefs related to airplane leasing by income tax, corporation tax, capital gains tax, value added tax, gift and inheritance tax, stamp duty and other relevant tax relief in each of the years 2010 to 2019 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53572/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance if the analysis and reasoning behind the tax reliefs in the aviation leasing sector will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53573/22]

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

*266. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the projects that have been removed from the priority list under the national development plan. — Sean Sherlock. [52691/22]

*267. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 97 of 4 October 2022, if he will provide a further update on the selection of a contractor for the Glashaboy flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52707/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when it is expected that the Judicial Review ongoing as part of the Blackpool flood relief will conclude; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [52708/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of persons working in his Department’s press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52786/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will clearly outline the maximum lump sum and pension benefits payable for civil and public service retirees in all grades from junior to senior; if there are caps on any part of applicable pensions whether a retiree is in a junior or senior grade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [52810/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of vacant properties that are owned by his Department; the estimated economic value of the vacant properties; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52855/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of properties that are being leased by his Department that are currently vacant; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52873/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform in view of the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science’s reply to Parliamentary Question 140 of 18 October 2022, if he will provide an update on the progress of the joint proposal from officials in the Department for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, and officials in the Department of Education, aimed at resolving outstanding issues in regard to employment contracts and conditions for adult education tutors employed by ETBs and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [52909/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [52957/22]

*275. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will outline the plans of the Office of Public Works for a site (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52996/22]

*276. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that the Office of Public Works will not allow access to the swimming pool in the Garda college, Templemore in order that a person can provide swimming and water safety and life-saving classes. — Martin Browne. [53325/22]

*277. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans, if any, to reform the commission for public service appointments to ensure that public appointments can be done in a timely efficient manner given that it can take up to 24 weeks for certain vacancies to be filled. — Robert Troy. [53337/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the breakdown of expenditure from the revenue gained by carbon tax. — Francis Noel Duffy. [53345/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the supports that are available to homeowners that have been impacted by flooding in the past and who can no longer obtain flood insurance; if State supports are available in such an instance in the event of future flooding events; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53449/22]

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

*280. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will clarify the authority or function Fís Éireann holds as a State body to make decisions relating to the allocation of funding to representative bodies or lobby groups in the film sector; if permission is required from her; if she will provide a list of such bodies so funded; and the breakdown of the funding provided to each such group each of the years since 2012. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53462/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of persons working in her Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52790/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider making the 1926 Census public in the near future, rather than waiting for the 100-year mark as is custom in such cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52817/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are plans to host a reception for the Irish women's football team following their success in getting to the World Cup finals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52944/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the growing number of film studios applying for and being granted planning permission across the State; if any Departmental analysis of the capacity of the film industry to sustain so many studios has been conducted in terms of crew, productions and investment; and if her Department will develop a national strategy for audio visual infrastructure to ensure sustainable future development that will support stable employment and Irish cultural output. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53463/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of the overall 8,206 eligible applicants for the basic income for the arts scheme and of the 584 recipients described under the category of music that supplied their form 11 or other proof of registration Revenue Commissioners as proof of their artistic practice. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53467/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the final total spend on the live performance restart grant scheme; and if the list of grantees will be published. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53468/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the overall spend on Culture Night 2022; the total number of artists, performers and workers that participated and received payment for their work as part of the event; the number of artists with disabilities that were engaged as part of Culture Night; and the engagement that took place between her

Department, the Arts Council and disabled persons organisations in the lead up to the event. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53469/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding that has been provided to a project (details supplied); the funding commitment, if any, that has been committed towards long-term operational costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53493/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she intends to develop and publish a policy on the hosting of international sports events that will align the efforts of State bodies, national governing bodies, local authorities and all other relevant stakeholders, to ensure that Ireland can compete with the best in the world when bidding for major events. — Alan Dillon. [53511/22]

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

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if works will be carried out on a bridge in the Black Valley, Killarney (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53521/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government has plans to re-evaluate the way in which local authority housing tenant's rent rates are calculated (details supplied); his plans to reduce rates for tenants over 66 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [52702/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a dwelling can be deemed as derelict by a local authority under the Derelict Sites Act 1990, when the property is in fact lived in and has been the owner's principal private residence for years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52736/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the guidelines or plans that the Government has in place to ensure that there is a comprehensive and meaningful consultation process between offshore windfarm companies and local community fishers particularly in the south-east region, including Rosslare, Kilmore Quay, Duncannon and Fethard-on-Sea. — Johnny Mythen. [52766/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons working in his Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52784/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of affordable homes that have been delivered to date via the serviced sites fund, affordable housing fund, cost-rental equity loan, project tosaigh, IDA new builds and Croí Cónaithe cities, broken down by location and average cost of rent or buy in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52805/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of authorised officers under Article 11 of the European Union (Construction Products) Regulations 2013 (S.I. No. 225 of 2013) who have been appointed since 2013; and the number who are currently employed in each Markey surveillance expressed as full-time equivalents in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52814/22]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of authorised officers under Section 11 of the Building Control Act 1990 who are currently employed, by local authority, confirming the number expressed as full-time equivalents in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52815/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the next obligatory Report on the Status of Ireland's Seabirds to the EU Commission is due to be completed and published by the National Parks and Wildlife Service; if the report will comprehensively address the proliferation of urban breeding and living gull species as evidenced in the National Urban Gull Survey September 2021 and the severe negative impacts these species are having on human communities, including the now officially declared threat that they are posing to public health and safety; and if the urban gull issue will not be comprehensively addressed in the Report to the Commission, if he will provide an explanation. — Louise O'Reilly. [52884/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the next formal review of the wild birds derogation process will be carried out; if it will be put out to tender; if so the date of same; the primary and secondary legislation that will be within the scope of the review in the context of the derogation; and the primary and or secondary legislation, if any, that will be deemed to be outside the scope of the review. — Louise O'Reilly. [52885/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of one-off houses purchased by each local authority in each of the past three years, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52912/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have recently been given an instruction to purchase one-off houses for tenants with a notice to quit or to prevent homelessness; if so, if he will outline the instruction given; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52913/22]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding that will be given to local authorities to employ disability officers by local authority in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [52936/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of biodiversity officers who will be funded centrally in Cork City Council; and the funding allocation for biodiversity officers by local authority in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [52937/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that the income threshold for social housing was only increased in five of 31 local authority areas; if he will outline the premise for this decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52949/22]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will meet an association (details supplied) in relation to amending Part M of the Building Regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52975/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that he and his Department are taking to meet their public sector duties under Article 19 of the United Nations CRPD which states that disabled people have a right to live in the community with choices equal to others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52976/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale for not including dwelling design for wheelchair users to a UD ++ standard in the design manual for quality housing; the steps that will be taken to include UD ++ in the next edition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52977/22]

*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will carry out an audit on the response times between Irish Water and local authorities; if his Department will carry out an audit on response times to the public representative line; if an audit will be carried out on the reasons for the long delays in obtaining updates from Irish Water; the reasons for such poor communication between the two bodies and public representatives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52990/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the number of outstanding representations between Irish Water and Tipperary County Council; the reasons for the inability of Irish Water to obtain updates from Tipperary County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52992/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any plans to provide housing-with-care accommodation schemes in County Mayo (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53024/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes that local authorities have bought with tenants in situ; the number of local authorities that are in the process of buying same; the number that have made enquiries in relation to buying same broken down by local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53030/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local adjustment factor for each local authority since the introduction of the local property tax by local authority, year and local adjustment factor in tabular form. — Patrick Costello. [53033/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the progress that has been made to date on the preparation of a remediation scheme for apartments with defects, and specifically, in relation to payment for works already carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [53037/22]

*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that was distributed to each local authority from the local property tax since its introduction each year. — Patrick Costello. [53039/22]

*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all housing estates and properties not under the purview of local authorities; the number of units and residencies individually affected in Dún Laoghaire, Rathdown and across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53049/22]

*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports that are available in Cork for survivors of institutional abuse who find themselves homeless. — Thomas Gould. [53142/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on Ireland's marine protected areas. — Bríd Smith. [53276/22]

*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has considered to hold both the referendum on housing and the referendum on public ownership of water together; when it is expected to be held; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [53344/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of tenants given notice that the local government would house them in situ; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53378/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the consolidation of planning legislation planned for the last quarter of 2022 is to occur, taking into account the loophole that allows change of use for student accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53380/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the plan under the last quarter of 2022 to increase the borrowing capacity of the HFA to help local authorities finance land acquisition for social housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53381/22]

*322. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the details of a circular or directive issued by his Department, empowering local authorities to purchase HAP, RAS or rent supplement-subsidised properties where a notice to quit has been issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [53422/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will communicate to Kerry County Council the details of a circular or directive issued by his Department, empowering local authorities to purchase HAP, RAS or rent supplement-subsidised properties where a notice to quit has been issued, including the particulars of funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [53423/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties purchased and in the process of being purchased, under a circular or directive issued by his Department, empowering local authorities to purchase HAP, RAS or rent supplement-subsidised properties where a notice to quit has been issued, by local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [53424/22]

*325. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will liaise with the Local Government Management Agency and the County and City Management Association with respect to when a full consultation will take place with Tipperary County Council staff in relation to their transfer to Irish Water, given that little to no consultation has taken place with the staff to date, and that they have serious concerns about the terms and conditions of their contracts and restrictions on their promotional prospects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53428/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of recommendations pertaining to county development plans that have been issued to him from the Office of the Planning Regulator, per local authority in tabular form; the number of these recommendations that have been acceded to; the number that have not been acceded to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53450/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Office of the Planning Regulator has completed and submitted its Annual Report for 2022; if not, when is it due to be published; if a copy of the 2021 report will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53451/22]

*328. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the fact that the Office of the Planning Regulator has ignored two recent court judgements which found in favour of Cork County Council during the county development process; the engagement that he has had with the Office of the Planning Regulator in this regard; the advice that he received from the Office in relation to this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53452/22]

*329. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he is aware of persons who apply under homeless HAP in the jurisdiction of Fingal County Council being transferred to the housing list of another local authority area Dublin City Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [53455/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the analysis that led to setting the threshold for cost rental at €53,000 net income, given that this is far below income levels which would give the capacity to families to purchase in Dublin even with the shared equity schemes; and if he will allow persons with income somewhat in excess of this threshold to apply for cost rental now or in the foreseeable future. — Richard Bruton. [53478/22]

*331. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the total number of tree preservation orders that are currently in place nationally; the number that were issued in the past five years, broken down by local authority area as designated under section 205 of the Planning and Development Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [53483/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Consultative Committee on Building Regulations and Fire Safety; the number of meetings that the Committee has held; the outcomes of its discussions; the composition of the Committee; the outputs that the Committee will publish; when they will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53484/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he and his Department in the intended public consultation on the building regulations and fire safety technical guidance documents will consider the design, construction, workmanship and materials used on and for high-rise and high-risk buildings specifically any building over 11 metres or four or more storeys high or of a specific purpose for example public buildings or for vulnerable people and the use of and regulation in relation to combustible materials on these buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53485/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the timeframe for when the intended public consultation on the building regulations and fire safety technical guidance documents will be published and open for submissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53486/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the total number of special amenity areas currently in place nationally; the number designated in the past five years by local authority area, as designated under section 202 of the Planning

and Development Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [53488/22]

*336. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of protected structures that are currently designated nationally; the number assigned this status in the past five years by local authority area as designated under section 202 of the Planning and Development Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [53490/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 71 of 12 October 2022, if information regarding the investigation of swan mortalities at a location (details supplied) other than that relating to the avian influenza has been shared with the National Parks and Wildlife Service by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; the nature of such information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53506/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the Labre park redevelopment on the Kylemore Road, Ballyfermot; his plans for play space; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [53561/22]

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

*339. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the position of the Government in relation to the ongoing situation in Haiti and the widespread anti-government protests; and if his Department will oppose a military-led intervention currently being discussed by the United States and Canada. — Chris Andrews. [52716/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of persons working in his Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52781/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the Fuzhou overseas police service station which has opened on Capel Street Dublin, as part of the overseas 110 initiative by the Chinese government to open virtual police outposts around the world; if this virtual police station was registered with the Irish authorities; if any Chinese national living in Ireland has been persuaded through this office to return to China to face criminal charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [52926/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of diplomatic relations between Ireland and Ethiopia since the Prime Minister's national security adviser (details supplied) described the relationship between the two countries as at its nadir; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [52927/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on a recent speech by a person (details supplied) in which they compared Europe to a garden and the world to a jungle; his views on whether these comments were inappropriate and insensitive; his plans to call for a retraction of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52941/22]

*344. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount of revenue generated through the issuing of passports in each month to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [53177/22]

*345. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on an application for a certificate of freedom to marry for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [53206/22]

*346. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has raised with his UK counterpart the need to amend common travel area arrangements to ensure that persons who are resident in Ireland or the UK but who are not citizens of those states will be able to avail of freedom of travel rights; if the Irish State will consider allowing freedom of travel for these persons from the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [53224/22]

*347. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has made recent representations to his UK counterparts in relation to proposals to introduce a visa waiver programme which would require non-Irish and UK nationals resident here apply for a visa waiver; if he opposes at EU level, UK nationals being part of the EUs visa waiver programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [53225/22]

*348. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has made representations to the Algerian embassy and the Algerian government in connection with the disappearance of an Algerian citizen (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [53346/22]

*349. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the details of the engagement that he has had at UN Security Council-level with regard to the ongoing crackdown on peaceful protest in Iran; his plans to raise this matter at the next meeting of the Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53359/22]

*350. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the engagement that he has had with his Algerian, European and UN counterparts in relation to the kidnapping on 6 January 2009 in Algiers of the sibling of an Irish citizen (details supplied) for which the UNHCR established Algeria's responsibility; the circumstances of their abduction; the reason for their detention without trial; the steps that he has taken to secure their safe return; the engagement that he has had with their family in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53366/22]

*351. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of any knowledge that his Department has of the situation surrounding (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [53487/22]

*352. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline a definitive policy position on Irish foreign aid; the role that it will play on the UN Security Council and at EU level in regards to the Horn of Africa, where drought has left the region facing catastrophe this year, placing 22 million people at risk of starvation. — Alan Dillon. [53519/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*353. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons working in his Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52776/22]

*354. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacant properties that are owned by his Department; the estimated economic value of the vacant properties; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52845/22]

*355. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of properties that are being leased by his Department that are currently vacant; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52863/22]

*356. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 400 of 18 October 2022, the locations in which the in-person meetings of the Ukraine defence contact group at which Ireland has been represented have taken place. — Paul Murphy. [53105/22]

*357. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount that the Defence Forces spent on purchasing military equipment from companies based in the UK excluding Northern Ireland in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [53182/22]

*358. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount that the Defence Forces spent on purchasing military equipment from companies based in the United States 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [53183/22]

*359. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department received a request for assistance from the HSE and the Department Health during the Covid -19 pandemic for a specific nursing home (details supplied) during the first outbreak of Covid-19; if so, the date that such request was made; the nature of the request; the response of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53489/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*360. To ask the Minister for Education her assistance on a matter which has been passed between multiple departments relating to the lack of funding for trainee educational and child psychologists, similar to that for trainee counselling psychologist colleagues. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53144/22]

*361. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider funding for a cohort of students (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53444/22]

*362. To ask the Minister for Education the monetary value of the support that each school can avail of to install solar panels. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53574/22]

*363. To ask the Minister for Education the financial supports available from her Department for those completing educational psychology trainee courses who are on placement in the children's disability network team. — Catherine Murphy. [52699/22]

*364. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) that has been approved funding under the additional accommodation scheme will receive approval to go to tender; if her Department will provide an update on where the current situation is at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [52709/22]

*365. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that exist for trainee educational and child psychologists in the earlier years of a course (details supplied); and if the NEPS will sponsor a cohort of trainees in the years to come. — Paul Murphy. [52719/22]

*366. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide confirmation that students who are participating in a course at a college (details supplied) are not being sponsored. — Paul Murphy. [52720/22]

*367. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether funding rather than sponsorship should be given to final year students that are undertaking a course at a college (details supplied) in recognition of the work that they carry out within the service from year one through to year three in much the way that was recently announced for counselling psychologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52721/22]

*368. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider increasing funding for those studying trainee educational and child psychology courses to bring them level to their trainee clinical psychology counterparts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52728/22]

*369. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the issues presenting at a school (details supplied) as a consequence of two schools sharing the same building; her views on whether this is negatively impacting the education of the young people attending the school not permanently resident in the building; the action that her Department is taking to ensure the delivery of a new school building for the school at the earliest opportunity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52737/22]

*370. To ask the Minister for Education if funding is available from her Department to assist schools with the cost of school tours for pupils; if there are plans to establish a funding scheme to assist schools and parents with these costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [52767/22]

*371. To ask the Minister for Education when the 2022 Junior Certificate exam results will be given to the students who sat the exam; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [52770/22]

*372. To ask the Minister for Education the number of persons working in her Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52777/22]

*373. To ask the Minister for Education her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); the process for allocating a school bus escort and or special needs assistant in this circumstance; the length of time that such an allocation would take at present; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52806/22]

*374. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review her Department's decision that from September 2023, Leaving Certificate candidates will take paper 1 in Irish and English at the end of fifth year instead of at the end of sixth year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52822/22]

*375. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide clarity on the situation in relation to substitution cover particularly for ASD classes at primary level (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52829/22]

*376. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on efforts to develop an Irish language policy for the education system; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52830/22]

*377. To ask the Minister for Education her views on matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied) regarding trainee educational psychologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52835/22]

*378. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the case of a child (details supplied); the options that are open to the parent to ensure that the child gets a school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [52838/22]

*379. To ask the Minister for Education the number of vacant properties that are owned by her Department; the estimated economic value of the vacant properties; and if she will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52846/22]

*380. To ask the Minister for Education the number of properties that are being leased by her Department that are currently vacant; and if she will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52864/22]

*381. To ask the Minister for Education if a salary certificate will be expedited and issued to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [52879/22]

*382. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a school place for a Ukrainian child (details supplied) who is living in Fairways, Donabate and is unable to find a school placement locally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52889/22]

*383. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a school place for a Ukrainian child (details supplied) staying in Hildan, Rolestown who has been unable to secure a school place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52890/22]

*384. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a person (details supplied) will be allocated a school bus ticket to attend a school in Carrickmacross as was the case in previous years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [52942/22]

*385. To ask the Minister for Education if a response will issue to correspondence from a school principal (details supplied); if the project can receive State funding; if she will liaise and meet with those who run the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [52945/22]

*386. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide the schedule for the commencement and completion of construction of the long-delayed college (details supplied) in view of the severe lack of school capacity in Enfield, County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [52956/22]

*387. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to address the situation in which trainee educational and child psychologists are working side-by-side with clinical psychologist trainees in schools, but are unpaid for their work, unlike their clinical psychologist colleagues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [53023/22]

*388. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of extending the free schoolbooks scheme to voluntary primary schools; if she will consider a mechanism to allow these schools to access the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [53042/22]

*389. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that Bus Éireann has issued a generalised response to only one of 24 queries in relation to school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [53052/22]

*390. To ask the Minister for Education if the Bus Éireann school transport section received any instructions from her Department in relation to answering queries by Deputies on the provision of school transport tickets particularly concessionary tickets; and if so, the nature of those communications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [53053/22]

*391. To ask the Minister for Education her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in respect of support of educational psychologists; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53077/22]

*392. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on work that is underway to improve pay and terms and conditions for school caretakers similar to that achieved for school secretaries; the stage this process is at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53124/22]

*393. To ask the Minister for Education if she can intervene to ensure that a developing school post at a school (details supplied) is retained, in view of the fact that the loss of this post would bring class size ratios up to approximately 35:1 for this school and in view of the stated policy ambition is to reduce class size ratios to 24:1; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [53125/22]

*394. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that all required special needs' assistant supports are in place for a school (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [53226/22]

*395. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider the provision of a school transport service for a student (details supplied). — James Browne. [53263/22]

*396. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the school transport application in the name of a student (details supplied); and a ticket will be issued in due course. — James Browne. [53264/22]

*397. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children in County Tipperary that have qualified under the school transport scheme for children with special educational needs; the number of those children that have yet to be provided with transport; and the number of those applicants that have received the special transport grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53278/22]

*398. To ask the Minister for Education if the special transport grant that has yet been provided to a person (details supplied); the length of time his Department anticipate that this person will have to wait for the SEN transport service to begin operating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53279/22]

*399. To ask the Minister for Education if the special transport grant has been provided to a person (details supplied); the length of time that they will have to wait for the SEN transport service to begin operating; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53280/22]

*400. To ask the Minister for Education the action that is being taken to address the current delays in the provision of SEN school transport in County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53281/22]

*401. To ask the Minister for Education the number of outstanding school transport applications for the 2022-2023 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53299/22]

*402. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is considering auditing the number of times that school transport tickets are used by the children issued with them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53300/22]

*403. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the planning application by a school (details supplied) in north County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53301/22]

*404. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be reviewed for re-mapping for school transport given that it is located in Malahide, County Dublin and not Swords, County Dublin; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53302/22]

*405. To ask the Minister for Education the role that her Department plays in the funding and management of Sudbury schools which are located around the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53303/22]

*406. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for persons (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53304/22]

*407. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children who are still without school bus transport. — Peadar Tóibín. [53320/22]

*408. To ask the Minister for Education if she will give favourable consideration to an application by Longford Westmeath ETB for a new HQ to be located at Columb Barrack, Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [53334/22]

*409. To ask the Minister for Education if a request for a school bus ticket can be re-assessed for a family (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [53362/22]

*410. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in respect of proposals for an additional accommodation request from a school (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the need for such a development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [53373/22]

*411. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [53437/22]

*412. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the delay by the State Examinations Commission in processing appeals submitted by Leaving Certificate students (details supplied) given that students are dependent upon the outcome of appeals in order to accept college places and the delay in processing appeals has resulted in students losing out on many weeks of college; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [53456/22]

*413. To ask the Minister for Education if a school bus service route (details supplied) in County Clare which was cancelled without notice will be reinstated as a matter of urgency given that it affects approximately 50 students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [53458/22]

*414. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will consider a review of the secondary school transport route in the area from Coralstown, County Westmeath serving a school (details supplied) to take account of significant additional homes which now qualify for the school transport scheme, but that are a considerable distance from the nearest pick-up point; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [53476/22]

*415. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the need for a non-denominational, coeducational secondary school for the Killester, Raheny and Clontarf school catchment in which all seven existing secondary schools have a religious ethos; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53494/22]

*416. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 223 of 7 July 2022, if she will take steps to address the high level of boys who leave the Killester, Raheny and Clontarf school catchment area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53495/22]

*417. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider establishing a finished autism class in each school in Dublin 12 to serve as a model area in particular to address the need for dedicated autism classes in schools (details supplied); and if she will use the 37A process to compel these schools to open autism classes. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53496/22]

*418. To ask the Minister for Education if she will engage with the Minister for Disabilities to develop a centralised national database for children with special educational needs at primary and secondary level to streamline forward planning by the NCSE and to ensure that school supports and places are provided within local communities. — Alan Dillon. [53518/22]

*419. To ask the Minister for Education if she will intervene in an urgent school transport case for a child (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [53522/22]

*420. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to extend the recently announced funding for a cohort of third-year doctoral students of educational psychology to all second and third-year doctoral students of educational psychology; the estimated annual cost of extending the payment to all second and third-year doctoral students of educational psychology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53524/22]

*421. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to extend the recently announced funding for a cohort of third-year doctoral students of educational psychology beyond the current academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53525/22]

*422. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the development of the workforce plan for educational psychologists; when she expects the workforce planning group to submit its final report; if the workforce planning group is examining the provision of financial support to all second and third-year doctoral students of educational psychology; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53526/22]

*423. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department intends to issue a joint circular which explicitly states that schools should not use alcohol educational resources developed by the alcohol industry or alcohol industry-funded organisations; if so, the date that this will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53567/22]

*424. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 101 of 19 October 2022, her plans to increase the number of generalised learning disability units to provide additional supports to children with additional needs who do not have an ASD diagnosis but who require the supports of a specialised placement (details supplied); the reason that only those children with an ASD diagnosis are being prioritised for specialist placements given that a number of other disabilities also require specialised placements as recommended in a professional report; if she will list the disabilities supported by generalised learning disabilities; the number of generalised learning disabilities units per county; the number of generalised learning disability units opened in 2021 and 2022; the number of generalised learning disability units planned for 2022 and 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53568/22]

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

*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when is it expected that the agreed community employment ex-gratia payments will be processed and issued; and when the dates for the scheduled payments will be announced. — Patrick O'Donovan. [52887/22]

*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the CE supervisor gratuity will be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [53430/22]

*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to calls by an organisation (details supplied) to raise all core social protection rates by at least €20 in the Social Welfare Bill 2022; if she will take this information into account and make the necessary increases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52729/22]

*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a carer's benefit payment in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be extended and reinstated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52730/22]

*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will provide a record of the insurance contributions made by a person (details supplied); the way that the figure of €22 was calculated as a State pension (non-contributory) in their case; if they will be included as an adult dependent on their spouse's State pension (non-contributory) when they qualify at the same rate that they are now on through their spouses jobseeker's claim. — John McGuinness. [52751/22]

*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52760/22]

*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that illness benefit recipients are excluded from the cost-of-living double payment, particularly those who are on IB for an extended period of time, such as a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52761/22]

*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the training and progression programme for young adults with additional needs can be maintained and remain operational; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [52768/22]

*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons working in her Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52788/22]

*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider increasing the employment income disregards for persons in receipt of non-contributory widow's pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [52793/22]

*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that persons who have paid a certain contribution (details supplied) with limited income cannot qualify for the household benefits package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [52794/22]

*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [52811/22]

*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assistance that her Department can provide a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [52812/22]

*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she and her Department have plans to revert the contribution eligibility criteria for the State pension (contributory) to pre-2012 band rates; if she will request her Department to review the numerous applications made by a person (details supplied) in County Waterford who, through no fault of their own, falls outside the eligibility criteria currently set out for both the contributory and non-contributory pension; if she will outline in detail the reason that their years spent as a home carer are not being taken into consideration in this instance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [52813/22]

*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the extra benefits announced in Budget 2023 for people on disability allowance will be available to those who have come off disability allowance on a temporary basis to undertake Solas training courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [52886/22]

*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details on the way in which the total contribution approach for calculating pensions will be phased in over ten years starting in 2024; if averaging will be available during this ten-year period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [52897/22]

*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [52898/22]

*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52914/22]

*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans for community welfare services in south Donegal given that there is currently a post vacant and there are a number of community welfare officers on extended sick leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [52932/22]

*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any assistance towards electricity and fuel bills is available to a person (details supplied) who is currently in receipt of jobseeker's benefit and is struggling to pay for heating oil; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52934/22]

*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the refusal of a pension (non-contributory) will be examined for a person (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [52948/22]

*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any further assistance is available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52950/22]

*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review an issue (details supplied) in relation to D stamp pensioners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [52955/22]

*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that there is no supplementary welfare for persons on low income or who are in receipt of social welfare payments to help with the cost of buying gluten free food vital for their health; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52980/22]

*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that persons on illness benefit are not entitled to the Christmas bonus, fuel allowance or any other supports in view of the cost-of-living crisis and recent fuel hikes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52981/22]

*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a fuel allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [52985/22]

*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reconsider a decision in respect of eligibility for the disability allowance in cases in which the medical criteria are clearly qualifying the applicant and in which the financial means test as currently applied is using the capital value as opposed to the rental income from a second property to disqualify the applicant in view of the accounts (details supplied) that were approved by accountants and submitted to the Revenue Commissioners; if she will review this case given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [53040/22]

*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if rent allowance is being paid to persons who live in mobile homes; if not, the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53050/22]

*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of supplementary welfare allowance applications that have been made since 1 May 2022 to date; the number that have been approved, refused and still awaiting a decision by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53067/22]

*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm that there has been no community welfare officer in the Tallaght Intreo office since 2020; and if not, the reason for same. — Paul Murphy. [53068/22]

*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the increase to the living alone allowance is calculable income when qualifying for the fuel allowance. — Joe Flaherty. [53078/22]

*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an appeal by a person (detail supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53103/22]

*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if illness benefit recipients will receive the November 2022 cost-of-living double payment; and if not, if she will outline the rationale behind that decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [53120/22]

*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she expects her Department to complete exploratory work regarding proposals from an organisation (details supplied); if further meetings on this matter will be arranged before the end of 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53146/22]

*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when it is likely that the vacancy for a community welfare officer in Kinlough and Donegal Town will be filled after the post became vacant in mid-October 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53155/22]

*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who is in receipt of an occupational private pension and who is living alone can apply for the living alone increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53159/22]

*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who is in receipt of a private occupational pension with no entitlement to a State pension can apply for the winter fuel allowance if they meet the means criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53160/22]

*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the anomaly in the Budget 2023 proposals in which participants on community employment schemes will receive a €5 increase per week; if she will increase this payment to €12 per week in line with all other social welfare recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53190/22]

*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53193/22]

*464. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to change the regime in which persons who work past the age of 66 years can continue to claim the contributory pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53197/22]

*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 458 of 13 October 2022, the basis on which long-Covid does not constitute a prescribed disease or illness as set out in the Social Welfare Consolidation Act 2005; the reason that her Department does not intend on revising this position; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [53238/22]

*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for a widower's pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53247/22]

*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53248/22]

*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will reconsider the qualifying criteria for the fuel allowance in cases in which a person who is in receipt of a qualifying payment will not get fuel allowance if their spouse or partner is in receipt of a social welfare payment that is not

one of the qualifying payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [53250/22]

*469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider the application for an exceptional needs' payment by a person (details supplied) who is appealing the decision to refuse their application for assistance to cover the fuel costs they are incurring travelling to Beaumont and St. Luke's Hospitals for treatment. — Sorca Clarke. [53251/22]

*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 22 of 13 October 2022, 50745/22, if the review of the school meals programme includes an evaluation of the rates of payment, particularly in view of rising energy and food costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53267/22]

*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who is resident in Ireland (details supplied) and is working for an English company and therefore, paying tax and insurance under the English system can access supports here on the basis of the Convention on Social Security between Ireland and England; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53284/22]

*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if foster parents receive a backdated child benefit payment when their foster child is six months under their care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53291/22]

*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if foster parents can apply for the back to school allowance for children in their care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53292/22]

*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if foster parents can apply and receive the domiciliary care allowance for foster children in their care; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53293/22]

*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a disability allowance application will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53326/22]

*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for disability allowance will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53343/22]

*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that illness benefit recipients are excluded from the autumn double payment and the Christmas bonus payment; if this matter will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [53348/22]

*478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will list, by social welfare payment type, those included and excluded from the autumn double payment and the Christmas bonus payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [53349/22]

*479. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will allocate more staff to the local community welfare offices to deal with the increased workload CWOs are experiencing due to the extra SWAs application and exceptional needs' payment applications as a result of the cost-of-living increases (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [53364/22]

*480. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase the salaries for community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [53371/22]

*481. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will request a review into week pension rate for a person (details supplied) given that the weekly rate has recently reduced despite no change in circumstances. — Robert Troy. [53420/22]

*482. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will allow recipients of the old-age pension in cases in which a person is residing in the house with their parents to qualify for household package, given of the current high energy costs. — Robert Troy. [53421/22]

*483. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide clarification on whether partial capacity recipients will be in a position to claim the €500 cost-of-living grant for disabilities; if not, the reason for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53479/22]

*484. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if illness benefit will be considered as a payment which qualifies for the additional lump sum payments as outlined in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [53492/22]

*485. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to a payment to her Department by the UK DHSS for a person (details supplied) in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53528/22]

*486. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will arrange to have an appointment system put in place for a public service card procedures in view of the inconvenience of the present limited number of places each day resulting in many disappointed clients and long waiting periods. — Richard Bruton. [53565/22]

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

*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to increase the rates for foster parents given that rates have not increased in ten years. — Robert Troy. [53427/22]

*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding increases, if any, have been made to the Early Childhood Care and Education scheme since its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [53921/22]

*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of profitability for sessional services funded via the Early Childhood Care and Education scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [53923/22]

*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the circumstance of the closure of a school (details supplied) in Tuam, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [53924/22]

*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that are available to services, either private or community, to support them with financial sustainability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [53925/22]

*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider providing a temporary structure for communal purposes for the 300 Ukrainian residents who are currently housed in Hookless village, Fethard-on-Sea (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [52756/22]

*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons working in his Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52775/22]

*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding that is available for a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [52795/22]

*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on efforts to develop an Irish language policy for the pre-school education system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52832/22]

*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the long-term plans for a premises (details supplied) that is owned by the Housing Agency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [52836/22]

*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacant properties that are owned by his Department; the estimated economic value of the vacant properties; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52844/22]

*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of properties that are being leased by his Department that are currently vacant; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52862/22]

*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a situation in a centre for Ukrainian refugees in Cork (details supplied), in which parents and their children have reported being very cold and requests to turn on the heating have been met with threats of eviction and foul language; the policy regarding heating in publicly-funded centres as winter approaches; if he will take steps to address this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52895/22]

*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the specific allocation to his Department in Budget 2023 for the implementation of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015; the total amount estimated for the full roll-out of the Act and the functions of its agencies, including the decision support service, HSE and so on in 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52951/22]

*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the specific allocation to his Department in Budget 2023 for the implementation of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015; the total amount estimated for the full roll-out of the Act and the functions of its agencies in 2024, 2025 and 2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52952/22]

*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the provision of communal space for an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52970/22]

*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans to increase the age of a child for whom a parent wants to take parental leave to above 12 years. — Joe Flaherty. [52998/22]

*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will investigate allegations of unacceptable behaviour by management of a hostel for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied) in County Cork; if he will outline the person or body that is responsible for and the way oversight of these centres is being carried out and maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [53011/22]

*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there is anything in the terms of the core funding agreement that precludes creche and Montessori schools from applying locally-agreed discounts, including sibling discounts. — Louise O'Reilly. [53027/22]

*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to increase the accommodation recognition payment for households accommodating Ukrainian refugees given the increase in the cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53109/22]

*507. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will shorten the time that foster parents have to wait to receive the child benefit payment for children in their care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53286/22]

*508. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when foster parents will receive his recently announced additional payment of child benefit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53287/22]

*509. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is undertaking a review of the monthly payments foster parents received to care for their foster children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53288/22]

*510. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian refugees that Ireland has welcomed and accommodated since the invasion of their country in February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53289/22]

*511. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of additional staff members have been allocated to his Department to manage the increase in work incurred by the Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53290/22]

*512. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 407 of 20 September 2022, if the proposed review of the Equality Acts will examine if there is a need for regulation to recognise epilepsy alert dogs and seizure alert dogs as service animals and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53383/22]

*513. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding increases, if any, that have been made to the early childhood care and education scheme since its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53412/22]

*514. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which many early learning and care services have engaged with county childcare committees in relation to financial sustainability in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53413/22]

*515. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of profitability for sessional services funded via the early childhood care and education scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53414/22]

*516. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the circumstances of the closure of a montessori (details supplied) in Tuam, County Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53415/22]

*517. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that are available to services, either private or community, to support them with financial sustainability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [53416/22]

*518. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details from the records available to his Department of the number of persons who spend less than six months in mother and baby homes or county homes for the time period covered by the Mother and Baby Institutions Payment Scheme Bill 2022. — Holly Cairns. [53582/22]

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

*519. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason retired persons with qualifying pensions at a college (details supplied) have not yet received the 1% pay increase that was granted in October 2021 which current civil servants have already received; his plans to address this matter; if he can confirm that all eligible persons will receive their increase in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53305/22]

*520. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of persons working in his Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52782/22]

*521. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 414 of 20 September 2022, if he will provide further details on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52804/22]

*522. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on efforts to develop an Irish language policy for the post-Leaving Certificate and tertiary education system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52831/22]

*523. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of vacant properties that are owned by his Department; the estimated economic value of the vacant properties; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52851/22]

*524. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of properties that are being leased by his Department that are currently vacant; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52869/22]

*525. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if all third level students regardless of their SUSI entitlements will be eligible for the €1,000 reduction in student contribution fees in 2022; and when and the way that this reduction will be rolled out. — Cathal Crowe. [52882/22]

*526. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the fact that aircraft engineering apprentices who are in phase 2 of their training which must be completed in Shannon have a rate of pay of €202.78 per week, which is the lowest rate issued by Solas for any trade; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that 2016 was the last time that their rate was updated; if he will ensure that this rate is urgently increased to ensure these apprentices are appropriately compensated for their work given the increase in the cost-of-living since then; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [52900/22]

*527. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who have applied for a SUSI grant on the grounds of parental estrangement in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [53128/22]

*528. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the level of funding provided to each campus within the Atlantic Technology University under the student assistance fund allocation for 2022-2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53152/22]

*529. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the steps that are in place for students (details supplied) who are not a typical course drop-out who wish to return to the education system following recovery, if they can re-apply for a SUSI grant and take into account previous circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53153/22]

*530. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if life-long learning students will be eligible for the reimbursement of fees which is being paid to full-time students (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [53158/22]

*531. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he intends to extend the recently-announced €1,000 refund to undergraduate students to graduate entry medicine students who face annual fees of between €15,000 and €17,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53215/22]

*532. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that all third level undergraduate and postgraduate students are not eligible for the reduction in fees of €1,000 announced in Budget 2023; the reason that a person (details supplied) who is studying in Limerick University will not benefit from the cost-of-living package for third level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53268/22]

*533. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student (details supplied) will qualify for a reduction in fees in line with announcement made under Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [53321/22]

*534. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the timeframe for the establishment of a centre of excellence for electronic vehicles in Mullingar. — Robert Troy. [53333/22]

*535. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline and publish the borrowing framework for technological universities to provide for affordable housing. — Robert Troy. [53335/22]

*536. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the links that his Department has with the Department of Health and HSE to ensure that adequate college places are being made available each year to ensure the required number of graduates available to the health service. — Robert Troy. [53336/22]

*537. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending criteria of eligibility for training supported under the national training fund; if he has considered a review of same; and if he has engaged with industry to see how best to utilise this fund to ensure the workforce is equipped for Ireland's modern economy of today and into the future. — Robert Troy. [53341/22]

*538. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on Ireland remaining a highly-skilled economy, when State investment in research as a percentage of GDP is below the EU average. — Robert Troy. [53342/22]

*539. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if she will provide an update on the student grant appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53431/22]

*540. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the role that his Department or Quality and Qualifications Ireland have in overseeing or accrediting the training provided by Fís Éireann through Screen Skills Ireland to film industry workers. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53461/22]

*541. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if it is correct that a person (details supplied) has been refused a SUSI grant despite being enrolled in a level 8 course in a higher education institution facilitated through links with a further education institution; if the decision will be reviewed given the barrier to progression that it poses to the individual; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53527/22]

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

*542. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to amend the Multi Unit Development Act; if he will provide guidance on the criteria and thresholds that must be met in order to make a determination that an estate is unfinished; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [52902/22]

*543. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda officers currently serving at each rank; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52703/22]

*544. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda officers who have been appointed to the rank of superintendent and above from 1 September 2018 to date and who have previously served as members of the Police Service of Northern Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52704/22]

*545. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons working in her Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52785/22]

*546. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); when the application is expected to be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52802/22]

*547. To ask the Minister for Justice if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [52907/22]

*548. 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. [52922/22]

*549. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52924/22]

*550. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will overturn convictions for brothel-keeping on individuals who have subsequently been identified as victims of trafficking; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [52930/22]

*551. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to that has been made to date in the determination of applications in the case of persons (details supplied); when the applications will be finalised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [52935/22]

*552. To ask the Minister for Justice the provisions that are in place for the urgent return of passports in the case of persons (details supplied) when making a short stay business visa application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [52938/22]

*553. To ask the Minister for Justice the current occupancy rate in all of the State prisons; her views on the capacity in the Prison Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [52969/22]

*554. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to each divisional roads policing unit as of 30 April 2021 and 18 October 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53000/22]

*555. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of cases that the Dublin north divisional protective services unit have dealt with in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number that ended with

a successful prosecution in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [53001/22]

*556. To ask the Minister for Justice when the contract for the provision of stab vests that are issued to frontline gardaí was last put out to tender; when this current contract is due to expire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [53002/22]

*557. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to a station (details supplied) as of 1 October 2021 and 18 October 2022, in tabular form; if a new competition will be held for additional gardaí to join will commence before the end of 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [53003/22]

*558. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and vans attached to the Kerry division and Sligo-Leitrim division as of 1 January 2021 and 17 October 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [53004/22]

*559. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 1442 of 8 September 2022, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [53005/22]

*560. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to county coroners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [53041/22]

*561. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of high-powered unmarked motorcycles attached to the Garda fleet as of 31 March 2021 and 18 October 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [53178/22]

*562. To ask the Minister for Justice when the An Garda Síochána Capital Works Building Programme 2022 to 2026 in co-operation with the OPW will be published. — Alan Kelly. [53180/22]

*563. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prosecutions for human trafficking for labour exploitation that have occurred since that offence first appeared on the statute books and the number of convictions that have occurred to date. — Mick Barry. [53222/22]

*564. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have obtained residency rights in the State based on a family member who is a UK national when the UK was a member of the EU who now must apply for a new residency permit; if she will consider automatically renewing these applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [53223/22]

*565. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the status of an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53358/22]

*566. To ask the Minister for Justice when a person (details supplied) can expect to hear back from the INIS on the processing and completion of their application for the temporary granting of a stamp 4 in advance of their marriage in February 2023. — Sean Sherlock. [53569/22]

*567. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has taken into consideration the possible impact of the recently enacted Birth and Information Tracing Act 2022 on the entitlement to Irish citizenship by birth in Ireland of persons who were living in another jurisdiction and who were unaware of their birth history until the Act came into force; the possible subsequent impact on children and

grandchildren of such persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53591/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the staff census and workforce review of community disability network teams 2022, due to have been undertaken on 12 October 2022; the current vacancy rate by discipline and CHO area in tabular form; the CHO2 vacancy rate by region and discipline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53308/22]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who has been awaiting cataract surgery at University Hospital Limerick, following their referral three years ago; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [52692/22]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there is no dedicated Parkinson's consultant or team available in Cork University Hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52694/22]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health if he will list the international scientific studies which informed his Department's decision to impose compulsory mask-wearing in certain settings during the Covid-19 pandemic, and which have informed his recent advice that the public should wear masks on public transport this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52705/22]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the health centre in Rearcross, County Tipperary has not reopened on Tuesdays as it regularly did prior to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52710/22]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health when the health centre in Rearcross, County Tipperary will re-open for GP services, given that it has not yet reopened since Covid-19, and that it is a vital and important resource to persons in the local community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52711/22]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on screening and diagnostic waiting lists for cancer-related appointments, by location and by gender in tabular form; the number as of 10 October 2010, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52712/22]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health the mean, median and maximum wait time on screening and diagnostic waiting lists for cancer-related appointments, by location and by gender in tabular form; the number as of 1 October 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52713/22]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on radiation, surgical, and medical oncology waiting lists by appointment type, by location, and by gender, in tabular form; the number as of 1 October 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52714/22]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the mean, median, and maximum wait time for radiation, surgical, and medical oncology by appointment type, by location, and by gender in tabular form;

the number as of 1 October 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52715/22]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will have his autism spectrum disorder assessment carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [52723/22]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if the condition that mental illness is only covered by the long-term illness card for those under 16 years has been challenged by the Ombudsman as discriminatory; if it is still being used as grounds for refusal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [52727/22]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 550 of 27 September 2022, if he will provide a breakdown of the waiting times for those currently on the CAMHS waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52738/22]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children currently awaiting an assessment of need in counties Roscommon and Galway; the length of time that they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52739/22]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting an appointment with children's psychology services in counties Roscommon and Galway; the length of time they have been on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52740/22]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of Covid-19 testing sites that are HSE-run in Dublin. — Paul Murphy. [52742/22]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a weight management clinic (details supplied) has been suspended; and when the clinic will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52746/22]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are currently attending a weight management clinic (details supplied) broken down by CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52747/22]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are currently on the waiting list for an appointment to attend the weight management clinic (details supplied) broken down by CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [52748/22]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health if he has been briefed by his officials in relation to other countries offering Covid booster vaccines to those under 50 years this winter (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [52752/22]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health to provide in tabular form the number of people working in the Department's press office; communications team; and social media team. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52783/22]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health when the new extension of a facility (details supplied) which is fully completed with 60 additional beds, will be fully operational; if the required number

of nurses, care assistants, porters and administrative staff have been recruited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52798/22]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health when work on the Golf Links Hotel in Blarney, County Cork which was purchased by the HSE for the provision of step-down beds, will be completed; when it is envisaged that this facility will be fully staffed and operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52799/22]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set out in detail the number of additional step down-beds that will become available in each of the HSE operational areas from 1 November 2022, given that there will be increased pressures in the hospital services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52800/22]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the current position in respect of the discharge of patients from hospitals to step-down facilities in cases in which the patient or their immediate family are given no say by the HSE in respect of which step-down facility they are transferred to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [52801/22]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children awaiting physiotherapy appointments in counties Roscommon and Galway; the length of time that they have been on the waiting list; the current wait time for an appointment; the steps that are being taken to address waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52803/22]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 568 of 14 September 2022, if he will provide a breakdown of the length of time that children have been on the waiting lists for occupational therapy appointments in counties Roscommon and Galway; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52807/22]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that an organisation (details supplied) transferred its occupational therapy waiting list to the HSE in County Galway; if this has happened in other areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52808/22]

*596. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment in Merlin Park University Hospital, Galway; if the referral is an emergency referral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52816/22]

*597. To ask the Minister for Health if he will honour Dr. Kathleen Lynn by naming the new national children's hospital after her, recognising both her role in paediatric health and her role in the revolutionary period with both Cumann na mBan and the Irish Citizen Army, and in view of the efforts to recognise the historic contribution of women to Irish society. — Patrick Costello. [52819/22]

*598. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) is now worse-off on their welfare payments due to increases in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52823/22]

*599. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 557 of 27 September 2022, the timeline for non-HSE and non-Section 39 organisations to receive their pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52834/22]

*600. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant properties that are owned by his Department; the estimated economic value of the vacant properties; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52852/22]

*601. To ask the Minister for Health the number of properties that are being leased by his Department that are currently vacant; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52870/22]

*602. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide further detail on the national diabetes registry provided for in Budget 2023; if there is a framework for the delivery of the registry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [52883/22]

*603. To ask the Minister for Health the number of qualified educational psychologists currently work within primary care services; the number of qualified educational psychologists currently working within children and adolescent mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [52899/22]

*604. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the downgrading of health services on Arranmore island, for example the current community-registered nurse is not on the island full-time and there is no public health nurse, leading to people waiting longer for treatment and having to go to the mainland more often; his views on whether this is appropriate at a time when the population of the island is increasing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [52906/22]

*605. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to the public health nurse network in the Dublin west region; if there is a timeframe available regarding when the service will return to normal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [52908/22]

*606. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the amount of the €4 million funding in Budget 2023 requested by an organisation (details supplied) that was allocated to it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [52910/22]

*607. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the amount of the €941,000 funding in Budget 2023 requested by an organisation (details supplied) that was allocated to it; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [52911/22]

*608. To ask the Minister for Health the digital solutions that he is exploring to target speech and language waiting lists both for adults and children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52916/22]

*609. To ask the Minister for Health the digital solutions that he is exploring to target occupational therapy waiting lists both for adults and children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52917/22]

*610. To ask the Minister for Health the digital solutions that he is exploring to target physiotherapy waiting lists both for adults and children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52918/22]

*611. To ask the Minister for Health the digital solutions that he is exploring to target CAMHS waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [52919/22]

*612. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that entresto and medications to treat hyperemesis gravidarum have not yet been added to the drug reimbursement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [52931/22]

*613. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the recruitment campaign to replace the outgoing CEO of the HSE; the process and timeframe for appointing a replacement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [52933/22]

*614. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that day-care services in Loughrea are provided at the purpose-built facility on the St. Brendan's campus only one day each week with the service provided at a local hotel on other days; the progress that is being made to reinstate the service to the St. Brendan's campus on a full-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52943/22]

*615. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied). — Gino Kenny. [52954/22]

*616. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to address supports for diagnosed coeliac sufferers to purchase gluten free food; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [52979/22]

*617. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bedrooms and bathrooms in Cois Abhainn Residential Centre, Youghal, County Cork; the dimensions of the bedrooms; the dimensions of the building; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52982/22]

*618. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been invested in maintenance, upgrades and any building works at Cois Abhainn Residential Centre, Youghal, in each of the years 2012 and 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52983/22]

*619. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently residing in Cois Abhainn Residential Centre, Youghal; the number who are in single-occupancy rooms; the number who are in shared rooms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [52984/22]

*620. To ask the Minister for Health if it is intended that the National Gender Service Ireland will expand its service to treat Irish children and young persons who have been diagnosed with gender dysphoria in Ireland, given that a British healthcare setting (details supplied), which takes referrals from Irish children and young persons who have been diagnosed with gender dysphoria, is to change to a regional service and will no longer be taking these referrals; if so, the timeframe for this to become operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [52989/22]

*621. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52997/22]

*622. To ask the Minister for Health the staff turnover rate in the HSE for 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, by grade and by hospital group and CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [53009/22]

*623. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 820 of 18 October 2022, if he will outline the way that he concluded that the terminology used represents the most

commonly understood; if he will outline the empirical analysis or study that was undertaken to reach this conclusion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53012/22]

*624. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the work of his Department regarding the provision of community-based vasectomy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [53013/22]

*625. To ask the Minister for Health the average length of time that it took to fill a consultant vacancy in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, from the initial application for the post by a hospital to the role being offered to the successful candidate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [53015/22]

*626. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time for which each pre-existing and newly-created vacant consultant post which are currently unfilled have been vacant, in tabular form; the date on which each post was sought, approved and first advertised; the date on which the posts were re-advertised, where applicable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [53016/22]

*627. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions on which a consultant post was re-advertised due to an inability to fill the post in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the number of occasions on which they were re-advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [53017/22]

*628. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consultant posts requested, approved, advertised, and filled in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the date on which the relevant posts were sought, approved, advertised and filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [53018/22]

*629. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the suspension of a service (details supplied); the action that is being taken to resume the service and reduce waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53019/22]

*630. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 374 of 11 November 2021, the average length of time that it took to recruit and fill a consultant post in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [53020/22]

*631. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is on a hospital waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53043/22]

*632. To ask the Minister for Health if a decision has been made on the reimbursement of a drug (details supplied); if he will provide an update on the process; if it has not been approved, if he will provide an indicative timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53046/22]

*633. To ask the Minister for Health the number of families that are currently waiting for an individual family service plan in children's disability network teams; the percentage of those waiting for an individual family service plans that have received their IFSP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53047/22]

*634. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to locating a community garden in Dingle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53069/22]

*635. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53070/22]

*636. To ask the Minister for Health when circadin will be available on the medical card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [53071/22]

*637. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of optometrists working in primary care nationwide; the action that he will take to increase the resources for these roles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [53073/22]

*638. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to address the waiting list of referrals for children for appointments with community ophthalmologists; the action that he will take to decrease waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [53074/22]

*639. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of healthmail and the uptake throughout Ireland's health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [53075/22]

*640. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to move the HSE adult optical scheme authorisation process online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [53076/22]

*641. To ask the Minister for Health when the report of the latest review of the accident and emergency and acute care facilities at Our Lady's Hospital in Navan, County Meath, and associated facilities will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [53110/22]

*642. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53121/22]

*643. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new patients who started anti-cancer therapy in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [53129/22]

*644. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to any increase or perceived increase in the number of persons since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, or any increase or perceived increase in the number of persons diagnosed with stage four cancer since the start of the pandemic; if he will provide any data or statistics held by his Department which detail annual trends in cancer diagnosis over the past decade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [53130/22]

*645. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details on the number of GP resources and funding allocated to out-of-hours urgent GP care in the recent winter service plan for 15,000 patients in areas (details supplied) currently outside of the Westdoc GP co-op. — Alan Dillon. [53132/22]

*646. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to avoid further private nursing homes closures following inflationary cost increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53136/22]

*647. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to increase funding to private nursing homes under the fair deal scheme to maintain services and manage inflationary increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53137/22]

*648. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are included in the €144 million temporary assistance payment scheme for private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53138/22]

*649. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the studies that are informing the evidentiary basis demonstrating conclusively that mask wearing significantly reduces the spread of Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53145/22]

*650. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 580 of 4 October 2022, if he will provide details, in tabular form, relating to the panel of education assessors engaged by the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland (NMBI) (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [53148/22]

*651. To ask the Minister for Health if details will be provided on the turnover of permanent, contract, agency and other staff (details supplied) in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland from January 2021 to September 2022 by month, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [53161/22]

*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of minor injuries units in hospitals across the State; the hours each minor injuries unit operate; the number of patients treated in each unit in the years of 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [53186/22]

*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of clinical specialist teams for older persons that have been established; the current staffing complement for each team; and the number of vacancies in each team. — Alan Kelly. [53187/22]

*654. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community resident placements that currently exist within CHO9; the number by provider; the names of providers providing these placements; the change in numbers between 2017 and 2022; the plans, if any, to expand the number of placements in future years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53217/22]

*655. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 209 of 12 October 2022, the dates on which Department officials liaised with the Mental Health Commission with regard to the proposed closure of the Owenacurra Centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [53236/22]

*656. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 458 of 13 October 2022, if he will provide details of any pay scheme that may have been agreed by his Department for section 39 healthcare workers who are unable to work due to long-Covid; the way in which this scheme differs from the pay scheme for other healthcare workers with long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [53237/22]

*657. To ask the Minister for Health the services and or supports that are available to women in hospital following a miscarriage, in relation to pregnancy loss and stillbirth per CHO area; and the referral pathways upon discharge in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [53249/22]

*658. To ask the Minister for Health the number of assessments of needs' that have been completed to date in 2022; the number of assessments awaiting completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [53265/22]

*659. To ask the Minister for Health the current staffing levels in children's disability network teams 4, 5 and in east Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [53266/22]

*660. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE can provide shower chairs for people with disabilities who cannot stand on their own; if one will be provided for a person (details supplied); the reason that they have been refused a chair to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [53285/22]

*661. To ask the Minister for Health the regulations that are in place for retailers who supply tanning and sun beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53294/22]

*662. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is engaging with the HSE for a public awareness campaign on the dangers of tanning and sun beds, especially for younger people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53295/22]

*663. To ask the Minister for Health if audits of compliance are carried out on retailers who offer tanning and sun beds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53296/22]

*664. To ask the Minister for Health the number of diagnoses of melanoma that were made through the HSE in each of the years 2019, 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53297/22]

*665. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has considered subsidising gluten free products for persons with coeliac disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53298/22]

*666. To ask the Minister for Health the number of qualified educational psychologists currently working within primary care services; the number of qualified educational psychologists currently working within CAMHS services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53309/22]

*667. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the review process of the role of radiation therapists; when the recommendations will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [53317/22]

*668. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the disposal of land by the Department of Education to his Department to provide a primary health care centre in Collinstown, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [53318/22]

*669. To ask the Minister for Health if required hearing aids are covered by a full medical card in the case of a person (details supplied) who appears to not be covered via PRSI stamps for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53319/22]

*670. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider establishing a position of chief pharmacy officer within the HSE. — Robert Troy. [53327/22]

*671. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the delay in recognising pharmacists from non-EU countries to help address the shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [53328/22]

*672. To ask the Minister for Health the consideration that has been given to the impact that the new assisted decision-making legislation will have on adults with extreme complex needs, whose care is being provided in the UK and paid for by the HSE. — Robert Troy. [53332/22]

*673. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 693 of 4 October 2022, if he will address a part of the original question ‘including, in the short terms, while provisions are made for a more robust public service paying for people to get private treatments as is the case for other adult health conditions’; and the reason that this system is in place for adults in need of medical procedures but not for children requiring disability services. — Paul Murphy. [53351/22]

*674. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 693 of 4 October 2022, if he will provide a comprehensive plan for the way that the family forums will cut waiting lists; and if he will outline the timeframe for same. — Paul Murphy. [53352/22]

*675. To ask the Minister for Health when all workers covered by the pandemic special recognition payment will receive their €1,000 payment; if a payment contractor has been appointed following the tendering process to obtain same; when further information will be published for those certain eligible non-HSE/non-Section 38 healthcare employees who are covered by the Government decision and information on the process available to their employers to implement this measure for their eligible staff will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53353/22]

*676. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and when the person concerned can expect admission for an angiogram to St. James’s Hospital, Dublin. — Barry Cowen. [53354/22]

*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under the age of 18 years with an intellectual, physical or sensory disability, currently referred and waiting to be seen by an organisation (details supplied), which is the largest body outside of the HSE providing child disability services, broken down into north and south Tipperary for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the length of time that each child is on the waiting list to be seen by the organisation; the type of service that they are waiting to attend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53356/22]

*678. To ask the Minister for Health if he will remove the age restriction from the mental illness category of the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53365/22]

*679. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) who contracted long-Covid during their work as a nurse in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital will be provided with special leave with pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53375/22]

*680. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether an elective hospital should be considered for Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [52538/22]

*681. To ask the Minister for Health if new policy approaches are being considered for the delivery of therapy services to pupils who need them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [53390/22]

*682. To ask the Minister for Health when staff who worked in nursing homes during the Covid-19 pandemic period will receive their €1,000 bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [53396/22]

*683. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the rising incidence of perinatal mental illness in Ireland; the steps that he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [53417/22]

*684. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that there are adequate mental health supports for those experiencing perinatal mental health illness in each county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [53418/22]

*685. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline an updated plan to tackle the incidence of perinatal mental health illness in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [53419/22]

*686. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of qualified educational psychologists working within primary care services and within CAMHS services. — Patrick Costello. [53429/22]

*687. To ask the Minister for Health if an official group has been established to review the codeine prescription processes; the membership of this group; the parameters of the group; the date of its establishment; and the date that the group will report back. — Thomas Gould. [53433/22]

*688. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to Ireland's proportionate spend on medicines which is decreasing in relation to other countries; if a process is in place to monitor same; if he will take steps to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [53434/22]

*689. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been spent treating patients abroad via the treatment abroad scheme with CART since 2019; the number of medicines for CART that were being assessed during this window; if consideration has been given to the way to increase the efficiency of this approvals process in view of this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [53435/22]

*690. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to a bus service. — Joan Collins. [53439/22]

*691. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is available for services (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [53440/22]

*692. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the immediate threat to service provision (details supplied) due to funding issues; the immediate plans that are in place to address these issues; the way in which the 59 families involved in this service will be kept informed and service continued for service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [53441/22]

*693. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the review into the health service's response to Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [53443/22]

*694. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a surgery appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [53457/22]

*695. To ask the Minister for Health if increased home help will be facilitated in the case a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53470/22]

*696. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in paying the Covid bonus to section 39 bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [53472/22]

*697. To ask the Minister for Health the number of qualified educational psychologists that currently work within primary care services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53480/22]

*698. To ask the Minister for Health the number of qualified educational psychologists that currently work within children and adolescent mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53481/22]

*699. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are in place to ensure that nursing homes are able to afford rising energy costs this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53482/22]

*700. To ask the Minister for Health when a reply will issue to correspondence from an organisation (details supplied) concerning the WHO Intersectoral Global Action Plan on Epilepsy and other neurological conditions; if he will provide an update on his Department's plans to implement the recommendations of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53491/22]

*701. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 203 of 12 October 2022, the breakdown of the allocations totalling €107.1 million bundled in line one cost-of-living by item in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [53498/22]

*702. To ask the Minister for Health the financial supports that were paid to individual nursing homes by his Department and the HSE, by name and location due to the effects of the Covid -19 pandemic since April 2020; if such payments have been subject to an audit; if so, if the audit has been or will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53501/22]

*703. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on CAMHS waiting lists from County Mayo and CHO2, respectively, in 2021 and to date in 2022; the length of time that each child has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53512/22]

*704. To ask the Minister for Health the future investment that will be provided in mental health service in primary care across County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53513/22]

*705. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health presentations to the accident and emergency department at Mayo University Hospital in 2021 and to date in 2022, by out-of-hours presentation or not, age and gender in tabular form. — Alan Dillon. [53514/22]

*706. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that have been introduced in County Mayo to provide better access to affordable housing for persons with mental health disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53515/22]

*707. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of services, investment and future funding in advocacy and outreach services for persons with mental health difficulties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53516/22]

*708. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of services, investment and funding provided to advocacy and outreach services for young persons and adults with mental health difficulties in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53517/22]

*709. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a Libre sensor device in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork is not covered, unlike other blood glucose monitoring sensors. — Sean Sherlock. [53520/22]

*710. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of Covid-19 vaccinations for children under five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [53529/22]

*711. To ask the Minister for Health if the mother-and-baby inpatient peri-natal mental health unit will be in place in Q4 of 2024, as outlined in Sharing the Vision; if a site has been chosen; when it is expected to open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [53563/22]

*712. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed breakdown of the site make-up of the proposed primary health centre in Drimnagh; and the timeline for its construction and operation. — Patrick Costello. [53564/22]

*713. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department intends to issue a joint circular which explicitly states that schools should not use alcohol educational resources developed by the alcohol industry or alcohol industry-funded organisations; if so, the date that this will be issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53566/22]

*714. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities who were accommodated in congregated settings by gender in each HSE region in each of the years 2015 to 2021, inclusive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [53585/22]

*715. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of any policies issued by his Department or public bodies under his remit that refer to the importance of the bond between an infant and their parents, especially their mother, in the first six months after birth. — Holly Cairns. [53586/22]

*716. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the staff shortages of radiation therapists and its impact on radiation therapy cancer treatment services. — Holly Cairns. [53587/22]

*717. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to help persons with Lyme disease; the HSEs strategy on the disease given the increase in persons being diagnosed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53588/22]

*718. To ask the Minister for Health the number of qualified educational psychologists who currently work within primary care services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53589/22]

*719. To ask the Minister for Health the number of qualified educational psychologists who currently work within CAMHS services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53590/22]

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

*720. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has considered any incentives for the development of solar energy aimed at farmers and persons with suitable land for leasing and renting in order to meet Ireland's climate goals. — Peter Burke. [52903/22]

*721. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is concerned following recent reporting of irregularities in the election process for the Irish Horse Board which is affiliated to Horse Sport Ireland; if a review into the election process will be initiated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53198/22]

*722. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when successful businesses will be awarded funding under the second call of the Brexit impact loan scheme for those in the agri-food sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53377/22]

*723. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that the Government has not provided a fuel subsidy to Irish fishermen given that the French and Spanish governments have done so for their fishermen. — Michael Collins. [53531/22]

*724. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has ever sought to calculate the carbon or methane footprint of individual farms in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [53055/22]

*725. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that the details of the new forestry programme are not yet known in order for it to be marketed by stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52697/22]

*726. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is danger of further job losses in the private forestry sector if the details of the new forestry programme are not made available immediately to ensure that it is marketable now and in place to commence on 1 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52700/22]

*727. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the project afforestation forecast for 1 January 2023 to 31 March 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [52701/22]

*728. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail the correspondence between his Department and the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform relating to the next forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [52724/22]

*729. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the projected loss in output in financial terms to private forestry companies who cannot engage in business due to the next forestry programme not being marketable at present, meaning that they have literally nothing to sell; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [52725/22]

*730. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will offer financial supports to the private forestry sector to ensure companies remain viable, following delays within his Department to announce details of the new forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [52726/22]

*731. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether it is acceptable that the details of the next forestry programme are not yet known to stakeholders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [52733/22]

*732. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which he intends to address the delay in announcing details of the next forestry programme in order that forestry companies can start selling the next package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [52734/22]

*733. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 478, 479 and 480 of 13 October 2022, if he will confirm that his Department has received only two applications for the ash dieback RUS scheme in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52743/22]

*734. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 478, 479 and 480 of 13 October 2022, the length of time that the applications for the reconstitution and underplanting scheme were applied for prior to his Department issuing 120 further information requests in the past two weeks in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [52744/22]

*735. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's working understanding of the definition of a family farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [52745/22]

*736. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of persons working in his Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52771/22]

*737. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the establishment of a food ombudsman; the powers that this office will have to enforce the unfair trading directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52821/22]

*738. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider allowing foresters to count their plantations in terms of carbon credits; if he will consider this course of action to be a recognition of the contribution that foresters make in the area of carbon sequestration as part of the climate action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52824/22]

*739. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the measures taken by the Forestry Service to resolve issues with the processing of forestry licences includes initiatives to reduce the paperwork needed by foresters when making their applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52825/22]

*740. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to review the current reconstitution and underplanting scheme; his views on complaints from the sector that it is not fit for purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52826/22]

*741. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if forestry grants and premia are to be increased through the measures announced in Budget 2023. — Martin Browne. [52827/22]

*742. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the ‘Issues impacting the Forestry Sector’ report from the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Agriculture and the Marine and its recommendation to review the decision to stop plantations on un-enclosed lands as much as possible, in terms of meeting Ireland’s annual afforestation target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [52828/22]

*743. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of vacant properties that are owned by his Department; the estimated economic value of the vacant properties; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52843/22]

*744. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of properties that are being leased by his Department that are currently vacant; and if he will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52861/22]

*745. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the work of the national fodder and food security committee; if the committee has prepared an industry response and developed contingency plans and advice to assist farmers in managing their farm enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [52881/22]

*746. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has considered any incentives for farmers who wish to rent their land for the development of solar energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [52904/22]

*747. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether European Union rules on afforestation are impacting Ireland’s ability to plant trees and meet its climate obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [52923/22]

*748. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagement that he and his Department have had with an organisation (details supplied) regarding winter finishing and the impact that the rise in feeding costs will have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [52928/22]

*749. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to reintroduce a quota on spurdog species in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [52940/22]

*750. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount in Euros and as a percentage of the horse and greyhound racing fund that was allocated and used for racehorse welfare, rehoming and retraining in 2020 and 2021. — Paul Murphy. [53061/22]

*751. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm, in specific terms, the amount that Horse Racing Ireland spent on equine welfare in 2020 and 2021 (details supplied); and the aims, timelines and achievements for those initiatives. — Paul Murphy. [53062/22]

*752. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount in Euros and as a percentage of the horse and greyhound racing fund that was allocated and used for horse racing prize money in 2020 and 2021. — Paul Murphy. [53063/22]

*753. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm the racehorse prize money pool in its totality for 2020; and the percentage and the amount that was returned in direct tax. — Paul Murphy. [53064/22]

*754. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Ireland is the only country to give direct annual financial support to racing from tax payers' money, compared to other major thoroughbred racing and breeding nations; the reason that the Government has allocated €72.8 million for 2023 to racing given that this is a lucrative, predominantly private industry, in a free-market economy which should be able to support itself; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [53065/22]

*755. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on whether the €72.8 million that is provided to the racing industry would be better spent on public health and public education, in a time of prudent fiscal management (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [53066/22]

*756. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) and provide an update on the new forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53111/22]

*757. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of compliance notices issued in respect of the failure of owners to chip their horses since January 2013, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [53134/22]

*758. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of prosecutions in respect of the failure of owners to chip their horses since January 2013, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [53135/22]

*759. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his response to the ongoing failure of his Department to consistently meet forestry licence issuance and afforestation targets. — Pat Buckley. [53139/22]

*760. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures in Budget 2023 to support young farmers. — Pat Buckley. [53140/22]

*761. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the investment by his Department in research and innovation that is focused on the delivery of climate action and solutions for farmers, particularly with regard to supporting farmers in achieving the 25% target of lowering greenhouse gas emissions for the agriculture sector by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53150/22]

*762. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that are available to suckler beef and sheep farmers under Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53156/22]

*763. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures introduced under Budget 2023 to resolve the situation regarding the group of farmers known as the so-called forgotten farmers. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53157/22]

*764. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to updated advice to lift the prohibition of targeting, retaining on board, transshipping or landing spurdog or picked dogfish in 2023 from the International Council for the Exploration of the Seas; if Ireland intends seeking a quota for this species in 2023 subject to a lifting of the prohibition by the Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53216/22]

*765. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a time extension for the submission of applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53269/22]

*766. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details on the funding levels in Budget 2023 for organic schemes, including a comparison with funding for those or similar schemes in Budget 2022. — Holly Cairns. [53270/22]

*767. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the UK-Australia beef trade deal and the effect that it will have on Ireland. — Bríd Smith. [53275/22]

*768. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the way that Ireland's agriculture sector will reach its emissions reductions goals. — Bríd Smith. [53277/22]

*769. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53315/22]

*770. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the grant support for agtech and dairy improvement that will be available in a scheme (details supplied), particularly for equipment which reduces labour and improves farm safety; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53347/22]

*771. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the new forestry programme will be launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53361/22]

*772. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce a support scheme to support forestry in view of the delay in launching the new forestry programme; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this delay has pushed many small businesses to the brink of closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53363/22]

*773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to extend the deadline for submissions of applications to the agri-climate rural environment scheme given the shortage of agri-consultants and lack of resources in Teagasc to assist in the preparation of applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53473/22]

*774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's position on the payments in relation to the basic payment scheme in cases in which land has been leased for the installation of solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53503/22]

*775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who have leased land for solar power and continue to draw down a partial basic payment in relation to the leased land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53504/22]

*776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who have leased land since 2020 and no longer draw down a basic payment in respect of the leased land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53505/22]

*777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount allocated to the dairy beef calf programme in 2021-2022; the number of applicants; the number of participants; the average payment by year and by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53507/22]

*778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the allocation to beef sustainability schemes in each of the years 2019 to 2023, by scheme and by year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53508/22]

*779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 224 of 12 October 2022, if officials in his Department conducted any tests or examinations in relation to swan mortalities at a location (details supplied) which may provide insight with regard to the cause of mortality, other than ruling out avian influenza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53509/22]

*780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor the needs of the agri-food producing sector, with particular reference to the need to ensure the viability of the family farm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53533/22]

*781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to monitor the needs of the agri-food producing sector, with particular reference to the need to ensure the viability of the family fishing industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53534/22]

*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the beneficial effect to the small and medium-sized farming community of recent supportive measures; the impact on individual farmers under 50 acres and between 50 and 100 acres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53535/22]

*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the requirements of the forestry industry are being made in order to ensure the orderly development of Ireland's forests and attention to the ongoing needs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53536/22]

*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the issue of licences in the forestry sector continues to receive attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53537/22]

*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which employment for families reliant on the fishing industry continues at pace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53538/22]

*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which new markets continue to be established for Irish food and food products; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53539/22]

*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which farm safety continues to be a major issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53540/22]

*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the Irish dairy industry can invest with confidence, with particular reference to the need to maintain markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53541/22]

*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which Irish lamb continues to be a major competitor on world markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53542/22]

*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the pig meat sector is adequately supported in a highly-competitive environment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53543/22]

*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the poultry production sector in Ireland remains viable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53544/22]

*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the cereal growing sector is adequately supported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53545/22]

*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the battle against bovine TB continues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53546/22]

*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which ongoing efforts are made to identify the causes of intermittent outbreaks of bovine TB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53547/22]

*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which it is expected to make basic veterinary products available to the farming community through licensed providers as heretofore, with particular reference to parasitic controls; if the European Union in general has adopted a policy in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53548/22]

*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which employment continues in the agri-food and fishing sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53549/22]

*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his Department continues to advise the farming community regarding optimum levels of fertiliser permissible, in order to meet land fertility requirements and emission reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53550/22]

*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his response to calls by an organisation (details supplied) to extend the application time for the agri-climate rural environment scheme to enable as many farmers as possible to apply. — Holly Cairns. [53581/22]

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

*799. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the new Leader programme 2023+; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [52735/22]

*800. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of persons working in her Department's press office, communications team and social media team in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52787/22]

*801. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of vacant properties that are owned by her Department; the estimated economic value of the vacant properties; and if she will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52856/22]

*802. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of properties that are being leased by her Department that are currently vacant; and if she will provide a list of such properties. — Peadar Tóibín. [52874/22]

*803. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the role that her Department has played in the integration of Ukrainian refugees into communities; if her Department and any agencies under its remit has had an involvement at local or national level in the response; the further steps that they intend taking to ensure that services are provided to assist in this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [51656/22]

*804. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when successful applicants to the community centre investment fund 2022 will be notified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53014/22]

*805. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will ensure that the three local community development committees in County Cork are allocated proportionate funding in the LEADER 2023-2027 Programme reflecting their size and need. — Holly Cairns. [53273/22]

*806. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of Kinnegad library and town park project, previously granted under the rural regeneration fund. — Robert Troy. [53339/22]

*807. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will give favourable consideration for funding for projects (details supplied) in their respective applications under the community centre fund; and the timeframe for announcing funding for same. — Robert Troy. [53340/22]

*808. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if it is her desire to see the community centres fund open for applications again in 2023, given the success and popularity for this fund in 2022, and the need for such funding for many rural communities around Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [53370/22]

*809. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of grant funding that will be made available for businesses under the streetscape enhancement scheme to assist with the upgrade and enhancement of shop fronts; the number of towns that have been selected to date under the scheme by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53471/22]

*810. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if officials in her Department will undertake a study of Kilkishen, County Clare, with the view to designating it as a Clár area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [53502/22]

*811. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the breakdown of funding allocated to men's clubs across all schemes that were received by her Department; the amount of funding allocated, by CHO area, by group, from 2019 to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [53560/22]

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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach if a climate action unit has been established in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52772/22]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the European Council meeting held on 21 and 22 October 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52773/22]

3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide the commitments in the Programme for Government under his remit; if each commitment has been met or is in the process of being met; and the estimated timeframe for same in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52774/22]

4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe last met. — Peadar Tóibín. [52973/22]