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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

2. 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]

3. 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]

4. 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]

5. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

15. 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]

16. 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]

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

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

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

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

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

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

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

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

42. To ask the Taoiseach if a climate action unit has been established in his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52772/22]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe last met. — Peadar Tóibín. [52973/22]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

*46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has a court hearing date for the Security Industry Employment Regulation Order High Court injunction. — Patrick Costello. [53628/22]

*47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to extend rights to consult on changes in pension schemes in the workplace to the representatives of pensioners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [53660/22]

*48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the supports available to businesses with the rising cost of energy in running a business. — Niamh Smyth. [53720/22]

*49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will review correspondence (details supplied) regarding rising electricity prices and the impact that this is having on businesses; his plans on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53729/22]

*50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 84 of 14 September 2022, the status of the report by the Low Pay Commission on universal basic income; the timeline for the publication of this report and the accompanying research report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53810/22]

*51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 77 of 15 September 2022, if he will provide details of any engagement that he has had at European Union-level with regard to the forthcoming corporate sustainability reporting Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53811/22]

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

*52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans in relation to daylight savings time; his views on the merits of forgoing the winter daylight saving time change given the current energy crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [53664/22]

*53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will engage with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in respect of its refusal to pay a grant to a person who they approved for grant aid in respect of a roof solar installation (details supplied); and the steps that the applicant may take in respect of an appeal and or a complaint. — Catherine Murphy. [53674/22]

*54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that persons in receipt of the household benefits package are not automatically eligible for a Sustainable Energy Authority Ireland fully-funded energy upgrade; if he will consider a review of the grant to ensure that persons receiving this payment automatically qualify; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53700/22]

*55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will allow those homeowners who avail of individual home energy upgrade grants, and are in management of their own upgrades, to include grant aid for windows and doors, as is the case of those using the one-stop-shop service; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53716/22]

*56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of private wire and direct line applications that were made in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of these applications that were approved; the number that were refused; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53719/22]

*57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department will examine the feasibility of harvesting the excess heat from the proposed jet engines being bought to add additional capacity; if this could be deployed in a district heating scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [53726/22]

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action that is being taken to improve Ireland's energy security. — John Lahart. [53746/22]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if new solid fuel regulations are due to be introduced on 31 October 2022. — John Lahart. [53747/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*60. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will expedite a driving test for an employee (details supplied) who cannot get to work unless they can drive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53634/22]

*61. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will expedite a driving test for an employee (details supplied) who cannot get to work unless they can drive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53635/22]

*62. To ask the Minister for Transport if an adequate transport service will be put in place for students (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [53675/22]

*63. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects work to begin on the Mallow relief road project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53727/22]

*64. To ask the Minister for Transport the process for issuing a licence for the commercial vehicle roadworthiness test; the number of such centres throughout the country; the corresponding figure for 2010 and 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [53757/22]

*65. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to increase the scheduled service on the Kinsale to Cork bus route (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [53764/22]

*66. To ask the Minister for Transport if she will increase the existing goodwill and ground survey payments to landowners for national road schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53786/22]

*67. To ask the Minister for Transport if a bus stop will be installed at a location (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53808/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*68. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify whether a recipient of the State pension can qualify for the €500 renters’ allowance which was announced in Budget 2023. — Robert Troy. [53642/22]

*69. To ask the Minister for Finance his views regarding the additional measures that he will implement to support persons and operations of the freight industry in response to the concerns raised by persons and operations in the freight industry about the increasing cost of fuel (details supplied); the measures that are being taken to alleviate the current fuel price crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53669/22]

*70. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of homeowners availing of the rent-a-room relief scheme each year since its introduction in 2001, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [53761/22]

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

*71. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when planned work on the Garda station in Kenagh, County Longford, will be completed by the OPW (details supplied). — Joe Flaherty. [53639/22]

*72. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will address the matters raised in correspondence by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O’Connor. [53661/22]

*73. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated number of modular units that he expect to have built for Ukrainian refugees by the end of 2022. — Alan Kelly. [53801/22]

*74. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has visited modular building companies to assess their capabilities of delivering modular units for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will provide details of which companies he visited and the dates of same. — Alan Kelly. [53802/22]

*75. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the locations that have been identified for the location of modular homes for refugees; if he will provide full details of these

locations and whether he is aware if there are any issues with these locations which could prevent them being used for that purpose. — Alan Kelly. [53803/22]

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

*76. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding that the Ból Chumann associations received in each the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [53654/22]

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

*77. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to correspondence (details supplied); if he will provide a schedule of EU Directives that his Department is not in compliance with; the reason for same; if he will take immediate steps to ensure that the State complies with 2006 European Union bathing water Directive; the steps that he is currently taking to improve water quality in the Dublin bay south area. — Catherine Murphy. [53818/22]

*78. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is flexibility within the Housing Agency rules in cases in which a person who has been approved for a local authority mortgage cannot have it drawn down given that no management company is currently in place in the estate and the estate is classed as unfinished in order to ensure that an approved applicant would not lose out on purchasing a home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53616/22]

*79. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will increase the income threshold for social housing applications to €50,000 (details supplied) following a resolution by members of Kerry County Council. — Brendan Griffin. [53621/22]

*80. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of funding that has been allocated to Kerry County Council under the multi-annual rural water programme in the past five years; the amount of this funding that has been drawn down; the amount that remains unspent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53636/22]

*81. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [53637/22]

*82. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 321 of 29 March 2022, if Kerry County Council has drawn down funding for a group water scheme (details supplied) in County Kerry; if so, if he will provide details of the drawdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53647/22]

*83. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of Ireland’s marine protected areas. — Paul Murphy. [53258/22]

*84. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the vacant property refurbishment grant has been extended to rural one-off houses; if so, the qualifying criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53659/22]

*85. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there has been further correspondence or reasoned opinion issued by the European Commission on the Electoral Reform Act 2022; if so, the date that the correspondence was received; and the Commission's views expressed on the matters addressed in the correspondence. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53676/22]

*86. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department's monthly homeless report includes all households in family-hub accommodation and all households in own-door transitional accommodation as recorded in the PASS system; and if not, the breakdown of the total number of households, with a further breakdown by household size, in family-hub accommodation and own-door transitional accommodation for the most recent date that were not included in the relevant monthly homeless report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53677/22]

*87. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that he can take to protect second-hand homebuyers from purchasing homes with defective concrete blocks, given the growing number of homes and counties affected across the State; and if he has engaged with the legal, engineering and estate-agent representative bodies on this issue. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53715/22]

*88. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that Offaly County Council was not included among the local authority areas when the income threshold for social housing was raised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53755/22]

*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received a progress update on the implementation of the blue green cities' initiative in the southern region; and his views on the matter, particularly in relation to progress in the Cork city area. — Thomas Gould. [53756/22]

*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the process to apply for and avail of Departmental funding for a proposed community housing project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [53758/22]

*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that local authority county and city development plans are being prepared or amended to take account of the population increases in the 2022 Census of population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [53782/22]

*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an up-to-date timeline for the establishment of the Electoral Commission, along with expected budget and staffing requirements for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [53813/22]

*93. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the implementation of the provision for a pending electors list for persons aged 16 and 17 years, as set out under the Electoral Reform Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [53814/22]

*94. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to correspondence (details supplied); if he will provide a schedule of EU Directives that his Department is not in compliance with; the reason for same; and if he will take immediate steps to ensure that the State complies with 2006 European Union bathing water Directive. — Catherine Murphy. [53819/22]

*95. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that he is taking in response to the EPA finding that just 51% of Ireland's sewage was treated to the European Union standards set to protect our environment, well below the EU average of 90%. — Holly Cairns. [53888/22]

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

*96. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way that a child (details supplied) can obtain an Irish passport. — Duncan Smith. [53623/22]

*97. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the systems that are in place in for people with disabilities who find it extremely difficult to get a photograph taken, to meet Department standards when applying for a passport; if there is not a system in place, the reason; if this issue was ever raised at committee level, if not, the reason for same; if this issue was raised, the reason that a system was not implemented to cater for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53725/22]

*98. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that the passport application for a child (details supplied) will be processed urgently by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53807/22]

*99. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there are any plans in place to speed-up the processing time of the foreign birth register at present (details supplied). — Gary Gannon. [53812/22]

*100. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of his engagements with the British government concerning the status of Rockall and its implications for Irish fishers since taking office. — Holly Cairns. [53884/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*101. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 121 of 19 October 2022, if she will request her Department to contact the consultants (details supplied) who are acting on this school's behalf given that members of the Board of Management of the school cannot advance the additional school accommodation application at this time due to the fact that the consultants are still waiting for a response from her Department regarding the proposed template for stage 1 reports; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53617/22]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 123 of 19 October 2022, if her Department will allow cover for teacher absences through the use of substitutes given that the school in question does not have supervision hours; the way in which the primary school can obtain permission from her Department to cover such absences through the substitute teachers scheme when supervision hours are not available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53622/22]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the ongoing delay in the provision of promised therapists to a school (details supplied); and when they will finally be in place. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53625/22]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education if a matter in relation to additional accommodation at a school (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [53673/22]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the lack of available substitute primary school teachers in County Wicklow; the initiatives that she is supporting to reduce the impact on schools and to increase the number of teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [53691/22]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education if final approval for a project (details supplied) will be granted; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [53694/22]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education if she will seek best advice on whether any additional funding strands can be accessed in order to assist a local school (details supplied) in respect of developing its outdoor area for children with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53695/22]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education the number of professionals (details supplied) who were based within a special school setting in each of the five years prior to the introduction of children's disability network teams; the number of these professionals who were based within a special school setting in the first quarter of 2021; the number these professionals who are currently recruited and based within a special school setting in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53724/22]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that teachers (details supplied) have not received payment from her Department for the teaching work they have completed since August 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53728/22]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education when a refund will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53760/22]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a national school (details supplied) which was informed that it will be losing a developing-school post due to the school being just eight pupils short of the enrolment threshold to save the position. — Gary Gannon. [53815/22]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of the new school building for a school (details supplied) in County Donegal; the date which her Department foresees the construction phase of the school building project starting; the date that her Department foresees the project being completed and the children moved into the new building from the cold and damp prefabs which currently make up the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53890/22]

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

*113. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of schools availing of the school meals local projects scheme; the number of applications for inclusion in the scheme that were

received in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of successful and unsuccessful applications in each of these years; her plans to further expand the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53606/22]

*114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm the systems that are in place for persons with disabilities who find it extremely difficult to get a photograph taken to comply with Department standards for social welfare cards including the travel card; if there is no system in place, the reason; if this issue was ever raised at committee level; if not, the reason; if this issue was raised, the reason that a system was not implemented to cater for persons with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53631/22]

*115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the invalidity review appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53633/22]

*116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a backlog in applications for the fuel allowance (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [53644/22]

*117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending child benefit to parents of children, who are over 18 years, in full-time education and still living with their parents. — Alan Dillon. [53657/22]

*118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the working family payment claim of a person (details supplied); if she will note that the wrong amount is being paid; and if she will rectify the issue. — Niamh Smyth. [53665/22]

*119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the disability allowance appeal claim by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53666/22]

*120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the community welfare service will be reinstated to provide a walk-in community service in the newly refurbished unit in Killybegs, County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53692/22]

*121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that posts for community welfare offices nationwide are not being filled (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [53693/22]

*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 544 of 18 October 2022, if consideration will be given to extending the hot-meal scheme to a school (details supplied), in view of the ongoing cost-of-living crisis, the fact that the school is a DEIS school in a low-income area, and that many children are dependent on the hot meals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53718/22]

*123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if Section 39 community workers can qualify for the fuel allowance payment through the jobs initiative scheme for the duration of their participation in the scheme given that they are in receipt of a low weekly allowance rate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53722/22]

*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the conditions of a payment for a person (details supplied) will be reviewed. — Peter Burke. [53753/22]

*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the anomaly in cases in which a social welfare recipient, who would otherwise qualify for the fuel allowance, is deemed illegible because they are renting a room in a house in which non-qualifying persons live with whom they have no relationship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [53754/22]

*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will ensure that a domiciliary care allowance is awarded to a person (details supplied) without further delay. — Robert Troy. [53780/22]

*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that a supplementary welfare allowance is awarded for a person (details supplied) without further delay. — Robert Troy. [53785/22]

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

*128. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will detail the five towns and or villages with the smallest populations that have taken in groups of asylum seekers; and if he will provide details of locations, populations of locations and volumes of asylum seekers that have been placed in those locations. — Alan Kelly. [53804/22]

*129. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Early Learning and Care services that have engaged with County Childcare Committees in relation to financial sustainability in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [53922/22]

*130. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he intends to respond to the recommendations related to his Department in the Ballymun A Brighter Future Report commissioned by Dublin City Council and presented to An Taoiseach at the Dublin north-west area joint policing committee in July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [53632/22]

*131. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons in accommodation provided by the International Protection and Accommodation Service who have refugee status, subsidiary protection or permission to remain; and if he will provide a breakdown of their location by county. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53643/22]

*132. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 147 and 149 of 19 October 2022, if he will request the International Protection Accommodation Service to examine footage from the scene of the broken and caged windows (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [53646/22]

*133. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a commercial offer of accommodation for Ukrainian refugees (details supplied) has been examined by IPAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53658/22]

*134. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an external review of the investigation into mother-and-baby homes will be undertaken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [53667/22]

*135. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to any early years' services that have closed recently; the circumstances of those closures; and his views on the closures. — Marian Harkin. [53702/22]

*136. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the financial supports that are available to community and private early years' services which find themselves in financial difficulty. — Marian Harkin. [53703/22]

*137. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any early years' services have engaged with their local childcare committee to get financial supports in 2022. — Marian Harkin. [53704/22]

*138. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the types of funding available to ECCE, sessional early years' services; the current financial viability of those services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [53705/22]

*139. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a letter from a ECCE provider (details supplied); if he will review the core funding policy in view of the contents of the letter; his plans to increase capitation; and if he has conducted and or if he will conduct a sectoral impact review regarding the introduction of his core funding policy change. — Catherine Murphy. [53798/22]

*140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of modular units that will be delivered and in place by the end of 2022 to house Ukrainian refugees. — Alan Kelly. [53799/22]

*141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if all the 500 units of modular housing that the Government has stated it will deliver for Ukrainian refugees will be contracted out for delivery in 2022 and if not, the reason for same. — Alan Kelly. [53800/22]

*142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will detail all contracts that the Government has with a group (details supplied) to provide asylum seeker accommodation or Ukrainian refugee accommodation; the total cost of each contract to date; the breakdown of the locations of property provided by the group; and if he will provide details of any meetings, including dates, that any officials from his Department have had with the group. — Alan Kelly. [53805/22]

*143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider placing modular homes in the Germantown military camp to help with the Ukrainian refugee crisis. — Alan Kelly. [53806/22]

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

*144. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a decision will be taken to include courses (details supplied) as approved free-fees courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53620/22]

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

*145. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the number of persons seeking international protection in the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [53714/22]

*146. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 184 of 19 October 2022, when this review may be published. — Louise O'Reilly. [53611/22]

*147. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda recruits who have actually started training in Templemore in each month for the past five years; the strength of the Garda Reserve for each of the past ten years and the number of gardaí who have retired for each of the past ten years. — Peadar Tóibín. [53662/22]

*148. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportation orders issued; the number of deportation orders which were affected from 2004 to date in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [53679/22]

*149. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of deportation orders issued to children; the number of deportation orders to children which were affected from 2004 to date in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [53680/22]

*150. To ask the Minister for Justice the reasoning behind her proposed amendment to the Courts and Civil Law (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill 2022 which would reduce the reckonable residence requirements for minors seeking to be naturalised from five to three years; if her Department will consider reducing the requirements further; and the reason that three years was chosen as the cut-off point. — Catherine Murphy. [53681/22]

*151. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to broaden the categories of children entitled to naturalisation under the Irish Nationality and Citizenship Act 1956; and if so, when she intends to introduce such an amendment. — Catherine Murphy. [53682/22]

*152. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child's call in 2016 for the Government to provide a clear and accessible legal framework to regularise the status of children and their families in irregular migration situations; if her Department plans to create such a legal framework; and if so, the details and timelines for the plan. — Catherine Murphy. [53683/22]

*153. To ask the Minister for Justice if the attention of her Department has been drawn to the fact that children cannot currently make an application for naturalisation independent of their parents or guardians; if her Department has received legal advice in relation to whether this is in contravention of Article 42.A of the Constitution and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child; and if she will provide the details of any plans that her Department has to ensure children can hold independent residency permits, as is in operation in Germany and Canada. — Catherine Murphy. [53684/22]

*154. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that the Irish Naturalisation and Immigration Service has been refusing applications for naturalisation signed by social workers on behalf of children in their care; and if her Department has taken steps to amend this practice. — Catherine Murphy. [53685/22]

*155. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will detail the parameters of the good character requirement in the naturalisation application process; if her Department has any intention of clarifying the definition of the good character requirement in legislation or through a statutory instrument; and if so, the details and timelines for the plan. — Catherine Murphy. [53686/22]

*156. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of revocations of certificates of naturalisation from 2000 to date in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [53687/22]

*157. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has considered the introduction of an independent appeals mechanism for naturalisation decisions; and if so, the details and timelines for the introduction of same. — Catherine Murphy. [53688/22]

*158. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of stateless persons in the country from 2000 to date; and the number of stateless children in the country from 2000 to date in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [53689/22]

*159. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department plans to introduce a formal process for determining statelessness, a regularised system for recognising stateless persons in Ireland or a process for stateless children who migrate to Ireland; and if so, the details and timelines for the plan to implement such a process. — Catherine Murphy. [53690/22]

*160. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of applications that were made under section 56 of the International Protection Act 2015 in 2021 and to date in 2022; and the number of successful and unsuccessful applications, respectively. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53697/22]

*161. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 330 of 6 October 2022, when a response will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [53730/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*162. To ask the Minister for Health if a disability manager from CH07 disability services in the primary care critical support team can provide ongoing and necessary supports to persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [53607/22]

*163. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the targeted recruitment of staff psychologists, clinical psychologists and administrative support staff by the HSE by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [53608/22]

*164. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the national recruitment campaign to replenish the psychology assistant panel; the length of time this is expected to take; the number needed to replenish the panel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [53609/22]

*165. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a medical card application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [53610/22]

*166. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to include adults with ADHD on the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [53619/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the ongoing delay in the provision of promised therapists to a school (details supplied); and when they will finally be in place. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53624/22]

*168. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the staff in terms of roles and number at the Armagh Road and Cork Street children's disability network teams. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53626/22]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health when he intends to respond to the recommendations related to his Department and the HSE in the Ballymun A Brighter Future Report commissioned by Dublin City Council and presented to An Taoiseach at the Dublin north west area joint policing committee in July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [53630/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 145 of 12 July 2022, the number of psychologists, dietitians, physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists who have been recruited from outside the European Union since these disciplines were placed on the critical skills occupations list, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53638/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health if the new interim clinical guidance has issued to children's disability network teams; if CDNTs are currently conducting assessments of need and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53640/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff who have retired or resigned from children's disability network teams since all 91 teams became operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53641/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the progress that has been made to date on the investigation into allegations made by a whistle-blower in April 2020 as a protected disclosure, regarding the care of patients during Covid-19 at a hospital (details supplied); the date this report will be published; the cost of the investigation to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53645/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents that tragically lost their lives to Covid during the Covid outbreak in a care centre (details supplied) in January 2021; if he will provide the details on the staffing ratio to care for residents on the ground at that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53648/22]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the communications between the HSE and nursing home (details supplied) in Stradbally, County Laois during the Covid outbreak at Easter 2020; the supports that were provided by the HSE to the home at the time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53649/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the number of employees who are eligible to apply for the cycle to work scheme in his Department and the HSE in of the past five full calendar years from 2017 to 2021; and the number of employees who availed of the organisation's cycle to work scheme. — Neasa Hourigan. [53653/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health if there is any subsidy for parents who wish to have their child vaccinated against meningococcal B (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53655/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health if a speech and language appointment will be expedited for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53656/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health if assistance will be provided in the case of a young person (details supplied) who has to pay for their HPV vaccines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53663/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a child (details supplied) is granted an earlier date for an assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53668/22]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the lack of GP places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [53678/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarification on a request by a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [53717/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will obtain an appointment for occupational therapy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53721/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for the Covid bonus payment for healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53745/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the integrated care hubs that are already operating or scheduled to open; the full staff compliment for each hub; the number of staff who have been recruited to date in each in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53748/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be transferred from Letterkenny University Hospital to Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [53759/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to increase the threshold for the over 70s medical card to ensure that the increases in social welfare payments are not negated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [53766/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the supports that are being provided to a family (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53816/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports (details supplied) of increasing misuse of fentanyl; the steps that his Department is taking to combat abuse of this drug and the expected rise in misuse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53817/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish an independent review (details supplied) conducted as part of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018 review. — Holly Cairns. [53885/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that all teachers, teaching and school staff are made eligible to receive a Covid-19 booster vaccination immediately. — Holly Cairns. [53886/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to examine the implications of the EPA report on Urban Waste Water Treatment in 2021 and its findings on public health. — Holly Cairns. [53887/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the existing staffing levels in each of the long-Covid clinics and post-acute clinics established under the interim model of care for long-Covid, by role, in tabular form; the number of vacant posts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53893/22]

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

*194. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on an issue (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [53696/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that farming organisations have not been engaged with by his Department in relation to the EU Nature Restoration Law proposal; if he intends to carry out an economic impact assessment of the proposals contained within the document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [53749/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on concerns that the sustainability of food production in Ireland would be negatively affected should land be put out of use through the implementation of measures contained within the EU Nature Restoration Law proposal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [53750/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the impact that the EU Restoration Law proposal may have on the 8,000 hectare per year afforestation target and consequent carbon sequestration targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [53751/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the additional proposed changes demanded of the agriculture sector in relation to the proposed EU Nature Restoration Law; his views on the way that this may further distort the unequal relationship between Ireland through trade agreements between the EU and third-party countries who may not have similar environmental aspirations as those proposed in the EU Nature Restoration Law; his views on the consequences of this for producers in the Irish agricultural industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [53752/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will adopt recommendations by the veterinary official who accompanied a livestock shipment and the recommendations highlighted in the recently published scientific opinion of the European Food Safety Authority and will not authorise future shipments of livestock when sea temperatures of 25 degrees or above are predicted in view of the extremely high temperatures and humidity during recent shipments to Egypt; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53783/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to ensure that cattle are not subjected to temperatures and humidity levels that cause severe heat stress to the animals for a large part of the journey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53784/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider including the purchase of fertiliser spreaders in the TAMS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [53809/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to reviewing the proposed changes to the dairy beef welfare scheme from 2023, wherein the scheme currently rewards farmers rearing progeny from the dairy herd via a payment of €20 per calf weighed, where he is now proposing to change the criteria of the scheme by rewarding dairy farm breeders for using high dairy beef index sires in dairy herds instead; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53820/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that pedigree stock bulls are to be excluded from the dairy beef welfare scheme from 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53821/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to examine the implications of the EPA report on Urban Waste Water Treatment in 2021 and its findings on the inshore fishing sector. — Holly Cairns. [53882/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 2116 of 8 September 2022, when he will be informing the Director-General of the Environment of the European Commission of the error in his Department's letter dated 24 November 2021, and specifically informing the Director-General of the Environment of the European Commission that 232,000 hectares, and not 136,000 hectares as previously advised by his Department to DG ENV, of the Coillte estate is on peatland soils, that is, 53% of the Coillte estate. — Marian Harkin. [53891/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of the 232,000 hectares of the Coillte estate on peatland soils that are planted with trees, and to apportion the total figure between lands on peatland soils planted with trees managed by Coillte primarily for commercial timber production and lands on peatland soils planted with trees managed by Coillte, primarily for biodiversity protection. — Marian Harkin. [53892/22]

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

*207. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development in the context of a correspondence item sent to the Oireachtas Public Accounts Committee (details supplied) by the Secretary General of her Department, if she will clarify whether the national funding platform that she is developing in conjunction with Pobal will be an open source for the public to use; if not, the rationale for that; the amount expended on the project to date; and the progress made on same. — Catherine Murphy. [53797/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide details of the €210,000 that was secured through Social Inclusion Ireland from the dormant funds to fund a full-time mental health post in Mosney, County Meath, on a pilot basis for three years; the date that

the monies were secured; the expected timeline for commencement of the pilot programme; if she will make available any and all other details on the reason for the delays incurred to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53670/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when a community support grant funding application decision (details supplied) will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53723/22]

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

1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the IDA commitment to deliver an advanced building solution in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [53733/22]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures that his Department is taking to help businesses deal with rising energy costs given that their bills have increased by over 200%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53896/22]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update in respect of recent changes to the way that doctors can access employment permits and visas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53593/22]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the recently announced purchase by the IDA from Louth County Council of further lands to increase the IDA land bank in north Drogheda; the total new acreage of the site; if the site will now be serviced sooner than expected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53404/22]

5. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has engaged with local enterprise offices on their funding allocation in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [53876/22]

6. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will honour the agreement made by his Department to an organisation (details supplied) and introduce amending legislation in order that fishers can submit complaints under SI 709/2003 and its successor SI 672/2019 relating to excessive working hours and insufficient breaks and rest periods, to the Workplace Relations Commission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [51490/22]

7. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the level of engagement that exists between his Department and the IDA to improve foreign direct investment in the midlands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [53829/22]

8. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures that are being taken to help businesses deal with rising energy prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [53863/22]

9. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 2 of 12 October 2022, the status of his engagement at WTO and EU level with regard to the proposal to extend the 17 June 2022 decision of the World Trade Organisation on the TRIPS Agreement to cover Covid-19 therapeutics and diagnostic tests with no further conditions to the text; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53788/22]

10. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will support strengthening the very limited TRIPS waiver agreed in relation to Covid-19 vaccines to include suspending all relevant intellectual property rules and ensuring the mandatory pooling of all COVID-19 related knowledge, data and technologies in order that any nation can produce or buy sufficient and affordable doses of vaccines, treatments and tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [53850/22]

11. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on post-Brexit trading patterns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [53738/22]

12. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has a strategy to attract overseas investors to invest in Ireland's renewables sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [53600/22]

13. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total budget allocated in 2021 to the funding of staff roles at the 31 local enterprise offices that are operated in a partnership between Enterprise Ireland and the local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53604/22]

14. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement that his Department has had with SMEs in relation to their cybersecurity measures given the heightened level of cyber risk in recent times; if a scheme will be made available to aid SMEs in updating their cybersecurity measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53778/22]

15. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the available supports for businesses to deal with crippling energy prices, currently being encountered across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53405/22]

16. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the development of the white paper on enterprise; his plans to prioritise sustainable, indigenous industry in the forthcoming white paper; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53787/22]

17. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will support increasing the national minimum wage to €15 an hour in order that it becomes a living wage in the context of the cost-of-living crisis. — Paul Murphy. [53851/22]

18. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures that are being taken to address the shortage of care workers in Ireland; when work permit arrangements for non-EU-EEA citizens will be put in place to include care workers under the eligible occupations list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53779/22]

19. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail engagement with Government colleagues regarding renewable sources of energy for businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53386/22]

20. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he recently reviewed the critical skills list; his plans to expand the list to address skills shortages in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53671/22]

21. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are any plans to consider sector-specific additional support in view of the continuing energy price inflation for the SME sector. — Matt Shanahan. [53878/22]

22. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of new IDA jobs per county since 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53872/22]

23. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the actions that he has taken to support and promote self-employment as a viable option for people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53852/22]

24. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current status of the EU-Mercosur Trade Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [53596/22]

25. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a breakdown of the number and category of employment permits that have been granted by his Department since January 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [53744/22]

26. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to instances where small businesses have opted to close their doors as a result of the cost-of-energy crisis; and the supports that are available to SMEs struggling to pay electricity or gas bills. — Peadar Tóibín. [53651/22]

27. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the considerations that have been given towards merging or streamlining the employment permit and visa application processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53592/22]

28. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding the advance technology building for Tralee; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53871/22]

29. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is developing sectoral strategies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [53402/22]

30. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline his position regarding the EU Commission's proposal for a directive on corporate sustainability due diligence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53411/22]

31. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on IDA activities in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53897/22]

32. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that his Department is taking to complement the local government provision of local infrastructure and connectivity enabling sustainable travel, such as public transport, cycling and walking with sustainable travel infrastructure on IDA land banks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53875/22]

33. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the take-up of the green transition fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53387/22]

34. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if assurances will be given that his Departmental officials will engage in the setting up of the southeast economic forum similar to the western development commission. — Matt Shanahan. [53880/22]

35. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his Department's position on the proposed EU corporate sustainability due diligence Directive, including the size of the companies that should be covered, applicability to the whole value chain and to pension funds and alternative investment funds; and if the Government will move to legislate on these issues in advance of the Directive as some other EU countries are doing. — Paul Murphy. [53849/22]

36. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has considered the introduction of the unified patent court; if plans are being made on holding a referendum on its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [53827/22]

37. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the location in which medium-sized SMEs can access additional grants to offset energy bills that far exceed the €10,000 monthly grant. — Matt Shanahan. [53881/22]

38. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that his Department has taken to address the issues raised in the Irish Human Rights and Equality Commission report to the Council of Europe regarding the State's lack of implementation of the European Social Charter. — Louise O'Reilly. [53833/22]

39. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the engagement that he has had at an EU level regarding the proposed extension of the TRIPS waiver to therapeutics and diagnostics for Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53672/22]

40. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has met with representatives of an organisation (details supplied) since the opening of a European hub in Ireland; and if so, the dates that such meetings have taken place. — Peadar Tóibín. [53650/22]

41. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline any future plans for energy cost supports and assistance for businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [53087/22]

42. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied that Action 2.10 of the Comprehensive Employment Strategy for People with Disabilities is being implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53853/22]

43. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the work that is being carried out to promote the IDAs 240-acre strategic site at Athenry, County Galway, to international investors. — Ciarán Cannon. [53860/22]

44. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position regarding the establishment of a work permits quota for bus drivers from non-EU and non-EEA countries given the shortage of bus drivers for Irish private bus companies and public transport routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [53858/22]

45. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the introduction of a living wage; when he anticipates this to be introduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [53826/22]

46. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department engage with local authorities regarding the development of digital hubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [53877/22]

47. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the living wage recommendation proposed by the Living Wage Technical Group. — Louise O'Reilly. [53831/22]

48. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which efforts continue to be made to ensure the availability of adequate qualified staffing levels to meet the requirements of the workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53768/22]

49. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has a policy in relation to the industrial promotion of the military arms industry in Ireland and if so, if ethical considerations are taken into account in deciding policy. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53741/22]

50. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that his Department is taking to ensure that there is oversight in relation to the use of algorithmic control to ensure that automated decision-making without any human involvement is not taking place in this State, particularly in the so-called gig-economy. — Louise O'Reilly. [53834/22]

51. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons who are currently employed for less than the living wage; and his plans to remedy this. — Thomas Gould. [53845/22]

52. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the actions that his Department is taking to ensure that there is a reasonable spread of foreign direct investment across the State. — Brian Stanley. [53828/22]

53. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the changes that are being made to the Right to Request Remote Work Bill 2021. — Louise O'Reilly. [53832/22]

54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the exports of Irish-owned companies are being successfully diversified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [53403/22]

55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the targets for delivery of IDA supported jobs in County Monaghan for 2023. — Matt Carthy. [53597/22]

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to the publication of the review of the atypical scheme for non-EEA crew in the Irish fishing fleet, the status of the establishment of the promised cross-departmental group to oversee implementation of the transition from the current scheme to the employment permits scheme, which his Department is to co-chair; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53789/22]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 20 of 8 September 2022, if he will report on his Department's approach to the High Court injunction secured on 24 August 2022 by some security companies to block the enforcement of the new employment regulation order for the security sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [53735/22]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 14 September 2022, the status of his Department's engagement with the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding the development of a second national action plan on business and human rights; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53790/22]

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the work that is taking place in his Department to encourage and support small and medium businesses to remain open, given the current difficulties with the cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53108/22]

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the new legislation on tips and service charges will be up-and-running. — Emer Higgins. [53836/22]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the efforts to make it easier for employers to access work permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [52966/22]

62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline his position with respect to the unitary patent system and the unified patent court; his plans to hold a referendum in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53410/22]

63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has issued guidelines to the agencies under the aegis of his Department in relation to supporting the lethal arms industry in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53742/22]

64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on efforts by the IDA to attract inward investment to counties Cavan, Monaghan and Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53731/22]

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

65. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will develop a set of initiatives to support the strengthening of new communities in rapid growth areas on the fringe of Ireland's cities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [53400/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when successful applications under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53594/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the future allocations under the Community Centre Investment Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53898/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the progress of the our rural future programme. — Peadar Tóibín. [53398/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagement that she has had with her Department regarding the croí cónaithe scheme for owner-occupiers in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53712/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the spend to date in 2022 under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; the total amount of the allocation in the estimates to this fund for 2022; the value of projects approved for funding in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53740/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the applications for funding under the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund for County Mayo; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53899/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the Towns First Policy which was launched recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53711/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the Programme for Government's commitment for an expanded town and village renewal scheme to bring vacant and derelict buildings back into use and promote residential occupancy; when communities can start applying for this funding; and the estimated amount available to each local authority. — Holly Cairns. [53612/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update in relation to allocations under the Community Centre Investment Fund and further calls for the scheme. — Kieran O'Donnell. [53864/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the town and village renewal scheme. — Martin Kenny. [53743/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the proposed works for the Mell greenway, Drogheda, for which Louth County Council received €200,000 through the outdoor recreational scheme in February 2020; if the monies are at risk of return or if the funds have been secured for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53406/22]

77. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the progress of the town and village renewal scheme. — Peadar Tóibín. [53399/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the roll-out of the Towns First Policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53707/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on her engagement with the Department of Transport to improve rural public transport services and pilot new transport initiatives; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53708/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the Islands' Action Plan. — Holly Cairns. [53613/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the up-to-date position on the pilot scheme to support community hubs being established in rural pubs which was being run in conjunction with an organisation (details supplied) in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53777/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which she continues to fund infrastructure throughout the country in such a way as to encourage the retention of jobs and the attraction of investors in jobs throughout the regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53769/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the enhanced Community Centres Investment Fund for the delivery of new build community centres, promised under Budget 2023, will be open for applications; the amount of funding that will be allocated for the building of new community centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53791/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will report on the progress of establishing town teams under the Town Centres First Initiative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53868/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on her Department's progress in implementing Action 128 of the Mid-Term Review of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021 to develop initiatives to improve employment opportunities for people with disabilities living in rural areas, including through remote working options; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [53855/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will provide an update on the long-term plans for the Drogheda library; if larger alternate sites are currently being considered for a future service provision; if so, if she will identify the potential premises earmarked in the town; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53407/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will detail some of the successes of the social inclusion and community activation programme since its creation; the impact that the funding increase to €46 million in Budget 2023 will have; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53102/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the details of the way that her Department's Budget 2023 measures will benefit persons living in rural areas in dealing with the cost-of-living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53595/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has conducted any examination or reviews into the benefits of the community wealth-building model as a template for rural and community development. — Brian Stanley. [53840/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the work of the Broadband Mobile Phone Task Force, particularly the work being that is being carried out to provide alternatives for persons who have been waiting for a broadband connection for up to five years under the plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [53089/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her intended timeframe to implement an effective rural proofing model. — Matt Carthy. [53599/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if he will provide an update on the work that her Department has undertaken to provide a short-term solution regarding Céibh an Chaladh Mór on Inis Meáin; if she will provide an update on stage three of the development of this pier; if she will meet with stakeholders in relation to these issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [53283/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the work that her Department has undertaken to ensure greater connectivity between rural and urban communities in terms of local community groups and connected hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53101/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 85 of 15 September 2022, the status of the new policy for the islands; if she will provide an update on the work of the interdepartmental committee for the islands; the date of the last meeting of the committee; if she will provide a timeline for the completion of the new policy and action plan for the islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53792/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the purposes of the LEADER programme; her plans for the islands around the coast to be recognised as one region; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53795/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will examine the possibility of new CLÁR designations for additional villages in the west of Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [53602/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the building acquisition measure funding under the town and village renewal scheme will be continued into 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53710/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding the processing of the applications for the new restructured Community Services Programme funding model; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [53857/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which her Department's Budget 2023 measures will benefit persons living in rural areas in dealing with the cost-of-living crisis. — Kieran O'Donnell. [53865/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 668 of 14 September 2022, if she will provide an update on the development of Caladh Mór on Inis Meáin; the status of the development of the model simulation of the harbour by the National Maritime College of Ireland; if the data has been compiled to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53794/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the LEADER Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53709/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider treating Cork County as three separate entities for the purposes of funding under the 2023-2027 LEADER Programme following the establishment of three standalone Local Community Development Committees for the Cork County Council administrative area under the Local Government (Reform) Act 2014; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [53408/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagement that she has had with Department of Transport on the lack of rural transport as a consequence of private bus operators curtailing their services. — Sorca Clarke. [53873/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will establish a grant scheme towards the renovation of derelict rural properties for the purposes of providing tourism accommodation. — Matt Carthy. [53598/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on increasing the annual funding for the CLÁR programme. — Holly Cairns. [53614/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when further community centre grants will be announced and open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53869/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to liaise with urban and rural communities with a view to addressing such concerns as isolation and the ongoing need for services to address the issues arising; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53770/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will report on her recent attendance at the OECD rural conference. — Brendan Smith. [49953/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will meet a delegation from Inis Oírr to discuss the deficits in infrastructure on the island that need special support from her Department's islands fund including sewerage, piers, roads, electricity, water and so on; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [53739/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on local improvement scheme waiting lists per county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53870/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on the remuneration of staff at Pobal. — Pa Daly. [44811/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the roll-out of the town centre first initiative; and when a fresh round of calls is planned. — Richard Bruton. [53401/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the engagement that she has had with the stakeholders of a local amenity (details supplied) to include it under the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [53776/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if any efforts will be made to provide an organisation (details supplied) based in County Donegal with an alternative source of funding after the foundation has been informed by Pobal that it can no longer avail of the vital funding that it requires. — Pearse Doherty. [53605/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will report on the progress of the pilot Bike and E-Bike Upcycling Initiative; if she is considering extending the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [53856/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the instruments being used by her Department to identify and address intergenerational poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [50432/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department is working with any county councils to develop the economic model of community wealth-building which has been successful in Ayrshire, Scotland and Preston, England. — Brian Stanley. [53839/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the role that her Department is taking in the National Drugs Strategy. — Thomas Gould. [53843/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on her efforts to support remote working; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [52968/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 103 of 15 September 2022, if she will provide an update on the development of the pier on Inis Oírr; the expected timeline for the updating of the environmental reports to the standard required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53793/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline any findings arising from the recently announced Community Centres Investment Fund; and if she intends to continue the scheme in 2023. — Ciarán Cannon. [53867/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans for the development of remote working hubs in rural towns. — Ciarán Cannon. [53866/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the Islands Strategy; when the Strategy will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53706/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the work of the town and village renewal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53389/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the approximate number of community groups that are eligible for the Enhanced Community Group Fund to help with energy costs. — Thomas Gould. [53844/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the efforts that her Department is making in Coillte owned forest parks across the country; her views on the tourism and economic benefits from developing these amenities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [53388/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on increasing the annual funding for the Leader programme. — Holly Cairns. [53615/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will extend the place-based leadership development programme to include Cherry Orchard. — Patrick Costello. [53713/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures that are being considered in providing grant assistance to support the important work carried out by local tidy towns committees across the country. — Emer Higgins. [53841/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the work that is being carried out on remote working hubs and broadband connection points; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [53090/22]