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

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 outline his Department's position on EU legislative proposal (COM 2022) 71- Due Diligence and Corporate Sustainability. — Louise O'Reilly. [53894/22]

2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that his Department has taken to progress additional regulations on clean air in the workplace as promised in Dáil Éireann in December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [53848/22]

3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if preparatory work has begun to incorporate into legislation the recommendations on collective bargaining made by the high-level group on collective bargaining and industrial relations. — Louise O'Reilly. [53895/22]

4. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline any expanded scope that is being offered to Enterprise Ireland to provide financial support to indigenous industries that are facing energy cost increases that are more than twice the Governments €10,000 per month support package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [53737/22]

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

69. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the development of a rural-proofing mechanism, as outlined in Our Rural Future: Rural Development Policy 2021-2025; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53698/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps that her Department has taken to address the backlog of applications in the local improvement scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [53699/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps that she is taking to ensure that the allocation of funding under the Leader 2023-2027 programme considers the geographical size and population distribution of areas and awards funding proportionately. — Holly Cairns. [53618/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an assessment has been carried out in relation to her Department's response to Covid, in terms of the exclusion of some marginalised groups. — Paul Donnelly. [53734/22]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

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

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

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

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

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

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

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

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

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

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

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.

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which individual cost items have been identified where small or sole trade enterprises are under

increasing pressure from various cost of living increases from whatever source; if such assistance is manifest in the current climate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54126/22]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details of any funding received by a company (details supplied) from Enterprise Ireland or other agencies in the auspices of his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [53926/22]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the average wait time for approval by the National Standards Authority of Ireland of new bio-based construction materials. — Thomas Gould. [53932/22]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the progress of the Right to Request Remote Working Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [54008/22]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider making recommendations made by the Workplace Relations Commission obligatory to be honoured where it finds against a body which is State-funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [54010/22]

*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which support is being made available to small businesses including sole traders who are under economic pressure arising from various rising costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54125/22]

*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department continue to encourage employment in various small enterprises in towns and villages throughout the country thereby encouraging trade and enterprise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54127/22]

*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which the Government continues to focus on those small and medium enterprises coming under increasing cost pressure from whatever source with a view to ensuring continuity of activity, enterprise and trade at local level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54128/22]

*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which he and his Department have identified the individual cause(s) of price increases leading to cost of living inflation; the extent to which solutions can be found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54129/22]

*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department have identified cost of living/price increases that are not directly related to any particular or specific issue; the way such increases can be remedied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54130/22]

*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor the effect of staff shortages in the context of the

delivery of services throughout the public and private sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54132/22]

*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which he and his Department have identified specific issues which are currently inhibiting the growth of employment, enterprise and trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54134/22]

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

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the implementation of the clean-export guarantee tariff to allow payment for electricity returned to the grid; his views on whether energy suppliers have been receptive to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53937/22]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of times that the ECAS call system has been down in the past five years and when did these happen; and for how long for each occasion. — Bríd Smith. [53986/22]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department would consider introducing legislation to ban specific devices in domestic settings where they could potentially cause a noise disturbance (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53990/22]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans, if any, to engage with the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities to seek a reversal of charges (details supplied) given the current energy-cost crisis and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53992/22]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has determined the viability of proven undeveloped gas accumulations in areas of the Celtic sea already licensed for exploration or the subject of applications for successor authorisations potential to tie back to the Inch terminal and be brought ashore with minimum disruption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53993/22]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when in 2023 can post offices expect to receive the €10 million financial support package; if he will outline the process for dispersing the money; if he can offer any further information in relation to the funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53998/22]

*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he proposes to publish sectoral emission ceilings for the current carbon budget period 2021-2025, as required pursuant to Section 6C(1) of the Climate Change and Low Carbon Development (Amendment) Act 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [54074/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*158. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of engagement that his Department has had with the Department of Transport and the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

regarding the rollout of the EV Commercial Fleet Trial; if his Department is promoting this among local and national enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [54027/22]

*159. To ask the Minister for Transport the average waiting time to access an NCT appointment; if he accepts that reported six-month delays on an annual test risk compromising both the testing model and public confidence in it; the additional resources that are being put in place to alleviate the extreme pressure on the system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [53940/22]

*160. To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the recent commitment by the assistant Garda commissioner to provide an online portal for the submission of dashcam evidence by 2024, if any additional legislation is necessary for such a portal; and if so, when he intends to bring forward such legislation. — Ciarán Cannon. [53955/22]

*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a timeline for the expansion of the public bike scheme (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [53982/22]

*162. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of electric vehicle charging points that are currently in operation in Ireland; the targets that have been set by Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [54018/22]

*163. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the public consultation on the EV Charging Infrastructure Strategy; if he still intends on publishing a final strategy before the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [54020/22]

*164. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the number of trials that have taken place under the Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland EV Commercial Fleet Trial; if his Department is engaging with businesses to promote this trial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [54022/22]

*165. To ask the Minister for Transport his views that businesses can be a driving force as part of the modal shift towards electric vehicles and the overall electrification of the fleet; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [54024/22]

*166. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has engaged with the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment regarding the EV Commercial Fleet Trial; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [54026/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which he will publish the all-island rail review; and the amount expended on the review to date.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [54035/22]

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the review his Department have undertaken on restoring Irish Government funding for the City of Derry Airport and the Derry to Dublin airlink to reflect the fact that 40% of the passengers using the airport are from County Donegal; and if he will confirm the dialogue that has taken place between his Department officials and officials in An Taoiseach's Department to examine financial investment in the airport under the shared island unit. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54048/22]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm that the Irish Government is still committed to co-funding the upgrade of the A5 road in the North of Ireland, as stipulated in the St. Andrew's Agreement, and pending the go-ahead for the project. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54049/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will use whatever powers that are available to him to urgently compel CIÉ Dublin Bus to refurbish and bring Nos. 10-13 Conyngham Road, Dublin 8 back into residential use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [54075/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to reduce the waiting times at NCT test centres throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54079/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*172. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider the BIK changes introduced in Budget 2023 which will have a huge impact on workers during the cost-of-living crisis. — Emer Higgins. [53902/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will make provision for small group water schemes (details supplied) in the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53912/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for Finance when he expects to appoint the new members of the Disabled Drivers Medical Board of Appeals to be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [53934/22]

*175. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will remove data centres from eligibility for the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [53847/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for Finance if Approved Housing Bodies are eligible to apply for support under the temporary business energy support scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [54047/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that a person (details supplied) in County Cork is not eligible to claim the incapacitated childcare credit given that they have two children in their care though fostering services who are both incapacitated. — Sean Sherlock. [54061/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for Finance if homeowners awaiting the 'taking-in-charge' of estates, the process of which is taking an inordinately long period of time can be exempt from paying local property tax until it is completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [54065/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline in full the qualifying criteria for a primary medical certificate. — Robert Troy. [54082/22]

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

*180. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of vacant and derelict buildings respectively by county in the ownership of An Garda Síochána. — Thomas Gould. [54056/22]

*181. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if it is possible for pensioners to get a printed copy of their civil service pension payments in the event that they are not available online; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [54011/22]

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

*182. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will remove the broadcasting levy applied to independent radio given that it is estimated to cost the sector approximately €2.5 million per annum; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [53967/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide details of her engagements with the Minister for Foreign Affairs concerning negotiations with governments of other States to ensure the return of antiquities and historical objects held in museums, libraries, and other cultural institutions which originated from this country. — Holly Cairns. [54104/22]

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

*184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the terms of the grant to build accommodation for a person with a severe disability, or to substantially modify an existing home; and if he will indicate whether he is considering the revision of these terms as the cost of building has substantially changed since they were set. — Richard Bruton. [54087/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of units that have been purchased by local authorities under part V in the past five years, in tabular form by local authority, year, number of units available to purchase, number of units purchased, percentage of available units purchased and expenditure each year. — Patrick Costello. [53913/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of HAP recipients who have received the increased discretionary rate since the change to the HAP discretion rate from 20% to 35% came into effect on 11 July 2022, in each local authority area in tabular form; the up-to-date average percentage amount of discretionary top-up in each local authority area in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [53930/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of residential voids within social housing stock for each of the local authorities throughout the country at present in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [53936/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of meetings at which the national monument section of his Department or his Department generally was represented on the proposal to compensate Moore Street traders for disruption arising from the proposed development of Dublin central; if public funds were or were to be made available for that purpose; if there are records available of all meetings held including those in attendance; and if he will detail the result of the deliberations. — Peadar Tóibín. [53988/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will amend the legislation or regulations that limit the reconstruction of homes with defective blocks to the same footprint as the original house, in order that some homeowners have the option of building on their adjacent land holding and remaining in the existing home while their new home is being constructed; and if he appreciates that families with a person with a disability will struggle to find suitable temporary alternative accommodation and that this may be a workable option in some instances. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54060/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the Mulcahy Report into alleged planning corruption in Donegal; and the actions that he plans to take arising from this report. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54068/22]

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

*191. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth registration certificate will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53935/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive their passport card which was applied for several months ago. — Louise O'Reilly. [53956/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the efforts that his Department is making to restore the Executive in Northern Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54077/22]

*194. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of his engagement with the Ambassador for the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning recent protests for women's rights and the treatment of protestors by state security services. — Holly Cairns. [54101/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*195. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the application for additional accommodation for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [54091/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm what home tutors are considered self-employed for tax and pension purposes when engaged in the July Provision/Summer Programme as teachers who are employed by her Department who participate in the said programme, are considered as PAYE, receiving an A class contribution from their employer; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53976/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress of a new school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53910/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the progress of a new school building project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53918/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education the options that are available for schools who are continuing to experience a shortfall in funding despite measures introduced in Budget 2023 and who are continuing to request a voluntary contribution from the families of their pupils to make up that shortfall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53919/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made in relation to the provision of a school bus ticket for a person in County Louth (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53929/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a lack of secondary school places for children coming from special schools in Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [53954/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to deal with contracting issues on the Bus Éireann school transport scheme that have resulted in pupils being left without transport in areas in County Clare (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [53957/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education the reasons that a primary school (details supplied) has not been granted DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [53958/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education if she will directly intervene in the cases of two school transport routes (details supplied) where children are left without a means to get the school.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [53959/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education the pathway that is available to registration with the Teaching Council for a person (details supplied) that has completed a masters in teaching English to speakers of other languages; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53960/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on an appeal filed by a person (details supplied) in County Louth on a decision not to provide school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [53963/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter in relation to incremental credit (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [53964/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to instituting a review to classify home tutors as employees of her Department in view that continuity of work is not recognised even when a home tutor has worked for a number of years with students in providing home tuition; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53973/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will carry out a review as to the employment status of home tutors (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53974/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that home tutors are not regarded as employees of her Department in view of the fact that the Revenue Commissioner regard them as employees of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53975/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm that consideration will be given to instituting a review to ensure that home tutors governed by the home tuition scheme, would be afforded the right and made eligible for sick pay and holiday pay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53977/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm that consideration will be given to instituting a review of an amendment to current working conditions for home tutors as set out by her Department ensuring that home tutors governed by the home tuition scheme will be afforded the right to secure similar work outside of the official school calendar; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53978/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to instituting a review on amending current working conditions for home tutors as set out by her Department in order that they can claim travel expenses such as those made available for Leaving Certificate and Junior Certificate supervision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53979/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education when a school (details supplied) will be provided with ten extra classrooms as agreed with her Department; if the delivery of the classrooms will be expedited in order to avoid the school having little capacity for intake of new students for the 2022-2023 school year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53981/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider funding all trainee educational psychologists, as has recently been announced for trainee counselling psychologists; the reason that only a cohort of third-year students will receive some funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53983/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education the timeline that she is working towards for holding interviews to provide financial support to students of educational psychology currently on training placements in the National Educational Psychological Service, who are due to complete their doctoral training programme in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53984/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Education if there are Departmental guidelines in relation to the length of classes at second level (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [53999/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [54003/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Education if she will confirm the schedule now being followed in respect of plans for a new school building at (details supplied); if she will appreciate the local interest in the matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54031/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of the major building works for Pius X Templeogue Dublin 6W; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [54034/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Education the reason behind the change to assessment of need applications as recently communicated to schools by the NCSE; her views that it is appropriate for school principals to make these referrals; the additional resources that will be provided to schools to compensate for these additional duties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Crowe. [54044/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a teacher returning from teaching outside the EU would be denied an application for incremental credit on the basis of having taught in a fee-paying school. — Seán Crowe. [54045/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Education if the board of management of a school (details supplied) will be entitled to rent additional space in order to accommodate the students in the school in a safe manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54050/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Education the number of vacant and derelict buildings respectively by county in the ownership of her Department in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [54058/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Education if the contribution provided for final-year trainee educational psychologists this year will be put on a permanent footing for all final-year students; and if it is her Department's intention to make State contributions to trainee educational psychologists contingent on said students committing to working for a fixed term for her Department or the HSE in the future. — Louise O'Reilly. [54069/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she is taking to ensure that all monies pledged by religious orders to address the cost of compensation of historical abuse cases have been transferred to the State. — Holly Cairns. [54100/22]

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

*227. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for DCA in the case of a person (details supplied) can be re-examined on the basis of the strong medical evidence already provided; if arrangements can be put in place for an oral hearing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54118/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her response to the campaign from an organisation (details supplied) highlighting the UN International Day for the Eradication of Poverty. — Holly Cairns. [54097/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a working family payment re-application (details supplied); and if she will provide an update on this matter. — Niamh Smyth. [53901/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the entitlements that are available to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53928/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the decision in relation to a statutory redundancy entitlement appeal in relation to a person (details supplied) on the basis of fairness; if she agrees that the decision to make an award on the basis of their final work period, during which the person was undergoing intensive treatment for cancer, rather than for their normal working income, should be re-visited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [53970/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an allowance payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53991/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a working family payment will be made to a family (details supplied) renewing their application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [53996/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) who has applied for carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53997/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to any scheme or funding available to assist a family whose home has been extensively damaged by fire and requires substantial restoration work, who are unable to fund this work and who do not have house insurance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [54012/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for fuel allowance has been received from a person (details supplied) in County Cork; and if the applicant will qualify for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [54032/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if community welfare officers who formerly worked under the HSE and paid a 5% contribution between 2011 and 2015 without any apparent benefits will have that payment recognised in their pension entitlements or will be reimbursed the contributions made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54038/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a carer's benefit payment will be reinstated in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54063/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for carer's allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54067/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for the carer's support grant by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54070/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for household benefits and fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54116/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for fuel allowance or other benefit which he previously had during the pandemic while he is on a community

employment scheme given that he is asthmatic and diabetic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54119/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs payment will be available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54120/22]

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

*244. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that the national childcare scheme subsidy is paid based on hours attended rather than hours paid for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [53900/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53966/22]

*246. 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. [54028/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of all properties which his Department currently has lease arrangements with for the provision of direct provision and any other accommodation for those seeking asylum; and if he will provide a corresponding list of the service providers in each of these properties. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54036/22]

*248. 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. [54072/22]

*249. 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. [54073/22]

*250. 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. [54089/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of his engagement with the Minister for Transport concerning the provision of public transport services for disabled persons attending day services. — Holly Cairns. [54096/22]

*252. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the religious orders that he is engaged with concerning making payments to the redress scheme for the survivors of mother-and-baby homes, including the names of the orders and the number of meetings that he or his officials have had with these orders or their representatives. — Holly Cairns. [54098/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the pharmaceutical and medical companies that he is engaged with concerning making payments to the redress scheme for the survivors of mother-and-baby homes, including the names of the companies and the number of meetings that he or his officials have had with these companies or their representatives. — Holly Cairns. [54099/22]

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

*254. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 178 of 19 October 2022, if any consideration has been given to keeping the Aungier Street campus in public ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53941/22]

*255. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports that are available for adult education groups (details supplied) struggling with the rising cost of energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53942/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the additional 50 bursaries of €5,000 per student for the most disadvantaged students including those with a disability, mature students, lone parents, and further education award holders announced in July; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53943/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the funding made available in July to allow those on certain existing scholarships retain the funding for graduate entry medicine; the number of students being supported in the current academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53944/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the funding made available in July to support Traveller and Roma participation in higher education through a three-year pilot; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [53945/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the assistance that will be given to students who previously studied in Ukrainian universities to enable them to continue their studies at the appropriate university in Ireland; if his attention has been drawn to the case of a County Tipperary-based student who was studying dentistry in Ukraine (details supplied) and is now seeking to continue their education to become a dentist at an Irish university; the reason that this student has only been offered the opportunity to attend basic course modules and has never received an offer for a university place in Ireland, in order that they can complete the full complement of modules needed to finish their dentistry degree; the measures that are being taken to assist students who previously studied in Ukrainian universities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54013/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he will establish a working group in advance of the publication of the newly proposed Research Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [54014/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of vacant and derelict buildings respectively by each of the universities in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [54052/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has met with higher education institutions to discuss derelict or vacant buildings in their ownership. — Thomas Gould. [54053/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students that are repeating a year and are therefore not covered by the free fees' initiative are eligible for the €1,000 fee reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54066/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the procedure through which degrees in early childhood education and education studies in a not-for-profit college (details supplied) are excluded from the free fees system; if he will consider an application for inclusion from the college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [54071/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of his engagement with the Minister for Transport concerning the provision of public transport services for disabled persons attending vocational training services and post-secondary school-based courses. — Holly Cairns. [54102/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason only half of the higher education grant was paid in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54121/22]

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

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice further to a previous parliamentary question, if she will again consider the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54112/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice if a review of the proposal to deport can be considered in the case of a person (details supplied); if his case can be re-examined with a view to ascertaining whether, due to the length of time he has been in Ireland, including during lockdown, if his status can be reconsidered; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54115/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the Afghan Admission Programme; and her plans to extend it for persons wishing to leave that jurisdiction. — Catherine Murphy. [53920/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice if a citizenship application by a person (details supplied) will be expedited. — Peadar Tóibín. [53980/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda numbers by rank, in each station in Cork city and county, in tabular form; and the number of cars and bikes in each station; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [54033/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice the veracity that exists to anecdotal claims made statements by members of the public that suggest up to 40% of asylum seekers destroy or refuse to hand

over their passports to passport control on arrival in Ireland; the exact protocol for qualifying and identifying genuine refugees and asylum seekers on presentation into Ireland; if Ireland is seeing deliberate and intended migration from the UK through Northern Ireland ports of persons travelling who are presenting here for refugee and asylum status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [54037/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of vacant and derelict buildings respectively by county in the ownership of the Probation Services, the Irish Prison Service and her Department in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [54056/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to a report (details supplied) which indicates a 7% increase in 2021 on the numbers contacting centres; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54078/22]

*275. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54114/22]

*276. To ask the Minister for Justice when a stamp 4 will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54122/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*277. To ask the Minister for Health the specific actions that his Department will take in relation to the iNAP2 plan, to ensure that cross-discipline research is enabled. — Patrick Costello. [53904/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which his Department is utilising the research data generated from Irish research in relation to the iNAP2 plan to date; and if his Department has analysed it or requested any communication with the scientists in order to ensure that the research is translated into policy. — Patrick Costello. [53907/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health if he will examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [53911/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a timeline of admission for (details supplied) to the National Rehabilitation Centre, Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [53917/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are available to support an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [53939/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to tackle the long waiting lists for audiology tests; his plans to establish a Departmental working group to assist in developing a cohesive, efficient and caring strategy that addresses the hearing needs of the Irish adult population and in turn, reduces the financial health burden on the State in the coming years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [53946/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the psychiatric services in Dublin, which are working with children and adolescents, outside the Dublin CAMHS units; if he will provide an outline of the various services provided, including by consultant psychiatrists, psychiatrists, junior

doctors, registrars; the oversight mechanisms in place (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53948/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the list of 128 nursing homes of concern that HIQA provided the HSE as stated by the 2020 expert panel; the number of those homes that went into crisis and the death rate in those homes in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [53949/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the number of those homes received HSE support in relation to the list of 128 nursing homes of concern that HIQA provided the HSE provided as stated by the 2020 expert panel and if any of those homes refused HSE support. — Paul Murphy. [53950/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health the supports the HSE provide to a nursing home in Dublin 7 (details supplied) from 2020 to 2022; the reason this support was provided; when did the home request support; on what grounds and the date the HSE provided this support. — Paul Murphy. [53951/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns that were received from directors of nursing regarding the non-transfer of residents to hospital who they felt had potential to benefit from hospital treatment. — Paul Murphy. [53952/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health if further funding will be made available to a nursing home (details supplied) to enable it to cover increasing costs and to avoid it being forced to increase fees. — Eoin Ó Broin. [53965/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the minutes of the meetings held to date by the national working group developing policy and lists on aids and appliances for the year 2021 and to date in 2022.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [53971/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide any memos related to the establishment of the national working group on aids and appliances. — Sean Sherlock. [53972/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 334 of 20 October 2022, if he will confirm that a person (details supplied) is carrying-out the second phase of the termination of pregnancy legislation review; if he will speak directly to the initial phase which included a report submitted by a UK university on service providers' experiences of the implementation of legislation; if he will clarify whether this report from the university will be made available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [53985/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration is being given to reforming the nursing homes support scheme, also known as fair deal; if so, the timeline that he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [53989/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health if he has identified a timeline for updating the Dental Act 1985, as committed to in the national oral health policy in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [53995/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 248 of 28 September 2022, the status of the payment of the Covid-19 recognition payment to eligible workers in non-HSE and non-Section 38 organisations; if a contractor is in place to assist with payment to cohorts 1-4; the timeline that he is working towards for paying all remaining staff; if payments will be

issued before Christmas 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54000/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health if he will extend the expiry date on a medical card issued to a person (details supplied) until such time as the card renewal process is completed; and if a positive response will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [54002/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health if trained medics amongst the Ukrainian community, including nurses, doctors and so on, could be allowed to practice in centres around the country, provided that they have the relevant paperwork, given that there is a shortage of GPs around the country and that many Ukrainians are finding it difficult to access GP-care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [54005/22]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health if discussions are expected to allow cataract operations to be carried-out privately in Ireland to medical-card patients and reimbursed to persons, in the same way as the Cross-Border Directive (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [54006/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that speech and language therapy has not been available for in-patients at Monaghan Hospital in recent weeks; when such therapy services will resume; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54029/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health the whole-time equivalent number of speech and language therapists for in-patients that have been available at Monaghan Hospital on the first day of each month from January 2020 to October 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54030/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for temporary facilities expected to be utilised to house the emergency department in the Mercy Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [54040/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health the number of independent investigations finalised by the HSE since January 2019; the reason that such investigations were carried out; the persons/companies carrying out the investigations; the cost of same to date; the outcome of these investigations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [54041/22]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health when the National Cervical Screening Laboratory will open; the fully-staffed annual testing capacity of the laboratory; the number of samples sent abroad for testing in each year for the past five years; and the total cost of sending samples abroad for testing in each year for the past five years. — Seán Crowe. [54043/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant and derelict buildings owned by the HSE and his Department respectively by each CHO in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [54054/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health if he has met with the HSE to discuss derelict or vacant buildings in their ownership. — Thomas Gould. [54055/22]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health the number of initial consultations for termination of pregnancy services that were provided by general practitioners, family planning clinics and women's health clinics in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [54062/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who has been referred, by their rheumatologist, to see a pain specialist at St. John's Hospital, Limerick, and is yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [54076/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health if he will make a commitment that the pandemic bonus payment of €1,000 will be paid to all those entitled to receive it by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54080/22]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health when an emergency medical card application will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54113/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health when speech, language and occupational therapy will be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54117/22]

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

*310. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the specific actions that his Department will take in relation to the iNAP2 plan, to ensure that cross-discipline research is enabled. — Patrick Costello. [53905/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way in which his Department is utilising the research data generated from Irish research in relation to the iNAP2 plan to date; and if his Department has analysed it or requested any communication with the scientists in order to ensure that the research is translated into policy. — Patrick Costello. [53908/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that the Forest Service does not routinely require the licensee to provide his Department with notification of when felling works are to be commenced and concluded, even where felling licences are issued for a period of ten years, given his role in monitoring and enforcing forestry licences (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [53914/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he, as a shareholder in Coillte Teoranta, will clarify information regarding the estimated volume of timber to be felled under felling licences dated 2021, granted by his Department (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [53915/22]

*314. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he, as a shareholder in Coillte Teoranta, will provide a detailed explanation as to the reason that the area of forest classed as 'High Conservation Value Forest' managed by Coillte has decreased by 11,016 hectares (approximately 10%) from 107,083 hectares to 96,097 hectares over the past 12 months, according to reports (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [53916/22]

*315. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if consideration will be given to reviewing the proposed ten-unit cap on milking parlours under the TAMS scheme, in view of this parlour size being inadequate, to ensure that two generations of farming families can make a reasonable living from dairy farming together with other factors (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [53933/22]

*316. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. No. 866 of 18 October 2022, if he will provide clarification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53961/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the timeframe for applications for a scheme (details supplied) can be extended; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [53994/22]

*318. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the deadline for applications to the ACRES scheme beyond 10 November 2022, given the complications with the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54001/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will assist in securing a rise for the pensions of retired Coillte employees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [54004/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54009/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the New Forestry programme will be launched as the sector has been anxiously awaiting the launch of the new Programme which is a 'make or break' initiative for the future of the industry (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [54046/22]

*322. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the implementation of the new forest programme; the reasons for the new forest programme's slow implementation (details supplied); the measures that are being taken to assist the forestry industry given the dire situation that is now developing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54064/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of the 4,859 samples taken from racing greyhounds at race meetings, sales meeting, private kennels and trails in 2021, that were obtained at race meetings; the percentage of the total samples that were fully analysed at a INAB accredited Laboratory and which prohibited substances were tested for; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54083/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that the RCÉTS (Rásaíocht Con Éireann Traceability System) is enforced for racing greyhounds resident in Northern Ireland, who regularly travel south of the border to race at Irish tracks and return home immediately since greyhound kennels in Northern Ireland are outside the jurisdiction of Rásaíocht Con Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54084/22]

*325. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a licensed greyhound trainer with an adverse analytical finding retires and relinquishes their licence before their dog's adverse analytical finding comes before the control committee, if the finding is quashed and the trainer later reappplies for a trainer's licence, does the adverse analytical finding remain quashed or is it reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54085/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the area of GPC3 plantations which have been approved by his Department since 1 January 2022 that have not yet progressed to planting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [54086/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will specify the annual rate of afforestation COFORD have identified as required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [54088/22]

*328. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual target for afforestation under the native tree area scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [54090/22]

*329. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his response to an organisation's (details supplied) concerns regarding the cut in beef prices that farmers receive in factors and its impact on their capacity for winter finishing. — Holly Cairns. [54094/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions that he is taking to prohibit pair trawling inside the six-mile limit. — Holly Cairns. [54095/22]

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

*331. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which funding made available prior to or in the course of the recent budget is likely to benefit urban and rural community development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54138/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if a club was put forward for CLÁR funding (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53962/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to address urban and rural community needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54135/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to liaise with representatives of urban and rural communities with a view to maximising supports for the various relevant community-based enterprises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54136/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she continues to monitor the extent to which support continues to be needed among urban and rural communities for particular modes of support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54137/22]

*336. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applicants for assistance towards urban/rural community development in the past twelve months; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54139/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which to she can make further provision arising from Budget 2023, to assist with urban/rural community development; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54140/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which she continues to assist towards the provision of communication hubs at local level to assist in the

provision of located-sited enterprises that may be available from major national enterprises; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54141/22]

*339. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of headings under which she proposes to assist towards rural and community development at local level in the coming year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54142/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which supports from her Department in the past year has assisted rural and community enterprises throughout the period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54143/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she has received new applications for support from rural and community-based groups which might be affected by inflation or cost of living increases; the extent to which she envisages support for such applicants in the coming year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54144/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development given the recently produced “iCommunity” policy supported by the Northern Ireland Department for Communities, and by the shared Island Unit in the Department of An Taoiseach, if her Department has given consideration to funding any proprietary works that need to be done to bring communities together, taking into account the regionality, urban- rural differences and a diversity of traditions. — Paul Donnelly. [54185/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of times there have been direct meetings between her Department and the Northern Ireland Communities Minister (details supplied). — Paul Donnelly. [54186/22]