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

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

1. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the commitments that he will seek from international counterparts at COP27, with particular reference to climate ambition, climate finance, loss-and-damage and fossil fuel non-proliferation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55345/22]

2. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on representations made by him to An Taoiseach in respect of the establishment of a climate action unit in the Department of An Taoiseach. — Ivana Bacik. [55588/22]

3. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that the number of attic and cavity wall insulation works has dramatically decreased in recent years; if he accepts that approximately 165,000 homes have no such works completed and that approximately 500,000 homes could benefit from such improvement work; if he will increase the 80% grant and decrease the administrative burden for accessing these supports, given the urgent climate, energy and cost-of-living crises, and in order to accelerate the roll-out of shallow retrofits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55346/22]

4. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on Bord na Móna's proposed Derryad windfarm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [55661/22]

5. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged with a company (detail supplied) and its partners with a view to expanding its pilot programme, which uses surplus wind energy to provide households at risk of fuel poverty with hot water; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55347/22]

**CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

6. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has received a review of the North-South interconnector; when it will be published; and if he will commission a full independent assessment of the potential undergrounding of the project. — Matt Carthy. [55410/22]

7. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will be attending the COP27 conference in Egypt; if his attention has been drawn to the grave human rights abuses of environmentalists and climate campaigners by the Egyptian state; if he will meet with representatives of human rights organisations while there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55315/22]

8. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his interim solutions for householders in rural areas waiting on broadband that is some years away under the National Broadband Plan; if he will provide further details of the efforts to accelerate the roll-out of national broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [55327/22]

9. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a publication date for the McCarthy review into what went wrong in relation to the electricity generation capacity shortfall which the State is now facing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55351/22]

10. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the main barriers on the route to market facing the renewable energy industry in its efforts to increase the amount of renewable energy available to Ireland; the steps being taken by the Government to remove these barriers expeditiously; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55036/22]

11. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline his short and medium-term plans for emergency electricity generation at Huntstown, Finglas; and if a district heating system may form part of future developments. — Paul McAuliffe. [55200/22]

12. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will advise on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding broadband in an area; his plans to supply a high-speed broadband service to this location in County Louth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [55447/22]

13. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding plans to boost micro generation in the farming sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [55419/22]

14. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that he is putting in place to ensure gas supply this winter, given the unexplained Nord Stream explosions in September 2022 which could impact Ireland's supply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [55323/22]

15. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has examined a recent report on offshore wind energy (details supplied); if recent withdrawals by named corporations from projects confirm the necessity of direct state involvement in offshore wind development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55318/22]

16. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he is taking to ensure that new Eircodes are assigned in a timely manner rather than in batches every few months. — Holly Cairns. [55047/22]

17. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions that his Department has taken to ensure that SEAI schemes will not see homeowners forced to pay upfront

the full costs of energy efficiency work undertaken by contractors from 1 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55317/22]

18. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he, along with the CRU, has implemented protections or identified solutions to households that hold pay-as-you-go energy meters or numerous households who share a single meter; if he will ensure that these vulnerable homes receive support under the electricity support scheme this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [55324/22]

19. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 83 of 20 September 2022, the details of any engagement he has had since September 2022 with Galway City Council and Galway County Council with regard to supporting and promoting efforts at local government level on climate action; the details of any engagement he has had in 2022 with the Atlantic Seaboard North CARO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55010/22]

20. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are plans for the development of an electricity grid in the west of Ireland to facilitate the transfer to electric from west to east at-scale to unlock the renewable wind energy potential in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55404/22]

21. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current status of licensing new exploration of offshore gas in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [55418/22]

22. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of plans to fast-track the National Broadband Plan; the impact that this will have on Ireland's carbon emissions profile; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47189/22]

23. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline for processing Maritime Area Consent applications in his Department currently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55021/22]

24. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the rollout of the National Broadband Plan to include the number of premises passed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55001/22]

25. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities on steps being taken to deter electricity and gas theft across Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55193/22]

26. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is satisfied with the pace of the roll-out of the national broadband plan; the measures that are being taken to address the delays in progressing from design stage to roll-out of fibre broadband in an area (details supplied), given that surveys were carried out in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55393/22]

27. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the impact for rural households of the ban on the sale of turf given the rising cost of all fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [55371/22]

28. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to provide supports for district heating schemes to move to more cost-effective sources of energy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55395/22]

29. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the plans regarding the provision of grants to install LED lighting for sports clubs across the country, with a view to reducing both energy usage and financial costs to the clubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [55186/22]

30. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the clean export guarantee as part of the micro-generation support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55280/22]

31. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to develop strategies to develop grid infrastructure to advance and accelerate the deployment of offshore wind technology off Ireland's west coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [55421/22]

32. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the negotiations from the EU Energy Council negotiations on decoupling gas from electricity prices, price cap proposals and on the windfall tax on excessive profits of energy companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55350/22]

33. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which broadband provision throughout the country is progressing as intended; if efforts continue to bridge communication gaps that have become obvious; if he can see a means whereby the provision of broadband throughout all the regions can be maximised in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55378/22]

34. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will bring his security of energy supply recommendations to Government; and if he will report on the review of the security of energy supply of Ireland's electricity and natural gas systems. — Ivana Bacik. [55380/22]

35. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the work of the district heating steering group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55394/22]

36. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to deal with the waiting list for the better energy warmer homes scheme; and the expected increase in demand following the increase in income limits for the fuel allowance for those over 70 years of age who benefit from the scheme. — Paul McAuliffe. [55201/22]

37. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on broadband roll-out in Dublin south-west with particular reference to the rural mountains and valleys. — John Lahart. [55275/22]

38. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that retailers with unsold smoky coal and other prohibited fuels are now expected to take with their leftover stock, for which they have already paid; if he will consider ways to assist these retailers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55229/22]

39. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the redistribution of energy profits, especially those of the Corrib gas field; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55408/22]

40. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which his Department measures progress in reducing energy poverty; if closer alignment with the system of energy upgrades could be developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [50625/22]

41. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has had any communication with the Port of Cork authorities in relation to their support for an LNG facility; if the authority is bound by Government policy in relation to the development of LNGs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55314/22]

42. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the ways in which his Department supports measures to reduce the amount of litter on rural roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55269/22]

43. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department's position on the National Broadband Plan has changed or whether it remains the same (details supplied); his views on the failure of the National Broadband Plan to meet its targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [48206/22]

44. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 138 of 7 April 2022, the details of the RESS 1 community projects which have reached commercial operation to date; the estimated timeline for each of these community projects to be commercially operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55008/22]

45. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the Government's plans with regard to supporting a loss-and-damage finance facility at COP27; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55198/22]

46. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 107 of 20 September 2022, the status of the promised statutory guidelines for local authority climate action plans, which will include the guidelines for the implementation of local authority decarbonising zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55009/22]

47. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the goals and objectives of the Government for COP27; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55199/22]

48. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the projected number of premises that will be passed by 31 December 2022 by the NBI in its roll-out of high-speed broadband; the number that was projected for this date at the time of the signing of the broadband contract with NBI; the steps to be taken to make up lost ground; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55037/22]

49. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement his Department has had with the national local authority climate action steering group in 2022; the

number of meetings, and dates of same, attended by his Departmental officials in 2022; if minutes are taken and published in respect of these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55011/22]

50. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he continues to ensure a balance between meeting emission reduction targets and ensuring the future of the agri-food sector, with particular reference to the need to ensure the future of the agricultural production sector while meeting carbon reduction targets to the greatest possible extent; if he is satisfied that neither will progress at the expense of the other, that food security for the future is assured and that everything possible is being done to reduce emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55377/22]

51. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has examined bringing the Corrib gas field into public ownership on a temporary basis to control gas prices in Ireland, using powers vested in the Government by the Fuels (Control of Supplies) Acts of 1971 and 1982. — Ivana Bacik. [55381/22]

52. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his proposals to reduce the amount of polyethylene terephthalate, PET, plastic exported from Ireland; if he has considered introducing a levy on the use of virgin plastics; and if his Department will collate data on the quantities of PET plastic that are recycled domestically and exported. — Matt Carthy. [55411/22]

53. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of SEAI grants that have been granted in 2022; the average waiting time per application; the number of applications that remain on the waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55188/22]

54. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the roll-out of high speed rural broadband in Cork South West. — Holly Cairns. [55046/22]

55. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the progress of the local authorities' climate action plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [55420/22]

56. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the efforts that are being made to improve broadband in areas in which it is particularly bad, such as an area (details supplied) and areas that have not been included in any improvement works to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [55185/22]

57. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that are being taken to address the continuing delays in works commencing for applications under the free energy upgrades, warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55392/22]

58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the national broadband plan roll-out in County Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55352/22]

59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated amount that the State will receive from the European Union windfall tax on energy companies; if he supports this measure being extended; if he supports a higher rate of taxation than the rate that is envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [46195/22]

60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has examined the use of legislation to regulate heating costs for district heating customers who pay for domestic energy at a commercial rate. — Ivana Bacik. [55382/22]

61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the short-term and long-term solutions for communities whose homes are heated through communal/district heating systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [55002/22]

62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that district and communal heating systems can be regulated by the CRU to ensure fair pricing for those who have these systems and to ensure that these customers are also able to switch to another provider; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55022/22]

63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagements and meetings that he has held with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, relating to the increased staffing requirements in Ireland's planning agencies to reduce the delays facing offshore wind and other renewable energy projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55348/22]

64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he intends to increase the arrears limit on pre-pay electricity and gas meters to ensure that these households are given the same protection from disconnection as bill-pay households during the moratorium on disconnections; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55349/22]

65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has examined the recent UN report which found that globally, the world is nowhere near reaching targets of limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees' Celsius, and is on course for warming of over 2 degrees' Celsius; his views on whether global failure is mirrored by Ireland's ongoing failure to limit and reduce emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55316/22]

66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a comprehensive update on the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan. — Sorca Clarke. [47027/22]

67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which individuals and families living in multi-resident accommodation where there are separate electricity meters but only one MPRN number, can receive the electricity credit, and in instances where there are two MPRN numbers on the one post-code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55405/22]

68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on a report (details supplied) by an organisation. — Ivana Bacik. [55379/22]

69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he is taking to address fuel poverty in homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47188/22]

70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of air quality monitoring stations that are being monitored by his Department in County Cork; the specific locations of these monitoring stations; if he will elaborate on what the most recent data has indicated; if there are plans to increase the number of monitoring stations in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [55189/22]

71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of successful applicants to the Climate Action Fund in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [47028/22]

72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 150 of 20 September 2022, the status of the preparation of the finalised terms of reference for the offshore renewable energy scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55007/22]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*73. To ask the Taoiseach if his Department and all bodies under his Department’s aegis have reviewed their estates’ portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54225/22]

*74. To ask the Taoiseach the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department’s estates’ portfolio and all bodies under his Department’s aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54243/22]

*75. To ask the Taoiseach the number of persons registered as unemployed at each employment exchange in County Mayo on the last convenient date and if he will provide comparative figures for the corresponding period in 2021. — Alan Dillon. [54496/22]

*76. To ask the Taoiseach the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55490/22]

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

*77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department and all bodies under his Department’s aegis have reviewed their estates’ portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54214/22]

*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department’s estates’ portfolio and all bodies under his Department’s aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54232/22]

*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if it is permissible for workers who are subject to work visas and permits, to be centrally contracted by recruitment agencies, and then subcontracted out to the sector to which their visas and permits cover; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54274/22]

*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons employed within IDA and Enterprise Ireland-backed companies within County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54495/22]

*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to extending the quota for employment permit applications for the role of dairy farm assistant, in view of the fact that dairy farmers are having difficulty in recruiting employees, and taking into consideration that employment permit applications for this role have been returned since the quota was reached; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54603/22]

*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employment permit applications for the role of dairy farm assistant that have been returned, in view that the 100 general employment permits established under this quota for dairy farm assistants have now been granted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54604/22]

*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the rights and recourse opportunities available to consumers who have been affected by substandard building or contractor works, or who have paid in advance for building works which have been left incomplete.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [54626/22]

*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the frequency with which a review of the critical skills and ineligible occupations list is undertaken; the date of the most recent review; the timeline for the upcoming review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54833/22]

*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of criminal prosecutions that there has been for offences set out in the National Minimum Wage Act 2000 since its commencement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54900/22]

*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his plans to remove homecare workers from the Ineligible Occupations List, following publication of the Report of the Strategic Advisory Group on Home Carers and Nursing Home Healthcare Assistants which recommended doing so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55113/22]

*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current names of the members of National Standards Authority of Ireland committee that are now reviewing I.S. 465 and details on the international experts that they have consulted with or plan to consult with; when will the committee conclude its work and make recommendations to the Government. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55197/22]

*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 65 of 14 September 2022, if he will provide an update on the meeting between the Commission and the Government that was due to take place in September 2022, on the letter of notice concerning the Transnational Information and Consultation Act 2006; if he will

publish all correspondence between the Government and the Commission on the letter of notice concerning the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55294/22]

*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of form RBN3 processed by the companies Registration Office in each of the years 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, by county and reason in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [55305/22]

*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of full-time vacant forensic accounts and enforcement lawyers in the Corporate Enforcement Authority as of 31 October 2022; and when any vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [55329/22]

*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that he is taking to address the bus driver shortage in Ireland; if he will address the delays in issuing work permits for immigrant workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55344/22]

*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has plans to re-open the application process for work permits for farming, including the pig and poultry sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [55372/22]

*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will ensure that the supports available to employees with disabilities are offered in comparable forms to self-employed disabled people and disabled entrepreneurs. — Holly Cairns. [55429/22]

*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to providing a grant for self-employed disabled people and disabled entrepreneurs to employ a non-disabled person to help them run their business. — Holly Cairns. [55430/22]

*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55479/22]

*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will arrange to have an employment permit issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [55510/22]

*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will arrange to have employment permits (details supplied) issued as promptly as possible. — John Lahart. [55579/22]

*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details of the number of employment permits applied for, and issued, to holders of Russian passports from March 2022 to date, and for the corresponding period in 2021, in tabular form. — Holly Cairns. [55653/22]

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

*99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland insulation grant will be extended beyond 2011 up to and including homes built in 2014; his plans to do so. — Brendan Griffin. [54928/22]

*100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will list the energy efficiency obligated entities for the most recent year for which data is available; the energy savings credits which they earned through delivery of efficiencies; and the proportion in each case which was delivered by buying credits. — Richard Bruton. [54182/22]

*101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will indicate the extent to which the annual target of energy efficiency obligated entities will increase in 2023 compared to the existing obligation. — Richard Bruton. [54183/22]

*102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the requirement to have a minimum efficiency uplift, a requirement to achieve a B2 rating or better, prevents the achievement of cheaper and shallower measures which could deliver rapid reductions in energy use at this time of heightened energy uncertainty. — Richard Bruton. [54184/22]

*103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department and all bodies under his Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54215/22]

*104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54233/22]

*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that energy providers are continued to be permitted to set the rate at which they purchase electricity back to the grid, including the imposition of standing charges on customers who have installed renewable systems to provide net electricity to the grid; if he will provide a directive to the regulator in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54307/22]

*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the consultation on the wild salmon and sea trout tagging scheme regulations for 2023 will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54345/22]

*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that the fishing season was reduced to a three-week period in 2022 rather than eleven weeks on every other river; if it is likely to be repeated in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54346/22]

*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the disbursement of grant funding for the remediation of environmentally-degraded landfill sites operated by local authorities under programme E; the success of these efforts to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54358/22]

*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Poolbeg west strategic development zone is ready for supply to the Dublin district heating system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54359/22]

*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he or any of his officials had any engagement with Bord na Móna on the employee share scheme. — Robert Troy. [54444/22]

*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications that have been approved for the national home energy upgrade scheme to date in 2022; the number of homes that have had works started on that scheme; the target for completions this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54476/22]

*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications that have been approved for the individual energy upgrade grants to date in 2022; the number of homes that have had works started on that scheme; the target for completions this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54477/22]

*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of applications that have been approved for the fully-funded energy upgrades to date in 2022; the number of homes that have had works started on that scheme; the target for completions this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54478/22]

*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the tourist angling measure funding for the Clare river system has delivered the 37 galvanised metal stream crossings and angling stands which were to be installed; if the funding was drawn down by Inland Fisheries Ireland from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54522/22]

*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that obligated parties are being removed from the better energy scheme; if an assessment has been made regarding the potential consequences of a drop-off in applications for the better energy homes scheme; and if he is giving consideration to retaining the scheme as it is constituted presently, in view of the energy crisis that exists. — Sean Sherlock. [54572/22]

*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a date has been set for the publication of the climate action plan 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [54668/22]

*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will review correspondence from Monaghan County Council regarding the North South Interconnector (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54755/22]

*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the qualifications and experience of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will be accepted by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland for the BER assessor pre-qualification criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54813/22]

*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if electricity credits provided for in Budget 2023 will be decoupled from MPRNs in the case where multiple

individual domiciles share the same MPRN; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54829/22]

*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the full scheme design for the microgeneration support scheme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54878/22]

*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the results of the survey on the microgeneration support scheme will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54879/22]

*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the microgeneration support scheme participants will receive payment for excess renewable electricity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54880/22]

*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated timeframe for future payments will be determined for the microgeneration support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54881/22]

*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the tariffs for excess renewable electricity that suppliers export to the grid; the way that these will be correlated to current market value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54882/22]

*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if provisions to allocate the energy credit have been made to persons living in single units sharing the one MPRN code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54939/22]

*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 34 of 27 September 2022, the status of the heat and built environment delivery taskforce; if the taskforce has met to date; his plans to publish the minutes of meetings of the taskforce; the membership of the taskforce; the terms of reference of the taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54981/22]

*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 34 of 27 September 2022 and a Government press release (details supplied), the status of the cross-departmental national retrofit steering group; the membership of the steering group; the terms of reference of the group; the number of meetings held to date by the group; if minutes are taken in respect of these meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54982/22]

*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the development of the new action plan on energy poverty; the timeline for the publication of the action plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54983/22]

*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to groups of housing units being charged commercial rates for gas usage; if he intends to intervene in order to reduce the cost for tenants this coming winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [55133/22]

*130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that is being made in signing-off on pension increases due to retired An Post workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [48257/22]

*131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views in relation to the penalties regarding new legislation around solid fuels (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55225/22]

*132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will seek an urgent implementation of the Private Members' Motion passed by Dáil Éireann in November 2016 which sets out an action plan enabling the sustainability of the post office network; his views on this need for urgency given that Ireland is facing 200 post office closures from January 2023 and the closure of an additional 400 post offices from January 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55239/22]

*133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on Broadband roll-out in an area of DSW, with particular reference to the rural mountains and valleys. — John Lahart. [55244/22]

*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current status of the Barryroe oilfield application for drilling licence; if a decision has been issued; if not, the reason for the ongoing delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55260/22]

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that his Department has taken to ensure that the €200 electricity credit is received by groups who do not have an MPRN number, including persons on Traveller halting sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55319/22]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which the electricity credit, as part of the Government's cost-of-living measures, can be applied for tenants who purchase their prepaid meter top-up cards directly from their landlord. — Sorca Clarke. [55362/22]

*137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which the electricity credits will apply to households on coin-operated meters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [55401/22]

*138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he has had discussions with his colleagues at EU level on the ever-increasing energy prices and supply difficulties; and the extent to which progress continues to be made in this regard to protect consumers throughout the European Union. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53199/22]

*139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent of the progress, if any, made at the recent European Council meeting with particular reference to energy supply and price rises, based on what appears to be tenuous need. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53532/22]

*140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline his engagements with the Minister for Finance concerning An Post being a provider of community banking services. — Holly Cairns. [55431/22]

*141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the European Union energy crisis from an European Union perspective; the financial supports that will be available from the European Union; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [49075/22]

*142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to identify the research needs of the emerging hydrogen economy, particularly in the area of economic research; if he will support the development of the hydrogen economy in Ireland and in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [51680/22]

*143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department is reconsidering allowing post offices to become community banks, permitting them to provide all financial services and facilities that banks currently do but with increased advantages and value for communities and ensuring the survival of these important service providers into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55462/22]

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55480/22]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps which he is taking to reduce the cost of insulating homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47190/22]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of Ireland's first clean-air strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47191/22]

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the discussions which he has had with stakeholders regarding the replacement of jobs in the midlands following the closure of West Offaly and Lough Ree power stations; the plans for the future use of both sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [47192/22]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if a person can sell a bag of turf at a market (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [55556/22]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the just transition arrangements and supports that are in place for registered coal merchants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [55568/22]

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he has taken to ensure the financial sustainability of the current post office network, especially in rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [55592/22]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the provision of broadband on a country-wide basis is proceeding according to plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55618/22]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he and his Department are endeavouring to meet the demands in so far as is possible in relation to the provision of broadband on a nationwide basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55619/22]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of locations throughout the country where broadband roll-out is not up to expectation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55620/22]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which efforts are being made to ensure that blackspots in respect of broadband are being attended to as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55621/22]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which broadband provision is proceeding evenly throughout the country in respect of both primary and secondary areas; the extent to which the two are merging or are likely to so do in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55622/22]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which mobile telephone services remain good when compared with other European Union Member States or adjoining countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55623/22]

*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which emission reduction targets are being met or otherwise; if further steps are required to achieve such targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55624/22]

*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the level of investment currently in hand and likely to improve the possibility of meeting emission targets; when each investment project is likely to come online, whether by alternative electricity generation methods, onshore or offshore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55625/22]

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which emission reductions are likely to be achieved by way of alternative methods of electricity generation in the future; the way in which this is likely to impact on achieving the target; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55626/22]

*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the degree to which alternative electricity-generation projects are advanced to the extent of making emission targets realisable in the short to medium term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55627/22]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he and his Department have identified the reasons given by energy providers for recent price increases to the consumer; the extent to which such reasons are directly attributable to any particular issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55628/22]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which domestic waste is currently referred for incineration or landfill sites; the intended progression in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55629/22]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the percentage of electricity generation in this country now relying on non-fossil fuel sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55630/22]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the national electricity grid is currently made up of alternative forms of electricity generation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55631/22]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of homes to be retrofitted to B2 equivalent by 2030 in order to meet Government targets of 500,000, by year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [55662/22]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the low-interest loans to enable homes to retrofit will be available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [55663/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an outline of the regulations and inspections that are in place to ensure that retrofitting and energy efficiency works undertaken by private contractors are of a high standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [55664/22]

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*168. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the establishment of an online portal, in light of Assistant Garda Commissioner Paula Hillman's comments to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice meeting on 4 October 2022 that she and senior members of An Garda Síochána support the creation of an online portal for members of the public to efficiently upload dash-cam evidence of dangerous driving; if the creation of such an online portal would require primary or secondary legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [54155/22]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will devise a scheme to allow funding applications from local authority for road improvements based on traffic data, especially queuing data; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54195/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that funding applications to the National Transport Authority are given a three-week turnaround time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54196/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department and all bodies under his Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54227/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54245/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport the date that the next recruitment campaign will commence in respect of airport police officers; and the number of airport police in this jurisdiction by rank and location. — Catherine Murphy. [54248/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of fixed payment notices issued by airport police at each of the State's airports in the years 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and the value of same. — Catherine Murphy. [54249/22]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of stop-and-searches conducted by airport police at each of the State's airports in the years 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and the number of arrests made by airport police at each of the State's airports in that timeframe. — Catherine Murphy. [54250/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to review the Commercial Vehicle Roadworthiness (Vehicle Testing) (No. 2) Regulations 2013, in view of the current cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54266/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport the timeframe for the expansion of the public bike scheme to the Blackrock, Mahon, Douglas and Rochestown areas in Cork city. — Sean Sherlock. [54270/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will respond to a person (details supplied) who contacted this Deputy regarding transport needs in County Donegal to get to and from college; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54316/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 334 of 14 June 2022, if he can confirm that catering services will be fully resumed on intercity train services from early 2023; if he will also clarify if catering services will be available at Mallow railway station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54320/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport when the construction phase of a refurbishment and lighting project will commence on a bridge (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54321/22]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine proposals for improved public transport connectivity from a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54329/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the provision that is in place to ensure continuity of transportation services for the Creeslough community as a consequence of the current road closure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [54333/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport he up to date position on third level students aged under 19 years being able to apply for the student leap card and avail of the 50% fare discount. — Brendan Griffin. [54380/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport the projected date of operation for route 22 under the redesigned Dublin Network BusConnects plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [54390/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide for a cycle lane and footpath to a sports club (details supplied) in Prosperous, County Kildare. — Catherine Murphy. [54414/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport when a meeting will be arranged with the OPW to progress a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54483/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [54487/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [54525/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the Road Safety Authority to issue an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [54545/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving tests currently booked in County Carlow with the Road Safety Authority; the number that have been delayed for a period of one, two and six months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [54546/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applicants awaiting a driving test by county and age in tabular form; and the length of time that they are waiting. — Sean Sherlock. [54551/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on planned upgrade works to the N4 between Mullingar and Longford. — Richard Bruton. [54596/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 210 of 25 October 2022, the number of disqualification court orders received from the Courts Service in each year from 2017, whereby the RSA could not match a disqualification against drivers who have an Irish driving licence or learner permit; the number of disqualified drivers with Irish driving licences recorded on the 'Shell record' file created by the NVDF each year; the number of Irish learner permit holders recorded on the 'Shell record' file each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [54657/22]

*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to introduce tap-and-go Leap card machines at all train stations across the State, to ensure that passengers can move quickly on and off trains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [54670/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will urgently seek approval to reintroduce the fuel cost subsidy or to reform the diesel rebate scheme; the additional measures that will be implemented to support persons and operations of the freight industry (details supplied); the measures that are being taken to alleviate the current fuel price crisis for the freight industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54727/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps being taken to remove the barriers to having a fast electric vehicle charging point made available in Thurles, County Tipperary, given the Government's commitment to supporting a significant expansion and modernisation of the electric vehicle charging network (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54775/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will install a bus gate at Mount Brown as a trial measure under section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1961 to improve the new G-spine service; and if he will detail any other measures being taken to improve the reliability of the service more generally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [54789/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Transport when additional resources will be provided for a centre (details supplied) given that there are unacceptable delays in appointments, which have been ongoing for some time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [54821/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Transport when the preferred option will be selected for approval on the section of road on the N17 between Castleoye and Temple House Crossroads, County Sligo; when the junctions on this section of road will be improved and made safer for local residents as was promised in 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54834/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 48 of 27 October 2022, if his Department is liaising with the public employment service of the Department of Social Protection in relation to consideration being given for the role of bus driving to be added to the critical skills list (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54835/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of certificates of professional competence that have issued to Ukrainian lorry drivers now based in Ireland to enable them to earn a living here as lorry drivers since 24 February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54902/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of certificate of professional competence courses for Ukrainian lorry drivers, an essential prerequisite to enable them to obtain a CPC to earn a living here as lorry drivers, since 24 February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54903/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport when certificate of professional competence courses for lorry drivers will be carried out online; the reason they are not carried out online to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54904/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of requests for online CPC courses received; the number of objections to attending an in-person CPC course during the initial "lockdown" and periods in which level-five restrictions were in place in 2020, 2021 and 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54905/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered allowing the transferring of taxi licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54921/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps, if any, that are being taken to alleviate the current long waiting lists for applicants who are endeavouring to apply for a driving test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [54929/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with Dublin Airport regarding the availability of cycling equipment and infrastructure in the airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54933/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if additional funding will be provided to expand the public transport operating times across counties Dublin, Kildare, Meath and Wicklow to match the proposed expanded opening hours of pubs and nightclubs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54977/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if public transport services are proposed to be introduced between the towns of Blessington and Newbridge to allow residents who choose public transport to arrive at their place of work before 9 am each morning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54978/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 211 of 25 October 2022, if he will confirm the person or body that are the stakeholders mentioned. — Paul Murphy. [55049/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a breakdown of performance bonuses paid to a company (details supplied) for the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; if he will provide a breakdown for the reason that the bonus was paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [55074/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the financial penalties that have been issued to a company (details supplied) for each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the reason for the fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [55075/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a breakdown of performance bonuses paid to a company (details supplied) for operating routes 45a, 185 and 184 routes for each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the reason that the bonuses were paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [55076/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the financial penalties that have been issued to a company (details supplied) for the 45a, 185 and 184 routes for each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the reason for the fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [55077/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if any review has taken place regarding the contract with a company (details supplied); when the contract is due to expire; if a decision has been taken to extend the contract by 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [55078/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions that he or his Department have taken to address the issues in the bus service operated by a company (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [55079/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the nature of any meeting that he or his Department have had with a company (details supplied); the discussion that took place; the outcome of the meeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [55080/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will take responsibility for ensuring fully accessible transport, including door-to-door services, under his remit to ensure full accessibility and that such services would be covered under the free travel scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55083/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will request the reinstatement of the Bus Éireann service for Callan, County Kilkenny, given the significant impact that the withdrawal of the X7 Bus Éireann service is having in this rural constituency (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [55138/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the project to extend and upgrade the Bandon Relief Road on the N71, including the completion date currently being worked towards. — Holly Cairns. [55163/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the project to build a bypass road around Innishannon, County Cork, on the N71. — Holly Cairns. [55164/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department can ensure that transport solutions are put in place for the residents of an accommodation centre (details supplied), given the recent discontinuation of the Tullamore to Athlone service which provided links for these residents. — Robert Troy. [55233/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to providing public transport options for Dublin airport workers in north Swords who want to be able to get to work without using their cars; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [55237/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Transport the anticipated date that new routes will come into operation under BusConnects in Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [55276/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on progress made in relation to the transfer of Shannon Heritage sites from the Shannon Airport group to the responsibility of Clare County Council; when he expects this transfer to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [55288/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the progress made in relation to a review of national aviation policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [55289/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is concerned in relation to the negative impact on the Limerick-Shannon metropolitan area transport strategy due to regular flooding on the Ennis/Limerick railway line at Ballycar; if his Department will provide the necessary funding to Irish Rail to enable it to carry-out the proposed works to address the flooding issue at Ballycar as set-out in a report submitted to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [55290/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on whether in order to encourage the public to stop using their cars for environmental reasons, there must be a high quality public transport system in place; the measures being taken by his Department to improve public transport in an area (details supplied) currently; and the plans for the medium to long-term. — Paul Murphy. [55295/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will condemn the action that has been taken for the preliminary stages of construction in relation to Ardee bog and the lack of environmental impact assessment of the proposed Ardee bypass that cuts through this bog; if he will ensure that an environmental impact assessment is carried out, halting any further work until it is complete and the findings are considered; and if he will consider Ardee bog as a natural heritage site. — Paul Murphy. [55301/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has engaged with the Minister for Finance in relation to the VAT rate applied to bicycles in Ireland, with a view to lowering the current rate to make all types of bicycles more affordable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55343/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Transport when he last met the CEO of Iarnród Éireann; the topics discussed; and when the next meeting is scheduled. — Claire Kerrane. [55365/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the rationale for the extension of a company (details supplied) contract, given its ongoing poor and unreliable service which has resulted in many workers being late for work and given written and verbal warning through no fault of their own, students being late for school and college, patients missing hospital appointments and many commuters left stranded on many routes across Fingal and the Greater Dublin Area, and in counties Wicklow, Louth and Kildare, impacting commuters' confidence in public transport, especially at a time when national policy is to encourage the use of public transport and reduce car usage in line with Ireland's climate obligations to reduce carbon emissions by 51% by 2030, and given the penalties incurred by the company to date in 2022 for non-operation of services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55448/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the failure to provide services on the new BusConnects 60 route in Ballyfermot; the measures that he intends to take to ensure that persons in this area of Ballyfermot have a functioning public transport system, given that the BusConnects programme removed the old 79 route for a planned hourly frequency of a new 60 route; if he will intervene directly with the National Transport Authority and Dublin Bus to ensure that a functioning and reliable service is provided, given the importance of encouraging persons to move to bus transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55450/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the roll-out of fast charging points for electric vehicles; the plans that his Department has to increase the number of points over the next 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55455/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of electric charging points that are now operational in public areas in County Wexford, broken down by fast charges and ordinary charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [55460/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years

to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55492/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Transport if Dublin Bus will provide an additional 41x bus journey departing Knocksedan going towards UCD Belfield at 08.00 am services and an additional 41x bus journey departing UCD Belfield going towards Knocksedan at 6.15 pm on Monday to Fridays. — Catherine Murphy. [55511/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of full-time staff by job title working in the marketing department of the Dublin Airport Authority as of 1 November 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [55512/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which Iarnród Éireann will commence the replacement of the roof at Newbridge train station. — Catherine Murphy. [55513/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the budget provided to the National Transport Authority in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55550/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of whole-time equivalent positions in the National Transport Authority in each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55551/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding allocated by the State on private security firms providing drug detection services for Irish Rail, Dublin Bus and Bus Éireann in each of the years 2019 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [55555/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine and expedite an urgently-needed NCT appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [55563/22]

*244. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify whether it is Government policy to commit to the proposed replacement of the Green Line Luas as the future southern extension of MetroLink, or whether multiple options remain open for the future development of public transport rail infrastructure servicing the south Dublin area. — Ivana Bacik. [55612/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Transport if funding will be provided for traffic-calming and safety measures at a very dangerous junction (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55613/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*246. To ask the Minister for Finance the position of GP and dental surgeries with regard to the temporary business energy support scheme. — Robert Troy. [55639/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the Disabled Drivers' Medical Board of Appeal; if a new Board has been appointed; when outstanding appeals will be heard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54191/22]

*248. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department and all bodies under his Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that

may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54216/22]

*249. To ask the Minister for Finance the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54234/22]

*250. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding apartments held by NAMA in need of remediation; if he will seek an explanation from NAMA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54258/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on his Department's retail banking review; the outstanding work to be completed in respect of this; the timeline for when it will be completed and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [54277/22]

*252. To ask the Minister for Finance when the temporary business energy support scheme will open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54299/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated number of data centres that will benefit from the temporary business energy support scheme; and if they will be included in the reported potential extension of the scheme past February 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [54093/22]

*254. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the insurance difficulties facing activity and adventure providers; the measures that his Department is taking to address these challenges; if there is an overall trend, upward or downward, for premiums in this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54319/22]

*255. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons, expressed as a percentage of the total workforce, who were in the highest income tax bracket in Ireland in each of the years 2012 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54337/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Finance the incentives, if any, that will be provided to companies and workers who require company vehicles, to move to EVs, especially in view of the impact of changes to the BIK regime on such workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54338/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of drug seizures which were seized on entry into Ireland in 2022; the location of such seizures; if he is concerned regarding the level of drugs entering the country; the efforts that are being taken to clamp down on drugs entering the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [54366/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that are being taken to appease the concerns raised by an organisation (details supplied) regarding the uplift to section 481 for the film, television, and animation tax credit, which provides an additional financial incentive to productions based outside counties Dublin, Wicklow, and Cork, and has helped to preserve the better regional spread achieved by those in the media production industry since its introduction;

the measures that can be introduced by his Department to alleviate the concerns raised by the organisation should the uplift to the Section 481 not be extended beyond its 2023 expiry date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54455/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Finance the date in 2014 that section 126 (2b) of the Tax Consolidation Act 1977 was amended; if there was a regulatory impact assessment carried out in advance of the amendment; and the rationale for the amendment. — Robert Troy. [54456/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Revenue Commissioners is currently writing to carers, widow's pensioners, people on invalidity pensions and other DSP recipients, with no other income sources requesting them to complete income tax return before 31 October 2022 and 16 November 2022 for previous years 2019, 2020 and 2021 due to PAYE underpayments (details supplied) and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54488/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is envisaged that farmers who own their own land on the edge of a town, within the town boundary, will be liable for the proposed 3% land tax (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54492/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 239 and 240 of 25 October 2022, the number of first stage appeals and second-stage appeals that were upheld, failed and refused in respect of VRT calculations in each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — David Stanton. [54504/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Finance the monthly number of automatic licence renewals to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [54507/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Finance the monthly number of automatic off-licence renewals to date in 2022, in tabular form.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54508/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Finance the total revenue collected from non-tax residents on eligible earnings such as rental income in Ireland in each of the years 2011 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54511/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 241 of 25 October 2022, if multinational corporations, including those with global revenue above €750 million, will be eligible for the maximum €10,000 energy grant; if multiple subsidiaries of the same company can each make applications for the energy grant up to the maximum of €10,000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54512/22]

*267. To ask the Minister for Finance if a 50% discount on VRT for new cars for taxi-driving would increase the number of taxis. — Emer Higgins. [54565/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the regulations concerning VRT for taxi vehicles; and the way in which these rules integrate with EU laws. — Emer Higgins. [54566/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Finance if there is a record kept of properties which have come into the possession of mortgage holding institutions, which have not been sold or rented, or of properties which are held by an official assignee in a bankruptcy case, which have not been sold

or rented; and if such properties have been made the target of any public policy initiative to bring them back into use. — Richard Bruton. [54621/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Finance his views that non-EU property investors are having an adverse impact on Ireland's property market; his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54628/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider increasing the VAT turnover threshold from the current €37,500 to at least €50,000, given the increase in the cost of services and the increased cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54640/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has plans to make changes to broaden access to support under the disabled driver's scheme, and in particular accessing a primary medical certificate, given the lack of any other mobility supports to individuals; if he will consider looking at the Disabled Drivers & Disabled Passengers (Tax Concessions) Regulations 1994; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [54673/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to concerns raised by the Ombudsman's report entitled 'Grounded: Unequal access for people with disabilities to personal transport schemes - a commentary by the Ombudsman'; his views on whether the medical criteria in order to obtain a primary medical certificate are excessively restrictive; if he plans to act in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [54674/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is considering any measures to specifically mitigate the impact of recent and future ECB rate increases on homeowners with variable or tracker mortgages who will be facing increasing mortgage repayments in the midst of a cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [54708/22]

*275. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any plans by Government to incorporate protection for cohabiting couples under inheritance laws; if he is aware of any similar schemes in other EU countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [54709/22]

*276. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on concerns raised from a local business (details supplied) in respect of concerns on the 40% cap on the proposed TBESS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [54763/22]

*277. To ask the Minister for Finance if a company is liable for the pensions levy when paying a pension out of its own company funds. — Duncan Smith. [54815/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Finance further to Parliamentary Question No. 169 of 6 October 2022, if he will provide an update on the retrieval of said document; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54828/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the need to keep bank charges at an affordable level for customers, given the financial pressures facing the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54858/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to concerns raised by butchery businesses that rely heavily on refrigeration to operate their companies, in order to comply with the highest standards of food safety and hygiene, food production, processing,

manufacturing and packaging, which all require a large amount of electricity; the steps that his Department has taken to ensure that more butchery businesses are not forced to close due to already high energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [54896/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider the BIK rate change coming into effect in January 2023, in view of the impact that it will have on employees who have no choice but to use a company car, particularly in view of the current cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54934/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review tax increases for BIK tax on company cars (details supplied). — Gino Kenny. [54986/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review the case of (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54988/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Finance if the disabled drivers' medical board of appeal has been reinstated at the National Rehabilitation University Hospital, Dún Laoghaire, County Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [55018/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Finance if homeowners subject to payment of both service charges to an owner's management company and liability for payment of LPT to a local authority could be allowed by his Department to off-set service charges against LPT until their estate is taken-in-charge by the local authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [55026/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the increases to benefit-in-kind charges for company cars; the rationale for the increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55029/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department will undertake an impact analysis indexed to prices, to illustrate the impact of measures on households in real terms, rather than nominal terms, thereby addressing the inaccurate analysis that lone parents will be better-off following Budget 2023. — Patrick Costello. [55041/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Finance when the medical criteria for the primary medical certificate is expected to be updated. — Robert Troy. [55137/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Finance if the rates paid under the fuel grant for disabled drivers will be reviewed in light of the increasing costs of fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55297/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of full-time staff by rank in the large cases-high wealth individuals' division within Revenue Commissioners as of 1 November 2022; the number of vacancies by rank; and when these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [55340/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to apply the 'fresh start' principle to the help-to-buy scheme, similar to the local authority home loan scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55342/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that he is taking to support community banking. — Holly Cairns. [55432/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the benefit-in-kind for electric vehicles category A should be for cars with zero emissions, category B should be 1-59g/km and so on, in order to encourage more electric vehicles on the road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55445/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has carried-out an impact assessment of the financial implications of introducing BIK for electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55456/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has carried-out an impact assessment of the financial implications of increasing interest rates on BIK, in view of the current inflation and fuel crises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55457/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is reconsidering allowing post offices to become community banks, permitting them to provide all financial services and facilities that banks currently do but with increased advantages and value for communities and ensuring the survival of these important service providers into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55463/22]

*297. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55481/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55596/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that students who are staying in “digs” type accommodation as opposed to students who are staying in Residential Tenancies Board-registered accommodation are not entitled to the recently announced tax credit for student accommodation given that the parents of these students and some of the students are taxpayers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [55635/22]

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

*300. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department and all bodies under his Department’s aegis have reviewed their estates’ portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54222/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department’s estates’ portfolio and all bodies under his Department’s aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54240/22]

*302. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54397/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if it is the Garda authorities or the OPW that has the decision-making ability to reverse and revise the policy not to grant licences for use of the Templemore pool to commercial and profit-making groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54398/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether it is justifiable to potentially permit a group to offer lifesaving, lifeguarding, swimming, and water safety courses in the swimming pool in Templemore Garda college if they are not a commercial or profit-making entity, but to refuse a group the same licence that offers lifesaving, lifeguarding, swimming, and water safety courses in the swimming pool in Templemore Garda college if they are a commercial or profit-making entity, given the local need for these life skills and life-saving courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54401/22]

*305. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if solutions to the rising cost of running the swimming pool in Templemore Garda college have been explored with the Garda Commissioner, other than the closures of the pool, which will impact water safety for children in particular due to the inability to provide water safety courses locally, which has been the norm for over 50 years in the town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54435/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the drainage responsibility for the Inagh river in County Clare was transferred at some stage from the Office of Public Works to Clare County Council; when and the way in which this happened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [54470/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will outline the position in relation to a project (details supplied) following the feasibility study which was carried out by the local authority and funded by the OPW; when a meeting between the OPW and the Department of Transport will be arranged to progress matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54482/22]

*308. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that the Office of Public Works will not allow a local commemoration group access to Roscrea Castle to mark the centenary of four republicans who were executed there during the Civil War; and his views on whether the OPW, as a State body, should support the efforts of local groups working to celebrate Irish history. — Martin Browne. [54605/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide the date by which the OPW's Flood Map report for the Carnmore and Claregalway, Galway area will be complete; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54688/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of all commitments related to his Department in the climate action plan; and if he will provide an update on the implementation of each of these commitments in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54689/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department will provide an expected date for publication of measures agreed regarding the requests from Department of Defence for extensions on the mandatory retirement age at current pay and conditions for members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54722/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 244 of 20 September 2022, if a response will be provided to this query; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [54782/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will clarify the plans that exist for the Garda station in the village of Doonbeg that was shut down in 2013; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [54839/22]

*314. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a contract (details supplied) will be finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54899/22]

*315. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the rationale of new mileage rates (details supplied) in comparison to the BIK rate changes from January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54937/22]

*316. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there are any plans to restore the daily rate paid for interview work to the pre-FEMPI rates given that all other civil service salaries and payments that have been restored; if there is a reason that a former civil servant working as a consultant on interview boards for the PAS earns a rate of €130 per day when other consultants doing the same work earn a rate of €150 per day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54944/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will apply a fix to a website that is hosted by his Department (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [54994/22]

*318. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the opening of Barryscourt Castle, in Carrigtwohill, County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [55249/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding a scheme (details supplied); when the works will commence on site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55281/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the contract for the provision of restaurant/café service at Dublin Castle will next be out to tender. — Paul Donnelly. [55331/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a river will be dredged or if flood relief works will be considered at a location (details supplied) in County Tipperary, in order to alleviate the flood risk to the surrounding property and lands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55458/22]

*322. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55487/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the refurbishment works that the OPW plans to carry out at Garda stations within the DMR over the next six months; the nature of these works; and when these projects will commence in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55514/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that service by a temporary clerical officer (details supplied) in the public service has not transferred to a local authority; if the person's service will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55543/22]

*325. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the meeting that the OPW was to organise between itself, Mayo County Council and the Department of Transport in relation to the south Mayo flood relief scheme will take place; the reason for the delay with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55606/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date on which the OPW completed its hand-over of the new Garda security and operations centre building on Military Road to An Garda Síochána. — Catherine Murphy. [55607/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the Office of Public Works has conducted works and or engaged contractors to carry-out works at a site (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [55615/22]

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

*328. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 215 of 20 October 2022, the reasons for the delay in ensuring that all online streaming services provided by Irish broadcasters are accessible to those with sight and hearing difficulties, in light of the fact that EU law has made it clear that they should be; the reason that these accessibility measures will only come into force following the constitution of the Coimisiún na Meán, rather than being implemented via the legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54105/22]

*329. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her Department and all bodies under her Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54226/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54244/22]

*331. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she expects the review of the 2021 sports capital and equipment programme to be published; when she expects that a new programme will open for applications; the estimated budget that will be available for allocation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54318/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any consideration will be given to removing the broadcasting levy paid by independent radio stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54348/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding streams that are available to a club (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [54375/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has engaged with the IRFU on its work to encourage more female rugby players to turn professional. — Neale Richmond. [54540/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a breakdown of Vote 33 across programmes A to E, inclusive of programme A to E subheads, including both current and capital expenditure for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022 and the proposed expenditure for 2023, in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [54656/22]

*336. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the difficulties facing local broadcast media in the aftermath of Covid; when her Department will review the current broadcast levy; if such a review will take into account online publishers and broadcasters as potential organisations that should be included in the broadcast levy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54684/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will address the broadcasting levy for radio stations (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54814/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a report on the safe to create programme. — John Lahart. [54860/22]

*339. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total amounts of monies allocated and drawn down to soccer clubs affiliated to the Football Association of Ireland in the past two rounds of sports capital funding, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [54950/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans to abolish or reduce the broadcast levy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55126/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on her recent visit to New York; and the companies and or officials she spoke with during the trip. — Paul Donnelly. [55335/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of officials in her Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55491/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider the matter of the removal of the broadcasting levy paid by independent radio (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [55559/22]

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

*344. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government carried-out a review of the service level agreement between Irish Water and local authorities to provide a statutory mandate to Irish Water to repair and restore combined drains systems that were previously under the remit of local authorities as agreed by Dáil Éireann by way of a PMB Motion on Water Services; the outcome of this review; if a new service level agreement has been put in place; if Irish Water will repair and restore combined drains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55610/22]

*345. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider extending the slurry-spreading period, given that the inclement weather has prevented farmers from completing the task; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [54109/22]

*346. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm the date that he intends to introduce a temporary ban on eviction; the impact, if any, that the proposal has on existing tenancies where notices have been served due to the properties being sold; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [54149/22]

*347. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of State-owned properties on derelict sites registers by local authority in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [54158/22]

*348. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to initiate a review into the planning process regarding the Moore Street site. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54165/22]

*349. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the engagement that he has held with Irish Water on boil-water notices currently in effect in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [54170/22]

*350. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that a decision has not been made in an An Bord Pleanála appeal (details supplied) which was lodged on 10 October 2021 and an indicative date of 16 February 2022 for a decision was initially provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54173/22]

*351. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the delays in decision-making at An Bord Pleanála is as a result of lack of financial resources, lack of human resources or mismanagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54174/22]

*352. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the impact of the delays in decision-making at An Bord Pleanála on the economy has been quantified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54175/22]

*353. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if An Bord Pleanála will be replaced by a body capable of carrying-out its current remit in an efficient and diligent manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54176/22]

*354. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of appeals lodged with An Bord Pleanála in 2021 that have not yet been decided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54177/22]

*355. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of cases at An Bord Pleanála that a decision is still awaited more than six months after the initial indicative decision date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54178/22]

*356. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes bought by local authorities by county with tenants in situ to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54193/22]

*357. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress being made in each county with Reval 2021. — Patricia Ryan. [54194/22]

*358. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the progress being made with the Programme for Government commitment to require local authorities to be more flexible with meeting times and to use remote working technologies and flexible work practices to support councillors with parental or caring responsibilities, including childcare, and reduced travel times and absences from work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54200/22]

*359. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54238/22]

*360. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it has been drawn to his attention that his office was requested on 6 October 2022 to forward a copy of the revised tenant (incremental) purchase scheme guidelines and Ministerial Order giving effect to changes in the treatment of the State (contributory) and (non-contributory) pensions for reckonable income purposes, which was issued to local authorities on 29 September 2022 (details supplied); when it is expected that his Department will respond to the request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54259/22]

*361. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Parks and Wildlife Service will provide a rowing club in County Kerry (details supplied) with permission to proceed with the next phase of their efforts to carry out upgrade works to their existing boat house, slipway and pontoon in Killarney National Park and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54313/22]

*362. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora certificates that were issued in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number currently awaiting processing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [54340/22]

*363. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there will be a rebate for landlords who registered their property with the Residential Tenancies Board in 2021 and paid €90 and who now have to re-register the property in 2022 and pay another €40; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54369/22]

*364. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will confirm that tenants who fail to pay their HAP payment can be evicted from their tenancy during the eviction ban period as proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54374/22]

*365. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average all-in cost of social housing units approved by local authorities for the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54387/22]

*366. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of all vacant properties identified by the local authorities, an organisation (details supplied) and his Department, to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth for conversion into multi-unit emergency accommodation for Ukrainian refugees in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54409/22]

*367. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons working in the Land Registry Office in a specific location (details supplied) at the present time; the number who were working in the Land Registry Office in this location from January 2017 to date on a monthly basis in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54429/22]

*368. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are any vacancies in an office (details supplied); if so, if these vacancies have been advertised; the steps that have been taken to fill these positions; when the positions are expected to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54430/22]

*369. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will engage with insurance companies and the Fire Service to delay any evacuations from an apartment block (details supplied) pending the introduction of a support scheme by his Department and the procurement of remedial works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54447/22]

*370. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that owners of defective apartments in Dublin south central should take given that they have each recently received a bill for €8,500 to be paid within 30 days as the first payment for remedial work on their apartment complex; if he will acknowledge that this is an unacceptable financial imposition on these homeowners, which will cause untold distress, with many unable to pay during a cost-of-living crisis; if he will clearly outline the steps that they should take under these circumstances; if he will confirm when there will be a redress scheme in place for those affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [54462/22]

*371. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of local authority houses that have a BER rating below B2; his Department's target for retrofitting local authority housing; the number of retrofitting projects that were started in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [54479/22]

*372. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is a timeframe for the roll-out of the pandemic special recognition payment to Dublin Fire Brigade paramedics; the reason for the lengthy delay that the paramedics have been forced to endure to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54489/22]

*373. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of housing assistance applications received and processed by each local authority from January to June 2022; the number of staff dedicated in each local authority to the processing of HAP applications during the same period; the turnaround time from receipt of HAP applications to their completion in each local authority during the same six-month period in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [54490/22]

*374. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the membership of the cross-departmental working group on building defects; its terms of reference; the number of times that it has met to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54497/22]

*375. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of homes delivered under various schemes (details supplied) for each of the years 2020 to 2021 and to date in 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54498/22]

*376. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is any insurance scheme or support provided by the Government to help owners of thatched cottages to insure their homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [54500/22]

*377. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a comprehensive copy of the briefing notes and recommendations that he received from his Department in respect of the 2022-2023 General State-wide Wild Birds Declaration that he signed on 6 July 2022. — Louise O'Reilly. [54567/22]

*378. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department and or the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) retains the records/file pertinent to the research, consultation and preparatory work for the drafting and final approval of S.I. No. 254/1986 - European Communities (Wildlife Act, 1976) (Amendment) Regulations, 1986; if, in so doing, his Department is in contravention of the terms of the National Archives Act 1986 Regulations 1988 which require Government Department records/files to be transferred to the Office of the National Archives when they are thirty years old; and if so, if he will instruct his Department and the NPWS to provide a full copy of the records/file. — Louise O'Reilly. [54568/22]

*379. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications for the shared equity local scheme; the number of approvals; if he will provide a breakdown of approvals by loan-to-value at 90%, 85%, 80%, 75%, 70%; if he will provide a breakdown of draw-downs by loan-to-value at 90%, 85%, 80%, 75%, 70%; the average house price for all approved applications; and the average house price for all draw-downs in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54606/22]

*380. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if consideration has been given to allowing HAP recipients who fall behind in rent payments to pay arrears through an affordable weekly payment; the reason that the process requires that HAP recipients must pay the amount in full as with local authority tenants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [54637/22]

*381. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the outcome of the investigation into complaints by a person (details supplied); the actions taken by his Department to address the issues raised; the date of the original complaints; the status of a report into the

matter; if the report will be published; if so, when; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [54666/22]

*382. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of stage 1 approvals for social housing projects by local authorities that have been refused in each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of such refusals in each local authority; and if he will provide a summary of the grounds on which these stage 1 approvals were refused. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54679/22]

*383. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 86 of 26 October 2022, if he will confirm that the Department has requested local authorities to exclude any category of household currently recorded on the PASS system from the date sent to his Department for the monthly homeless report; if so, the category of household, who they are excluded and the number of such households that were on the PASS system on any single date in September 2022. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54735/22]

*384. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is correct that there are delays currently in his Department issuing archaeological licences for archaeological projects; if so, the reason for these delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54757/22]

*385. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review correspondence from the local authority (details supplied); if he will address the issues outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54758/22]

*386. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review correspondence from a local authority (details supplied); if he will address the issues outlined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54759/22]

*387. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to increase the home grants for older persons and people with a disability given the current inflation rate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [54777/22]

*388. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 29 September 2022, when a direction will be issued to local authorities authorising the payment of the Covid-19 recognition payment to fire brigade personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54804/22]

*389. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the annual cost of the housing assistance payment in each of the years from its inception until 2022, by county in tabular form. — Imelda Munster. [54826/22]

*390. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if section 3 of the Planning and Development, Maritime and Valuation (Amendment) Act 2022 has been commenced; the date that it is expected to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [54875/22]

*391. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the Planning and Development, Maritime and Valuation (Amendment) Act 2022 in the TRIS process; if it has been withdrawn from the process; the basis on which it was withdrawn; if so, his plans for

the short-term rental regulations that were contained in the Act; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [54876/22]

*392. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of engagement that his Department has had with the European Commission in 2022 in relation to the regulation of short-term lettings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [54877/22]

*393. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will agree to review the guidelines preventing those tenants living in part V properties from purchasing their homes under the local government tenant purchase schemes; his views on whether tenants who are living in these properties over ten years should be afforded the opportunity to buy their homes regardless of the original specified class of house they reside in; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [54919/22]

*394. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that he has not tasked the Housing Agency to assist families availing of the defective blocks scheme to relocate to temporary alternative accommodation as is the case with the pyrite remediation scheme; if he will visit the homes of families in County Donegal and other affected counties to learn the reason that they are appealing for urgent assistance this winter. — Michael Moynihan. [54925/22]

*395. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if council rates can be waived for community employment offices; if any other supports are available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54940/22]

*396. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports that are available to small landlords who are trying to gain vacant possession of their own property for their own accommodation needs to prevent their own homelessness while the eviction ban is in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54941/22]

*397. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the supports that are available to small landlords who are financially impacted by tenant overholding and non-payment of rent while the eviction ban is in operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54942/22]

*398. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has received a recommendation from the Office of the Planning Regulator in relation to the South Dublin County Council development plan 2022-2028; if so, the content of the recommendation; and the action that he is taking on foot of receipt of the recommendation. — Gino Kenny. [54955/22]

*399. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the case of (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54987/22]

*400. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the results of a recent thatched building survey undertaken by his Department; and if he will confirm if a substantial grant stream will be forthcoming on the back of this survey. — Robert Troy. [55052/22]

*401. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the Department's plans to support the owners of thatched buildings with rising and crippling public liability insurance costs. — Robert Troy. [55053/22]

*402. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the cessation of a turf cutting compensation application made by a person (details supplied). — Martin Browne. [55072/22]

*403. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider reviewing the Planning and Development Act 2000 in relation to public consultations where a licence is sought. — Claire Kerrane. [55095/22]

*404. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects the Local Government (Maternity Protection and Other Measures for Local Authority Elected Members) Bill 2022 to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [55132/22]

*405. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the rationale, from a policy perspective, for issuing a directive to South Dublin County Council to reverse the ban on new data centre developments in its development plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55143/22]

*406. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage where he will publish zoned land maps as submitted by local authorities. — Thomas Gould. [55145/22]

*407. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an organisation, which is a voluntary organisation that uses a property exclusively for charitable purposes and otherwise than for private profit, must be a registered charity in order to be exempt from local authority rates; if its sole purpose of using the property exclusively for charitable purposes is sufficient to exempt it from commercial rates without being on the Charity Register; if the term "charitable organisations" within the Valuation Act 2001 refers only to those organisations which are registered charities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55191/22]

*408. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to reports (details supplied) that average private rent prices have almost doubled since 2012; if the RTB has investigated whether this is permitted, given the implementation of rent pressure zones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55243/22]

*409. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons who have availed of the vacant property refurbishment grant in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [55252/22]

*410. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount of money that has been paid out under the vacant property refurbishment grant scheme in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [55253/22]

*411. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if any local authorities have drawn down money under the vacant property refurbishment grant scheme; and if so, if he will list the local authorities, the amount of grants and the total funding that each received in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [55254/22]

*412. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects that vacant property refurbishment scheme applications will be accepted for rural properties under the extended croí cónaithe towns fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55259/22]

*413. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that the planning fee for use of land as a burial ground is more than three times higher than the planning fee for the provision of a house. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55282/22]

*414. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the expected publication of the revised wind energy development guidelines considering the very significant number of applications being submitted throughout the country at the moment; the reason for the significant delay in publishing same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [55299/22]

*415. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to reports that many owners of defective apartments are facing immediate demands for substantial payments from management companies for remedial work, and in one case in Dublin, face the loss of basement car park spaces as a result of the enforcement of safety notices; when the residents of such apartments can expect State aid; if he has any plans to provide emergency funding to such residents before Christmas 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55306/22]

*416. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 326 of 11 October 2022, if the lack of a management or conservation plan for the Boyne/Blackwater is contrary to the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2000; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55309/22]

*417. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is concerned that there was no improvement reported in 78% of the water bodies in the LAWPRO second cycle "priority areas for action"; if he will outline his plans to address same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55310/22]

*418. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that ceiling track hoists are not provided for under the Housing (Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability) Regulations 2007; if he will provide an update on his engagement with the Department of Health as to a suitable resolution regarding the funding of hoists; and when ceiling track hoists will be made available to persons who require them but cannot currently access them. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55312/22]

*419. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current status of the Emergency Management and Fire and Public Safety Bill 2020; and when this Bill will proceed to the next stage. — Claire Kerrane. [55367/22]

*420. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to introduce any flexibility on the 12-month income rule for determining social housing support eligibility in cases where persons have lost their jobs but whose previous income still places them over the threshold. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55440/22]

*421. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management

programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55485/22]

*422. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55501/22]

*423. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the course of action that apartment owners with fire defects should take now that they have been presented with bills to fix the issue whilst they await the announcement of a remedial scheme from his Department. — Patrick Costello. [55533/22]

*424. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will give urgent consideration to a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [55549/22]

*425. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding given to local authorities to draft maps for the residential zoned land tax. — Thomas Gould. [55564/22]

*426. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the next electoral boundary review will be established and concluded. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55640/22]

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

*427. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a foreign birth passport (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [54168/22]

*428. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on an application for citizenship by a person (details supplied). — Dara Calleary. [54169/22]

*429. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current position regarding the joint comprehensive plan of action in respect of the Iran nuclear deal; if he will list the new sanctions imposed by the European Union on Iran in the past few weeks following recent events there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [54179/22]

*430. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department and all bodies under his Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54217/22]

*431. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54235/22]

*432. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a foreign birth register application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [54288/22]

*433. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on two foreign birth register applications (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [54289/22]

*434. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the passport application status of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54408/22]

*435. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason that an application for registration of a foreign birth submitted in 2019 has yet to be processed (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [54440/22]

*436. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 90 of 19 October 2022, if he will provide the analysis of estimated costs to establish and run an additional Passport Office in Northern Ireland. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54595/22]

*437. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the amount allocated to overseas development aid for 2023; the priorities for funding; his views on whether Ireland's overseas development aid adequately meets the need in countries such as Somalia; the amount of the funding that is directed to civil society organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54676/22]

*438. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will support the call for a loss and damage financing facility at COP27; the Government's view in relation to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54677/22]

*439. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that the European Union does not revert fully to unsustainable environmental practices such as fossil-fuel dependence or agricultural practices that could destroy biodiversity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54678/22]

*440. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the likely declaration of famine in Somalia; the steps that the Irish Government proposes to do in regard to this deteriorating situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54748/22]

*441. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps he has taken in relation to the potential famine in Somalia in view of Ireland's seat at the UN Security Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54749/22]

*442. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his view on comments made by the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, on the need for greater transparency regarding climate finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54750/22]

*443. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps the Irish Government is taking in a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54753/22]

*444. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps Ireland is taking in response to the Israeli defence forces and mounting violence in the West Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54754/22]

*445. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to issues relating to the United States' visa waiver programme being experienced by Irish and other peace-keeping

personnel who have previously served with the United Nations in the Middle East (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [54762/22]

*446. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if a list of options available to the EU and member states, in relation to the destruction of Irish-Aid funded projects by Israel, to secure compensation and protect aid for vulnerable communities in area C, including deduction of the taxpayer's money lost in demolitions from funding for EU-Israel bilateral cooperation be provided and if the Irish Government will demand implementation of concrete measures to secure compensations in the European Council, going beyond the exhausted diplomatic and political options. — Patrick Costello. [54778/22]

*447. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will assist in the expeditious processing of a passport for a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [54855/22]

*448. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 171 of 28 September 2022, when a passport issue can be resolved for an Irish citizen living in France (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54856/22]

*449. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will seek an investigation into the disappearance of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [54863/22]

*450. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on comments made by Martin Griffiths, the UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, on the need for greater transparency regarding climate finance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54963/22]

*451. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that he has taken and intends to take in regard to the brutal oppression being inflicted by the Iranian regime on protestors in Iran, given Ireland's seat on the UN Security Council, and with his foreign affairs counterparts in the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54964/22]

*452. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the steps that he has taken with the Iranian ambassador in regard to the brutal violence being perpetrated on Iranian protestors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54965/22]

*453. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the measures that the Government is taking in regard to what China is doing to the Uighur people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54966/22]

*454. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that Ireland is taking in response to the Israeli defence forces and mounting violence in the West Bank; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54967/22]

*455. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if “he is satisfied with the status of the Chinese embassy” given recent allegations of illegal policing at Chinese embassy offices at locations across Europe; his views on the content of the recent paper published by the European Union Foreign Service Office regarding EU member states and their engagement with China; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [55028/22]

*456. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views in relation to reports that this Deputy's office has received from County Donegal of USAF planes and other NATO aircrafts which pass over Ireland heading west to east and east to west; the frequency with which these aircrafts are using Irish airspace; the purpose of the journeys; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55033/22]

*457. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the proposals, if any, to hold a meeting at an early date of the British-Irish Intergovernmental Conference at Taoiseach and prime minister-level. — Brendan Smith. [55117/22]

*458. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to reports that the United Nations Commission of Inquiry into rights' abuses by Israel and the Palestinians has now decided that it will investigate apartheid charges against Israel which was described as a manifestation of the occupation; if he condemns the fact that Israel has refused to cooperate with the Commission and has not granted it entry into Israel or access to Palestinian-controlled areas in the West Bank and Gaza; his views on the fact that the UN Human Rights Council and other reputable organisations (details supplied) have issued detailed reports in the past two years which describe a regime of apartheid established by Israel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55118/22]

*459. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the most recent report by Francesca Albanese, UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Palestinian Territory occupied since 1967; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [55182/22]

*460. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the numbers of Ukrainian refugees and numbers of persons seeking international protection that each European Union Member State has received to date in 2022; the numbers per capita; the reason that Ireland has received a much higher number per capita; the specific EU legislation which states that Ireland cannot cap numbers being received; the specific obligations placed on Ireland as a result of Ireland's EU membership; if the pressures on the Irish system have been relayed to Ireland's European partners; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55207/22]

*461. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the Government's position in relation to the need for a UN binding treaty on business and human rights, in order to tackle corporate impunity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55263/22]

*462. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken formally with the Lithuanian foreign minister in the past three months. — Paul Donnelly. [55334/22]

*463. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of times that the Irish Consul General and or Vice Consul in San Francisco have visited Seattle in Washington state to date in 2022; and the purpose of each visit in tabular form. — Claire Kerrane. [55366/22]

*464. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55482/22]

*465. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the foreign birth registration application for a person (details supplied) can be reviewed and expedited; and if he will address matters in relation to the delays in this process. — Steven Matthews. [55508/22]

*466. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to invite the United States secretary of state to Ireland early in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [55524/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*467. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces members who are entitled to claim the pandemic bonus payment; the number who have been paid to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54197/22]

*468. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of the review on mandatory retirement ages for the Defence Forces personnel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54198/22]

*469. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of members of the Defence Forces disciplined for misconduct of a sexual nature in each of the years 2000 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54199/22]

*470. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department and all bodies under his Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54212/22]

*471. To ask the Minister for Defence the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54230/22]

*472. To ask the Minister for Defence the amount of funding and investment provided for and spent in the Curragh training camp in County Kildare in each of the past three years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [54247/22]

*473. To ask the Minister for Defence if any study has been conducted or report prepared as to the suitability of Columb Barracks, Mullingar, as a location for the erection of portacabins to provide accommodation to those fleeing the war in Ukraine, given that many of the community groups operating from Columb Barracks have no access to water or sewage services. — Sorca Clarke. [54350/22]

*474. To ask the Minister for Defence if any study has been conducted or report prepared as to the suitability of Connolly Barracks, Longford, as a location for the provision of temporary accommodation to those fleeing the war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54351/22]

*475. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of protected disclosures and internal complaints made by members of the Defence Forces in the past ten years; the number that remain open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54516/22]

*476. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of protected disclosures or internal complaints made by members of the Defence Forces in which his Department found against the

complainant and which were subsequently upheld in the WRC, by year since 2010, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54517/22]

*477. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of reviews of training procedures and gender discrimination in the Defence Forces that have been undertaken; the number ongoing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54518/22]

*478. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Defence Forces members who have been required to sign non-disclosure agreements as a result of a legal settlement in respect of actions for sexual harassment, discrimination or bullying in the past 20 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54519/22]

*479. To ask the Minister for Defence the reason that the ‘Women of Honour’ have not been briefed on the progress of the review into abuse of personnel in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54520/22]

*480. To ask the Minister for Defence his plans for a statutory procedure to examine past and ongoing abuse of personnel in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54521/22]

*481. To ask the Minister for Defence further to Parliamentary Question No. 356 of 25 October 2022, the locations within Brussels and Ramstein that those meetings took place. — Paul Murphy. [54675/22]

*482. To ask the Minister for Defence the number, name and location of former military barracks still in State ownership; the amount of land in each of these barracks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [54710/22]

*483. To ask the Minister for Defence the number, name and location of current military barracks in use by the State; the amount of land in each of these barracks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [54711/22]

*484. To ask the Minister for Defence the engagement that his Department has had with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the mandatory retirement age of 50 years for those at the rank of sergeant across the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54717/22]

*485. To ask the Minister for Defence the engagement that his Department has had with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the mandatory retirement age of 55 years for senior non-commissioned officers across the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54718/22]

*486. To ask the Minister for Defence if his attention has been drawn to the situation in the Defence Forces where at the rank of sergeant, there are over 400 vacancies from an establishment of 1,330; the steps that he is taking to rectify this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54719/22]

*487. To ask the Minister for Defence the engagement he has had with Department officials and Defence Force personnel regarding the 325 personnel who purchased their discharge from the defence forces to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54720/22]

*488. To ask the Minister for Defence the engagement that his Department has had with PDFORRA and RACO regarding their efforts to seek clarification on the mandatory retirement age in the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [54721/22]

*489. To ask the Minister for Defence the membership of the independent review group to examine the effectiveness of systems, policies and procedures dealing with workplace issues relating to bullying, discrimination, harassment, sexual harassment and sexual misconduct in the Defence Forces; if new members have been appointed to this group since it was first established; the details as to the process for appointing these new members in an open and transparent manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [54734/22]

*490. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will report on his visit to Irish troops in UNIFIL; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54795/22]

*491. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will expand on his comments where he spoke about greater involvement by Irish companies in the global military industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54796/22]

*492. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will detail Irish participation in an EU training exercise for the Ukrainian military; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54797/22]

*493. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will outline Ireland's relationship with NATO under the NATO-PfP; the funding that Ireland has supplied under the NATO-PfP to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [54798/22]

*494. To ask the Minister for Defence when and by whom the decision was made to affirm Ireland's participation in the EU military assistance mission; the number of Irish personnel to be provided; the capacity in which; the duration of their participation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54932/22]

*495. To ask the Minister for Defence the type of non-clinical assistance and administrative supports offered by location, cost and duration to nursing homes and other residential care settings during the first outbreak of Covid-19 in 2020; if any of these costs were subsequently recovered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [54985/22]

*496. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of army reserve training centres, excluding military barracks or military camps, that are currently owned or leased by his Department. — Joe Flaherty. [55099/22]

*497. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of army reserve training centres, excluding military barracks or military camps, that are staffed; and the normal office hours of each centre. — Joe Flaherty. [55100/22]

*498. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of army reserve training centres, excluding military barracks or military camps, that are being used to deliver training for army reservists. — Joe Flaherty. [55101/22]

*499. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide an update on the purchase and provision of chemical, biological, radiological and nuclear suits for members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55223/22]

*500. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacancies for doctors, nurses, and dentists currently in the Defence Forces medical corps as of 1 November 2022; and when these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [55341/22]

*501. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55477/22]

*502. To ask the Minister for Defence if the contract to replace LÉ Eithne will be put out to tender before the end of 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [55525/22]

*503. To ask the Minister for Defence if a new cadetship recruitment campaign for the Naval Service will be launched before the end of 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [55526/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*504. To ask the Minister for Education her views in relation to Haddington Road hours (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54601/22]

*505. To ask the Minister for Education when she will publish the Tusla's first quarter 2022 reduced day outcome report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54786/22]

*506. To ask the Minister for Education if she will report on the funding allocated to educational psychologists in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55573/22]

*507. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that will be taken to alleviate the issue of overcrowding on school buses from Kinlough and Bundoran to Ballyshannon, given that there is insufficient space due to an intake of new students from Ukraine, with insufficient space on existing transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54145/22]

*508. To ask the Minister for Education if a new school bus route can be established between Grange and Ballyshannon to cater for the demand for school transport in that area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54146/22]

*509. To ask the Minister for Education the progress on the repair of the wheelchair lift at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54147/22]

*510. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that are available for a school (details supplied) to install solar panels on the roof of its building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54148/22]

*511. To ask the Minister for Education if school transport will be provided to a student (details supplied) in County Mayo. — Michael Ring. [54163/22]

*512. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to make funding available to trainee educational and child psychologists in 2023/2024, as is available to such trainees in 2022/2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54166/22]

*513. To ask the Minister for Education if she will assist a school (details supplied) with a matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54208/22]

*514. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a school (details supplied) for a pilot programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54209/22]

*515. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department and all bodies under her Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54213/22]

*516. To ask the Minister for Education the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54231/22]

*517. To ask the Minister for Education if there has been any analysis of shortages in second level teachers, specifically in geography and by subject; and if she will provide the latest data available. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [54255/22]

*518. To ask the Minister for Education the measures, if any, that are being taken to identify and address obstacles to training and recruiting second level teachers. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [54256/22]

*519. To ask the Minister for Education the number of applications received for the academic year for transport for children with additional needs; and the number that have been processed, by county, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [54268/22]

*520. To ask the Minister for Education the number of appeals currently waiting for assessment under the school transport appeals board, by county, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [54269/22]

*521. To ask the Minister for Education when bus tickets will issue to siblings (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54271/22]

*522. To ask the Minister for Education if gambling awareness workshops have been rolled-out in secondary schools in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [54275/22]

*523. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to a person (details supplied) who contacted this Deputy regarding school transport needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54300/22]

*524. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 1169 of 26 July 2022, if she recognises that her Department's reliance on the Pobal HP deprivation index in determining DEIS status is too blunt an instrument and can result in significantly disadvantaged students not receiving the supports they need, with an example being the index readings in Killarney, County Kerry; if she will review the matter sooner than Q3 2023, as referred to in her

previous reply, with a view to factoring in broader evidence than the Pobal HP deprivation index; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54327/22]

*525. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 1134 of 26 July 2022, when arrangements for next year's supplementary panel, as referred to in her previous reply, will be published; if she intends to remove barriers to make it easier for Irish emigrant teachers to return to Ireland to take up posts rather than re-recruiting retired teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54328/22]

*526. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 203 of 5 October 2022, if her Department's broadband technical team has been able to resolve the problems preventing a school (details supplied) from accessing high-speed broadband; the steps that are being taken to remove these obstacles as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54368/22]

*527. To ask the Minister for Education if a student (details supplied) will be given a school bus ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54376/22]

*528. To ask the Minister for Education if the Leaving Certificate exam will be available in Ukrainian language for students to sit the Leaving Certificate in June 2023 (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54382/22]

*529. To ask the Minister for Education her views on issues raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54383/22]

*530. To ask the Minister for Education the number of fee-paying primary schools in Ireland by county; the number of children in fee-paying primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [54384/22]

*531. To ask the Minister for Education the anticipated cost per child of the proposed extension of the free book scheme as in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [54385/22]

*532. To ask the Minister for Education if she will set out the additional cost that would be incurred by including children who attend fee-paying primary schools in the proposed extension of the free book scheme as in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [54386/22]

*533. To ask the Minister for Education when an application for wheelchair-accessible school transport for a pupil (details supplied) will be reviewed and a decision issued on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54388/22]

*534. To ask the Minister for Education when an application for school transport for a pupil (details supplied) will be reviewed and a decision issued on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54389/22]

*535. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an appeal for school transport as a result of an email technicality (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [54393/22]

*536. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 109 of 25 May 2022, if she will provide an update on a student struggling (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54395/22]

*537. To ask the Minister for Education the process that a secondary school can follow to employ a qualified individual to “only” coordinate special education needs in the school; the additional allowances that this school obtain to employ this qualified person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54403/22]

*538. To ask the Minister for Education her plans for the expansion of a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54406/22]

*539. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will undertake a review of the assessment for DEIS to take into account demographic changes, particularly changes in areas where housing was traditionally owner-occupied but is increasingly rented with State support. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54420/22]

*540. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department intends to provide administrative support to schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54421/22]

*541. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that the MA programme for teachers was increased to two years; if this is having an impact on recruitment of teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54422/22]

*542. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a limit on the number of educational assessments made available to students in schools on an annual basis; and if so, the way in which the assessments are allocated. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54423/22]

*543. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has plans to increase the provision of educational assessments for students, in order to ensure that there are assessments available to all who require one. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54424/22]

*544. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the increased use of electronic cigarette products among children, particularly those of secondary school age, and the prevalence of these products in schools around the country; and if her Department intends to address the issue. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54425/22]

*545. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the funding request for an autism unit for a school (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [54426/22]

*546. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the status of a capital project for a school (details supplied); and if she will provide a timeline for the commencement and completion of works. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54427/22]

*547. To ask the Minister for Education the additional resources that will be provided to schools following the recent announcement that the NCSE would be nominating an ‘appropriate person’ to carry out an assessment of educational needs on behalf of the HSE under the AON process; the appropriate qualifications required to carry out an assessment of educational needs on behalf of the HSE; the way in which the statutory duty of the NCSE can be passed onto school principals; if this new policy takes account of the High Court judgement on the child’s rights

to an assessment of needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [54442/22]

*548. To ask the Minister for Education if she has projected demographics of children with additional educational needs for the north Cork area for each of the years 2023 to 2025, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [54457/22]

*549. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the land next to Clongriffin DART station, which is earmarked as a school site; and the current plans, if any, for a school at that site. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [54469/22]

*550. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a remote area grant application of a family (details supplied) outstanding for the past two years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54471/22]

*551. To ask the Minister for Education if she will extend the recently announced decision to provide funding to a cohort of final-year psychology students in named colleges by contributing towards fees and expenses to second-year students, or to clarify whether NEPS will sponsor a cohort of trainees in the following academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54485/22]

*552. To ask the Minister for Education the alternative bus transport services that are available for pupils (details supplied) who have been left without a bus service to their school due to the discontinuation of a private service; and his views on the fact that it is now costing the family €400 a month to drive the pupils to school instead. — Martin Browne. [54515/22]

*553. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 444 of 11 October 2022, the number of teaching posts that are vacant as of today's date (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [54523/22]

*554. To ask the Minister for Education the roles that SENO and NEPS have regarding the new guidelines for assessments of needs. — Gary Gannon. [54526/22]

*555. To ask the Minister for Education the reasoning behind NCSE being able to pass legal responsibility on to schools. — Gary Gannon. [54527/22]

*556. To ask the Minister for Education if schools will be appropriately resourced to enable school principals or their nominated teacher, likely SETs, to complete the report of education needs form (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [54528/22]

*557. To ask the Minister for Education if all nominated teachers, including SETs, are experienced enough to complete the report of education needs form. — Gary Gannon. [54529/22]

*558. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that the NCSE is qualified to “nominate a person with the appropriate expertise to carry out an assessment of education needs”; if she will provide a clear definition of “appropriate expertise”; and if school principals and staff were consulted on this decision. — Gary Gannon. [54530/22]

*559. To ask the Minister for Education when a decision will be made on an appeal made by a person (details supplied) in County Louth against the decision not to provide a school bus ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54552/22]

*560. To ask the Minister for Education if schools accept and comply with a new direction issued from the NCSE and her Department, concerning children with additional needs (details supplied); if she will provide details regarding the new guidelines which have recently been issued to schools surrounding supporting children with additional educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54600/22]

*561. To ask the Minister for Education if the new assessment of needs scheme will ensure that children being assessed by SET teachers will have the same supports and resources available regardless of the school which they attend; if SET teachers will be given equal and adequate training in order to conduct an AON in an objective manner; if school support plans are expected to fulfil the legal requirement of a child's right to assessment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [54609/22]

*562. To ask the Minister for Education the information or circulars that have been provided to schools in relation to voluntary contributions, and the advice that the schools should not request voluntary contributions this year given the cost-of-living difficulties; the additional supports that will be available on request from schools which will not request the voluntary contribution this year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [54610/22]

*563. To ask the Minister for Education if she will expedite an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54660/22]

*564. To ask the Minister for Education if the bus service that served schools (details supplied) can be reinstated to a two-bus service, with one for each school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54662/22]

*565. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to have teachers carry-out assessment of need plans for children with disabilities rather than the NEPS service; the way in which a school support plan can be viewed as an assessment of educational need; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54680/22]

*566. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new ASD units for schools in Rathangan (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [54712/22]

*567. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children that were accommodated on the school transport scheme for this academic year; the number that was accommodated last year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [54713/22]

*568. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide details of the solar schools' initiative announced in Budget 2023; the number of schools that will have solar panels installed in 2023; the total funding for this initiative in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [54714/22]

*569. To ask the Minister for Education the way that the Government intends to further promote education on climate change and climate action in primary and post primary schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [54715/22]

*570. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the application for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54724/22]

*571. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the planned extension for a national school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54772/22]

*572. To ask the Minister for Education if she will publish research into the use of a reduced school day conducted under the schools' inspectorate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54787/22]

*573. To ask the Minister for Education when she will launch the consultation on the Traveller Education Strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54788/22]

*574. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider extending the scheme to sponsor a cohort of third year educational psychologist trainees for the current academic year 2022/2023 to the next academic year 2023/2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54809/22]

*575. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department intends to provide additional counselling supports to schools, given the increase in young person's experiencing difficulties with mental health and other issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54817/22]

*576. To ask the Minister for Education if the SNA allocation will be increased for a school (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54827/22]

*577. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to an issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [54837/22]

*578. To ask the Minister for Education when the review of the Education for Persons with Special Educational Needs Act 2004 is likely to be completed; when the review will be published; the stakeholders that were consulted as part of the review; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54884/22]

*579. To ask the Minister for Education the way in which the future educational needs of children in Newcastle, County Dublin, will be catered for; if a post-primary school could be accommodated on Department-owned land next to a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [54888/22]

*580. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [54892/22]

*581. To ask the Minister for Education if concerns regarding funding provided to a school (details supplied) for summer projects to improve its exterior environment can be resolved to the satisfaction of the school and her Department, in a timely manner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54895/22]

*582. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the delivery of the autism unit at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54922/22]

*583. To ask the Minister for Education when the results of the school transport scheme review that closed on 10 February 2022 will be published; the way in which the results of the public consultation will be implemented to improve this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54948/22]

*584. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools that have received disability intervention programmes for students and are expected to run such programme without professional training. — Sean Sherlock. [54951/22]

*585. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary school children per county who are still awaiting a place on the school transport scheme in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [55005/22]

*586. To ask the Minister for Education the number of secondary school children per county who are still awaiting a place on the school transport scheme in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [55006/22]

*587. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will make family-tracing funds available to survivors of industrial schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55031/22]

*588. To ask the Minister for Education when a child (details supplied) will be seen to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [55060/22]

*589. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review an application by a person (details supplied) for the special education school grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55102/22]

*590. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of approved funding for capital works that has been made available to a school (details supplied) over the past five years; if she will provide an update on the need for a new school building; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55136/22]

*591. To ask the Minister for Education if she will advise a school (details supplied) in respect of funding for its second ASD unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [55165/22]

*592. To ask the Minister for Education when the special transport grant rate was last increased; the details of such an increase; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55170/22]

*593. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that her Department is taking to address the shortage of primary school teachers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55171/22]

*594. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the staffing complement at primary schools in County Meath; for the number of schools days lost in Meath primary schools as a result

of teacher absence and lack of substitute teachers in the 2022/2023 school year to date in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55172/22]

*595. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that her Department is taking to address the shortage of primary school teachers at a school (details supplied) in County Meath; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55173/22]

*596. To ask the Minister for Education if special educational needs places at a school can be allocated to pupils (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [55194/22]

*597. To ask the Minister for Education the members of the high-level working group chaired by the Secretary General of the Department of Education which is examining the way in which the National Educational Psychological Service can continue to recruit adequate numbers of suitably qualified staff and continue to respond to the educational psychological needs of children in recognised primary and post-primary schools across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [55202/22]

*598. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55212/22]

*599. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the decision not to award DEIS status to a school (details supplied) given that all three other schools in the same town have DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55213/22]

*600. To ask the Minister for Education the status of building underway at a school (details supplied); and the timelines in place for opening to students. — Sean Sherlock. [55247/22]

*601. To ask the Minister for Education the status of building underway at a school (details supplied); and the timelines in place for opening to students. — Sean Sherlock. [55248/22]

*602. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be facilitated in the case of a child (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [55255/22]

*603. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the proposed car-park lease in respect of a school (details supplied); when the lease will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55256/22]

*604. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that are being taken to ensure that replacement teachers and SNAs are available for schools where staff are out on sick leave; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [55257/22]

*605. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has assessed the impact that the cut to support teaching hours has had on girls' national schools in the Dublin area; if any steps can be taken to alleviate the negative impact that it is having on such schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [55258/22]

*606. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in respect of teachers and the special leave with pay for Covid-19 payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [55262/22]

*607. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application by a school (details supplied) for an ASD class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55283/22]

*608. To ask the Minister for Education in relation to educational psychologist trainees, if her attention has been drawn to concerns raised by students in relation to the working group which does not include any course co-ordinators from either Mary Immaculate College or UCD or persons from the Department of Health; if she will ensure the working group is broadened to include these representatives; and if she will ensure that there is consideration of financial support needed as well as a contribution to fees. — Paul Murphy. [55303/22]

*609. To ask the Minister for Education her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) in relation to recent instructions to teachers and principals to conduct assessments of educational needs on behalf of the HSE under the AON process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55322/22]

*610. To ask the Minister for Education the criteria which apply for a primary school to meet DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55373/22]

*611. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) in County Meath meets the eligibility criteria for DEIS status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55374/22]

*612. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide clarity on the extent of section 29 appeals during and since Covid in each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form, including the number of non-face-to-face versus face-to-face oral hearings which took place during that time; and if she will outline the outcomes of section 29 appeals nationally, disaggregated for non-face-to-face appeals during that time. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55398/22]

*613. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the proposal from the NCSE that school principals and or teachers would carry out assessments of the needs of students. — Holly Cairns. [55428/22]

*614. To ask the Minister for Education when refurbishment works at a school (details supplied) will be completed; the estimated cost of this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [55459/22]

*615. To ask the Minister for Education if she will urgently review the decision to deny the DEIS appeal from a school (details supplied) despite the school being located beside three other schools which have been designated for DEIS status; if she will seek an urgent meeting between DEIS officials and the school's management to discuss this matter further, given the vague decision letter issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [55464/22]

*616. To ask the Minister for Education if the social inclusion unit of her Department will provide a school (details supplied) with its ranking within the Pobal deprivation index used for the DEIS identification model. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55473/22]

*617. To ask the Minister for Education the number of officials in her Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years

to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55478/22]

*618. To ask the Minister for Education the specific budgetary measures which she has put in place to provide for the increased energy costs for recognised schools in the free education scheme for the autumn and winter 2022/2023 school term; if she accepts that the additional capitation funding in 2022 is not sufficient to cover increased energy costs and all other running costs which have also increased due to increased inflation and the cost-of-living crisis. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55495/22]

*619. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide for the immediate provision of additional post-primary schools in the Dublin 8 planning zone given that figures supplied by her own Department show that in 2021 the total primary enrolment was 3,421 students, while the secondary enrolment was 1,022 students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [55534/22]

*620. To ask the Minister for Education the capital expenditure on schools in each of the constituencies in County Cork in each of the past ten years in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [55538/22]

*621. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the proposed amalgamation of two schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [55539/22]

*622. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that teachers who qualified abroad have access to the Droichead framework, in order that they can register with the Teaching Council without completing another professional masters; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [55542/22]

*623. To ask the Minister for Education the future planned ASD unit additions in north County Dublin by school, number of places expected; the year of opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [55547/22]

*624. To ask the Minister for Education the organisations that participated in the consultation process for the reviewed RSE programme; when she expects to complete the review of the RSE curriculum; if she will support removing the ability of schools’ ethos to limit the aspects of the course that is taught; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [55562/22]

*625. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify her views, further to a Dáil Éireann contribution in which she stated that her Department will use available NEPS funding to sponsor educational psychologists; if she will clarify the definition of a sponsor; the number of places that will receive such funding; if there are plans to make this funding long-term; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55576/22]

*626. To ask the Minister for Education the current steps being taken to increase the availability of multi or non-denominational secondary school places in Dublin 9 and 11; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55586/22]

*627. To ask the Minister for Education if a child (details supplied), who is currently eligible for school transport, can be accommodated on the 2pm school transport service being provided

from their school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55587/22]

*628. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address the situation of a student (details supplied) who requires an SNA. — Holly Cairns. [55652/22]

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

*629. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps she is taking to provide ongoing monitoring of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on lone parents, with a commitment to provide targeted support in future cost-of-living measures. — Holly Cairns. [55650/22]

*630. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will abolish the means test for persons in receipt of a State pension who have a disability, in view of the unprecedented increase in energy costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [54108/22]

*631. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54156/22]

*632. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a decision for their community employment ex-gratia payment for supervisors' application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [54172/22]

*633. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department and all bodies under her Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54224/22]

*634. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54242/22]

*635. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [54253/22]

*636. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application for domiciliary care allowance made by a person (details supplied) in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54267/22]

*637. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a reply will issue to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54285/22]

*638. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54293/22]

*639. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a carer's allowance appeal for a person (details supplied) can be allowed without further delay. — Robert Troy. [54339/22]

*640. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated cost of providing school meals to every primary school by county in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [54349/22]

*641. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there has been a change in the way that joint bank accounts are assessed as means (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54360/22]

*642. To ask the Minister for Social Protection with regard to recipients of disability allowance who are currently taking part in community employment scheme, if those recipients will be eligible for the one-off payment for disability-related supports due in November 2022 due to their underpinning entitlement to disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [54381/22]

*643. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a payment will issue to a person (details supplied). — Niall Collins. [54392/22]

*644. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the qualification criteria for the fuel allowance payment have been expanded in Budget 2023 to include those in receipt of jobseeker's benefit or illness benefit. — Robert Troy. [54412/22]

*645. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale for someone in receipt of deserted wife's benefit who is not working and not being eligible for fuel allowance or living-alone allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54438/22]

*646. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of allocated or seconded staff to community welfare sections in each INTREO office to deal with the additional applications for supplementary welfare allowances, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [54458/22]

*647. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider adapting a new procedure (details supplied) to negate situations of overpayments following death; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54480/22]

*648. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider expanding the criteria for the widow's pension to include couples who were co-habiting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54513/22]

*649. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exemption can be provided to a person with a disability who is receiving a birth negligence case settlement award, to enable them to apply for the winter fuel payment and the household benefit package; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54614/22]

*650. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the possibility that someone in receipt of disability benefit can have their benefits withdrawn if they spend as little as two days in custody; if her attention has further been drawn to the possibility that someone in receipt of carer's allowance can have their payment withdrawn if the person they care for is in custody for two days (details supplied); and her views on whether this procedure has a hugely negative impact on families and that it needs to be reversed. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [54620/22]

*651. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 451 of 25 October 2022, if she will clarify whether or not the accounts for the businesses submitted were

in fact considered when reviewing eligibility for this payment as requested. — Michael Creed. [54635/22]

*652. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has plans to recognise Covid-19 as an occupational illness; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54641/22]

*653. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending illness benefit to those workers who are also in receipt of another social welfare payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54659/22]

*654. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the range of financial supports and funding streams available to schools to provide for meals and or food for students; if her Department is prepared to provide new and additional supports to schools in this regard in the context of the cost-of-living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54746/22]

*655. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the funding streams and supports her Department makes available to schools across the country to provide food for students; if any new schemes are being developed to meet rising needs in the context of the cost-of-living challenges; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [54747/22]

*656. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review correspondence from a local authority (details supplied); if she will address the issues outlined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54761/22]

*657. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the full list of organisations under the aegis of her Department which are involved in the community employment scheme supervisors in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54771/22]

*658. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officer posts that are currently vacant in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54773/22]

*659. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers nationally that are off on sick leave within the 400 filled posts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54774/22]

*660. To ask the Minister for Social Protection with reference to the answer given by An Taoiseach in Questions on Promised Legislation on 26 October 2022, the progress of work being undertaken by her Department with respect to Commitment 43 in the pathways to work strategy to ‘prepare a paper on options to modify the longer-term jobseeker assistance payment by utilising the Revenue Commissioners real time earnings data to adjust payment levels in line with a person’s weekly earnings, to guarantee a basic income floor and ensure that in all cases a person’s income increases when they work’; the expected date by which this work will be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54790/22]

*661. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the Intreo offices that are currently open for public services card appointments in Dublin; if her attention has been drawn to the difficulties experienced by applicants due to a reported increase in demand for the public services card; and the steps that she will take to address the delays. — Ivana Bacik. [54791/22]

*662. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a carer's benefit review for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54793/22]

*663. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a carer's allowance for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54820/22]

*664. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the loss of a caretaker in a community organisation (details supplied) who works under the CE scheme; if any flexibility can be provided in this case, in order for them to remain in situ; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [54825/22]

*665. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the double week cost-of-living support payment to those on illness benefit; if not, the reason; and the reason that there has been no additional support for those on illness benefit. — Paul Murphy. [54836/22]

*666. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider including persons who are on sickness benefit for over one year on the autumn cost-of-living payment. — Richard Bruton. [54864/22]

*667. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when funding will be put in place to continue the abhaile scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54868/22]

*668. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the eligibility criteria for fuel allowance from 1 January 2023 to cater for persons who meet the means but are not on a qualifying payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [54890/22]

*669. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on an appeal by a person (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [54906/22]

*670. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider expanding access to the State pension for those on a Stamp D who have worked their entire career in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54908/22]

*671. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the entitlements of schools in band 1 of the DEIS hot meals programme for schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54916/22]

*672. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a school (details supplied) in respect of the school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54917/22]

*673. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current process in community supervisors applying for the ex-gratia payment; if her attention has been drawn to resource issues in the administrative process whereby her Department are unable to process any further applications until further notice; and the way that she plans to address these issues. — Robert Troy. [54949/22]

*674. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will receive their payment; the reason for the delay in same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54968/22]

*675. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on the consultation process under the review of child maintenance arrangements launched by her Department on 11 February 2021. — Sorca Clarke. [55003/22]

*676. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the review of child maintenance arrangements will be complete; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [55004/22]

*677. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the expected waiting time for an appointment with the Money Advice and Budgeting Service per centre in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [55012/22]

*678. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any staff have been re-assigned to deal with the backlog in applications for the exceptional needs' payment. — Sorca Clarke. [55013/22]

*679. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on matters in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [55017/22]

*680. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the length of time that persons are waiting for the additional needs' payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [55019/22]

*681. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the remuneration package currently on the table for the Supervisor and Assistant Supervisor of a centre (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [55030/22]

*682. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend the Social Welfare Bill 2022 to increase core rates to a minimum of €8, the QCI for children over 12 years by €10, and for children under 12 years by €5. — Patrick Costello. [55034/22]

*683. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the living-alone allowance to one-parent families in receipt of the fuel allowance. — Patrick Costello. [55035/22]

*684. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide ongoing monitoring of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on lone parents, with a commitment to provide targeted support in future cost-of-living measures. — Patrick Costello. [55038/22]

*685. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will publish the child maintenance review group report without further delay. — Patrick Costello. [55039/22]

*686. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if the matter will be expedited. — John McGuinness. [55048/22]

*687. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) has sufficient contributions to qualify for a pension in her own right; if her spouse is in receipt of his full entitlement and an adult dependent allowance; and if she will provide a record of the contributions made by the person. — John McGuinness. [55050/22]

*688. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 454 of 25 October 2022, the reason a person (details supplied) was told ‘there are no community welfare appointments in Tallaght since 2020’ as this is contradictory to the reply she provided. — Paul Murphy. [55054/22]

*689. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers employed in each location in County Mayo in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55056/22]

*690. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average waiting times and waiting list figures for accessing Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55057/22]

*691. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the plans to recruit 80 additional staff to community welfare services; if posts have been advertised; if recruitment has commenced; when it is anticipated that the full 80 will be recruited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55058/22]

*692. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal in the name of a person (details supplied) will be backdated to the date that they commenced giving the care in 2020; and if the appeal will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [55071/22]

*693. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a paper written by an organisation (details supplied) which outlines the evidence in relation to the persistently high rates of poverty and deprivation among one-parent families; if she will implement the recommendations made as per the paper; her views on the reason that one-parent families are among the worst off in Irish society, yet there were no targeted measures to improve the circumstances of these families in Budget 2023. — Paul Murphy. [55073/22]

*694. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the review of a disability allowance claim in the name of a person (details supplied) has been completed; and if all outstanding payments due to the applicant will be paid without delay. — John McGuinness. [55081/22]

*695. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if he will expedite an application by a person (details supplied) for disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55098/22]

*696. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures in place to assist young persons in need of social welfare support at an INTREO office (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55114/22]

*697. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will publish the child maintenance review group report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55119/22]

*698. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has any plans to act upon the recommendations and findings, when published, of the child maintenance review group report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55120/22]

*699. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a carer’s allowance review of a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [55121/22]

*700. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has plans to introduce targeted measures to improve the circumstances of one-parent families in 2023, given that there were no targeted measures for these families in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55139/22]

*701. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she plans to increase the living alone allowance to one-parent families in receipt of fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55140/22]

*702. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Child Maintenance Review Group Report will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55141/22]

*703. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will amend social protection legislation to allow persons in receipt of farm assist payments to receive the household benefits package, given that low-income farm families are among those struggling with increasing energy costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55166/22]

*704. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify the contribution history of a person (details supplied); and if these contributions can be amended to entitle this person to a State pension (contributory). — Robert Troy. [55178/22]

*705. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who has been unsuccessful in their application for free travel, despite being inhibited by MS, requiring a walking aid, and despite being in receipt of a pension, and whose application been declined due to their being under 66 years of age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [55203/22]

*706. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an elderly couple (details supplied) will qualify for the fuel allowance payment following the changes in Budget 2023; if so, the way that they can apply for the fuel allowance payment; when the first payment under the new income thresholds is expected to be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [55226/22]

*707. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to increasing the allowances available under the household benefits package to assist those who cannot qualify for fuel allowance due to the cost-of-living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55270/22]

*708. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the cost-of-living measures available to those living in congregated settings, in which all are of over 70 years, to assist them with their energy bills; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55271/22]

*709. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm that her Department will give serious consideration to recognising Covid-19 as an occupational disease in health and social care and in domiciliary assistance and, in a pandemic context, in sectors where there is an outbreak in activities with proven risk of infection as advocated by the EU Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55272/22]

*710. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are plans to include those on the jobs initiative scheme to be eligible for fuel allowance given that their income is linked to social welfare rates. — Joe Flaherty. [55273/22]

*711. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has considered suggested innovations in the management of the pool of funds generated by auto-enrolment scheme, whereby the individual's pot would continue to be managed in a single pool, and draw-downs could be made at a smoothed rate rather than the market value of the moment, given that this approach could allow pooled savings to be invested in higher-yielding investment categories and could avoid individual management fees; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [55278/22]

*712. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an applicant who pays extra costs for a spouse in a nursing home on the nursing home support scheme can have these costs disregarded in a means test for fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55292/22]

*713. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 465 of 25 October 2022, if her attention has been drawn to the EU Strategic Framework on Health and Safety at Work 2021-2027 which stresses the importance of recognising Covid-19 as an occupational disease; if her attention has been drawn to the fact that 25 of the 27 EU Member States have already recognised Covid-19 as an occupational disease, as per the EU Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work Agreement; if she plans to reconsider her position and ensure that Covid-19 is recognised as an occupational disease; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55293/22]

*714. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the bonus payment for one-parent families will represent the full amount of the payment; if any maintenance payments usually made to the parent will be deducted from the bonus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55307/22]

*715. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to increase remuneration packages for community employment scheme supervisors and assistant supervisors considering they have not had a pay rise in 13 years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55360/22]

*716. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated full-year cost if the maximum rate of payment per child per day for breakfast/snack were increased to €1, cold lunch to €2, dinner to €2.75 and hot meal to €3.90 under the school meals programme. — Claire Kerrane. [55363/22]

*717. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff working in the INTREO centre in Carrick-on-Shannon as of 1 November 2020 and 1 November 2022, in tabular form; and if she will outline the geographical area that this centre covers. — Claire Kerrane. [55364/22]

*718. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that the calculation for illness benefit does not penalise individuals on maternity leave for the period in which the benefit is being assessed. — Holly Cairns. [55437/22]

*719. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will publish the child maintenance review group report which was submitted to her on 22 April 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55441/22]

*720. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of officials in her Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55489/22]

*721. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that bonus payments are not being paid to persons in receipt of illness benefit; her views on whether this is permitted and if it is punishing ill persons who were formerly working; if she plans to introduce a mechanism whereby persons on illness benefit who have low means can apply for the bonus payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55498/22]

*722. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers based in County Kildare, by town and area of coverage per CWO in each of the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [55504/22]

*723. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers serving the towns Maynooth, Leixlip and Celbridge per thousand population currently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [55505/22]

*724. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of exceptional needs' payments processed in County Kildare in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the reason or category for the issuance of same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [55506/22]

*725. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will consider routinely contacting those who turn 70 years of age to inform them of their eligibility for the household benefits package, in order that it is not missed or overlooked by possible claimants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [55507/22]

*726. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 509 of 18 October 2022, the total number of staff currently working in the INTREO Centre, Parnell Street, Dublin 1 to include the staff who relocated from the Navan Road INTREO centre. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55528/22]

*727. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question 510 of 18 October 2022, the total number of current customer claim load and catchment areas to include people living in the Dublin 7 area following the closure of the Navan Road INTREO centre. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55529/22]

*728. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons aged 70 years and over receiving the household benefits package; and the number of that cohort who are also in receipt of fuel allowance.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [55544/22]

*729. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the fuel portion of the household benefits package has not increased at all in Budget 2023, to ensure that recipients of same would not be at risk of fuel poverty this winter. — Joan Collins. [55545/22]

*730. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the payment of illness benefit to a person (details supplied); and if she will consider same for double payments. — Peter Burke. [55552/22]

*731. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to create an online application process for persons applying for domiciliary care allowance; when this is expected to be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55599/22]

*732. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to create an online application process for people applying for carer's allowance; when this is expected to be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55600/22]

*733. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to create an online application process for people applying for additional needs payment; when this is expected to be available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55601/22]

*734. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason for the delay in approving an application by a person (details supplied) for a State pension (contributory). — Michael Creed. [55603/22]

*735. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any further consideration has been given to extend eligibility of the disability support grant to include those in receipt of partial capacity benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [55644/22]

*736. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will ensure that individuals in receipt of disability allowance who take up a place in the community employment scheme will be eligible for the one-off cost-of-disability payment of €500. — Holly Cairns. [55655/22]

*737. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on amending the Social Welfare Bill 2022, in order to increase the QCI for children aged over 12 years by €10, and for children aged under 12 years by €5. — Holly Cairns. [55656/22]

*738. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that she is taking to provide ongoing monitoring of the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on lone parents, with a commitment to provide targeted support in future cost-of-living measures. — Holly Cairns. [55657/22]

*739. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will immediately publish the report of the child maintenance review group. — Holly Cairns. [55658/22]

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

*740. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to develop a new National Child Poverty Plan with a dedicated unit to ensure an integrated and cross-governmental approach to address high levels of poverty in households headed by one parent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55142/22]

*741. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of tourism accommodation bedrooms that have been taken up, both nationally and per county, with Government contracts for Ukrainian refugees and other asylum seekers; the percentage of overall

availability which this represents nationally and per county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55320/22]

*742. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to develop a new National Child Poverty Plan to address high levels of poverty in households headed by one parent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [55755/22]

*743. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department and all bodies under his Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54211/22]

*744. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54229/22]

*745. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on matters relating to houses pledged for refugees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54295/22]

*746. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) who has made an offer of a commercial property of 46 bed spaces in County Donegal will have their application reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54296/22]

*747. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding increases, if any, that have been made to the early childhood care and education scheme since its introduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54308/22]

*748. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of early learning and care services that have engaged with county childcare committees in relation to financial sustainability in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54309/22]

*749. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the level of profitability for sessional services funded through the early childhood care and education scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54310/22]

*750. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the circumstance of the closure of an early year's facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54311/22]

*751. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports which are available to early childhood education and care services, both private and community, to support them with financial sustainability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54312/22]

*752. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on funding allocated to Tusla's capital investment and projects therein; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54356/22]

*753. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details on the direct payments and grant funds for provision of services to children and families; the amount in euros of these allocations that are paid outside of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54357/22]

*754. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has any plans to reintroduce capital grants scheme for childcare facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54407/22]

*755. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions that he plans to take to provide those who were subjected to racial discrimination and systemic racism in childcare institutions with effective remedies, through the mother and baby payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54411/22]

*756. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a person (details supplied) who was staying at a location qualifies for redress. — Catherine Murphy. [54460/22]

*757. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the future allocation from Tusla to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54486/22]

*758. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will increase the ECCE capitation from €69 per child per week to €76 per child per week with immediate effect (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [54491/22]

*759. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of a local industrial-school institution; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [54509/22]

*760. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the payment level for the ECCE scheme was last revised; if he has assessed whether it continues to adequately cover the costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [54602/22]

*761. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if additional resources have been directed to the IPAS finance section to address the numerous accommodation providers which are purporting to have not been paid for some time for the services provided (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [54730/22]

*762. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Adoption Authority is currently in a position to respond to applications for information under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 within 30 days; and if not, the reason for same. — Kathleen Funchion. [54739/22]

*763. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Tusla is currently in a position to respond to applications for information under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 within 30 days; and if not, the reason for same. — Kathleen Funchion. [54740/22]

*764. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional resources that have been put in place to ensure that the Adoption Authority and Tusla are in a position to respond to applications for information under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 within 30 days. — Kathleen Funchion. [54741/22]

*765. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the legal costs incurred by his Department in the eight judicial reviews that were settled in December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [54756/22]

*766. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will respond to concerns raised (details supplied) from a Ukrainian providers perspective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [54810/22]

*767. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated timeline for publication of the codes of practice under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Marian Harkin. [54865/22]

*768. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the estimated timeline for the publication of the court rules under the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) Act 2015. — Marian Harkin. [54866/22]

*769. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his plans to progress the Employment Equality (Amendment) (Non-Disclosure Agreements) Bill 2021 through the Houses of the Oireachtas; if he will provide a timeline for the implementation of the recommendations detailed in the report on the prevalence and use of non-disclosure agreements in discrimination and sexual harassment disputes; and his plans to promote transparency in addressing discrimination and ensuring that cases of harassment and sexual harassment do not remain concealed. — Ivana Bacik. [54894/22]

*770. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will review correspondence (details supplied); if he will outline the reason that this property has been assessed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54898/22]

*771. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide guidance for people who have pledged accommodation for Ukrainian refugees, either within their own homes or in second properties but have yet to see any progress on placements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [54927/22]

*772. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of local authorities that have applied for funding through a fund (details supplied) in order to fund the improvement playgrounds in their local area; the local authorities that have applied for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54980/22]

*773. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will develop a new national child poverty plan, with a dedicated unit that encompasses an integrated and cross-governmental approach to address high levels of poverty in households headed by one parent. — Patrick Costello. [55040/22]

*774. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when money due to a service provider of accommodation to Ukrainian refugees will be paid (details supplied);

the reason for the delay with this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55097/22]

*775. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the 30-day statutory requirement for responses to be issued to applicants seeking information under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 means 30 working days or 30 days in total. — Kathleen Funchion. [55134/22]

*776. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the 60-day extension time for responses to applicants seeking information under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 means 60 working days or 60 days in total. — Kathleen Funchion. [55135/22]

*777. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the 30-day statutory requirement for responses to be issued to applicants seeking information under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 means 30 working days or 30 days in total. — Holly Cairns. [55151/22]

*778. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the 60-day extension time for responses to applicants seeking information under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 means 60 working days or 60 days in total. — Holly Cairns. [55152/22]

*779. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Adoption Authority is currently in a position to respond to applications for information under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 within 30 days. — Holly Cairns. [55153/22]

*780. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if Tusla is currently in a position to respond to applications for information under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 within 30 days. — Holly Cairns. [55154/22]

*781. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional resources that have been put in place to ensure that the Adoption Authority and Tusla are in a position to respond to applications for information under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022 within 30 days. — Holly Cairns. [55155/22]

*782. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the number of Ukrainian refugees who arrived in the State under the temporary protection directive but who have not been assigned accommodation. — Holly Cairns. [55156/22]

*783. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the number of individuals who made their intentions to seek asylum under the international protection on arrival in the State but who have not been assigned accommodation. — Holly Cairns. [55157/22]

*784. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied). — Alan Dillon. [55224/22]

*785. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans to address the delays in releasing informing under a service (details supplied); if more staff will be provided to this service to address the delays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55274/22]

*786. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline all of the supports and grants which are currently available for community-funded childcare facilities which are registered for the ECCE and NCS programmes. — Robert Troy. [55277/22]

*787. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider increasing the ECCE capitation to €76 a week per child. — Holly Cairns. [55425/22]

*788. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps he is taking to ensure that dioceses and parishes in the Roman Catholic Church are fulfilling their obligations under the Birth Information and Tracing Bill. — Holly Cairns. [55426/22]

*789. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on Tusla redacting records being released to persons under the Birth Information and Tracing Bill. — Holly Cairns. [55427/22]

*790. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the plans to develop a national child poverty plan as required under the EU child guarantee to tackle child poverty. — Mary Lou McDonald. [55443/22]

*791. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55476/22]

*792. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of vacancies for social workers positions that Tusla currently has available; and the steps being taken to attract extra social workers. — Catherine Murphy. [55515/22]

*793. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of full-time therapists and child arts psychotherapists directly employed by Tusla, by Tusla area and service or team which they are working in. — Catherine Murphy. [55516/22]

*794. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that the childcare subsidy announced in Budget 2023 is applied as a reduction on the hourly rate as opposed to a monthly deduction, given that many providers charge a fixed daily rate regardless of the length of time that a child is in childcare for, and that parents paying the daily rate who do not avail of a full day of childcare will not benefit fully from the reduction in cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55531/22]

*795. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a reply will issue to a query which this Deputy raised with the Ukraine temporary accommodation unit on behalf of a person who contacted the unit regarding vacant accommodation which they have available to accommodate Ukrainian nationals (details supplied); the reason for the delay in responding to this query despite the fact that all Government agencies have put out an urgent call for vacant properties to be made available to accommodate Ukrainian nationals due to a lack of available accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55536/22]

*796. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a reply will issue to correspondence which this Deputy forwarded to the Ukraine temporary

accommodation unit on behalf of a Ukrainian national who wishes to transfer from current accommodation (details supplied); the reason for the delay in responding to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55537/22]

*797. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline his plans for the use of a building and lands (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [55614/22]

*798. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will immediately establish a new national child poverty plan with a dedicated unit that encompasses an integrated and cross-governmental approach to address high levels of poverty in households headed by one parent. — Holly Cairns. [55651/22]

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

*799. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views in relation to Haddington Road hours (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54601/22]

*800. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if repeating first-year students are eligible for the fee reduction announced in Budget 2023, in cases where a student has changed course after one year and is now a first-year student on a course; if he will set out the guidance for which students have been deemed eligible for the fee reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [54106/22]

*801. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider adding graduate entry medicine students to the SUSI grant scheme to help alleviate the costs of that programme for low-income students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54150/22]

*802. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason for the omission of graduate entry medicine students from lowered contribution fees for higher education students announced in Budget 2023, during a time of a shortage of doctors and medical staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54151/22]

*803. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports that are available to students to alleviate the high cost of the graduate entry medicine programme at University College Dublin (details supplied); the plans that are in place to bring the fees down in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54152/22]

*804. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who have applied for additional scholarships for underrepresented and disadvantaged students announced on 29 July 2022; the number of successful applicants who have received funding under this scheme across all strands; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [54160/22]

*805. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of graduate entry medicine scholarship students who have retained funding from the National Access Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [54161/22]

*806. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department and all bodies under his Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54218/22]

*807. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54236/22]

*808. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding increasing the quantity of student accommodation available for undergraduate students in Ireland. — James Browne. [54260/22]

*809. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the new international education strategy will be published before the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54314/22]

*810. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he is concerned regarding the levels of drug taking within Ireland's third level student community; the efforts that can be taken to clamp-down on drug use within the student community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [54367/22]

*811. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that the reduction in the student contribution of €1,000 is not extended to students who have changed college course and are deemed to be repeating first year even though it is a different course; if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty that this is causing for a great number of families where a student has changed courses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54439/22]

*812. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress that has been made in issuing adult educators with public service contracts (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [54461/22]

*813. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on the Higher Education Authority call for expressions of interest in creating more places for student vets and veterinary nurses; the target number of additional places in both veterinary medicine and veterinary nursing; the way in which this will be funded; the estimated timeframe for the first additional places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54505/22]

*814. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of all Higher Education Authority calls for expressions of interest in delivering additional places in third level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [54506/22]

*815. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider recommending that third-level institutions provide access to online, remote, recorded lectures to assist students who are struggling to find local accommodation or who are facing lengthy commutes to attend their courses on a daily basis due to the lack of accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [54556/22]

*816. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the Construction Safety Licensing Bill 2022 will impact on QQI certifications that have already been awarded to persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [54665/22]

*817. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if college students who are returning to full-time education to complete a second level-8 qualification will be able to avail of the €1,000 college fee reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [54784/22]

*818. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students currently enrolled in social care programmes in Munster Technological University. — Thomas Gould. [54818/22]

*819. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the matter whereby students currently enrolled in social care programmes in Munster Technological University will graduate without CORU accreditation. — Thomas Gould. [54819/22]

*820. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that there is assistance provided to college for a student (details supplied) so that they can return to in-person learning as soon as possible. — Paul Murphy. [55014/22]

*821. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will clarify the situation regarding the validity of qualifications received from previous regional technical colleges and institutes of technology, which have now been upgraded to technological universities; the status of these qualifications and of the awarding bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [55032/22]

*822. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of candidates who are affected by the backlog for apprenticeships for electricians, carpenters and plumbers, including those waiting to do their apprenticeships and those waiting to finish their apprenticeships; and the reason that a backlog exists. — Paul Murphy. [55062/22]

*823. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that Solas is sponsoring an RTÉ radio show for apprenticeships when the purpose of Solas funding is for education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55066/22]

*824. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider making the one-off €1,000 reduction in the undergraduate student contribution fee for higher education students a universal payment to all undergraduate students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [55122/22]

*825. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships taken up in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to 31 October 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [55330/22]

*826. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that a student (details supplied) was excluded from the student fee reduction announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55469/22]

*827. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of apprenticeships currently registered for electricians, plumbers and carpenters; the number for the year 2021, in tabular form, for comparative purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55470/22]

*828. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the current number of ETB places and the number of trainers and teachers in Ireland for electricians, plumbers and carpenters; the number of same for 2021, in tabular form, for comparative purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55471/22]

*829. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55483/22]

*830. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a person (details supplied) will receive the benefit of the reduction in the fees payment recently announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [55572/22]

*831. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of medical students who are presently enrolled in the six medical schools in Ireland for the most recent five-year period, segmented to clearly outline the number of Irish students only and to clearly delineate by gender in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55602/22]

*832. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will ensure that students in graduate entry medicine courses are included in the one-off €1,000 fee reduction. — Holly Cairns. [55654/22]

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

*833. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will request information from the Revenue Commissioners on the total amount remitted by investors of the Immigrant Investor Programme to Ireland before they became resident in Ireland since 2012; the total amounts remitted each year since the inception of the scheme; the total amount of tax collected from visa holders under the Immigrant Investors Programme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55087/22]

*834. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the establishment of an online portal, in light of Assistant Garda Commissioner Paula Hillman's comments to the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Justice meeting on 4 October 2022 that she and senior members of An Garda Síochána support the creation of an online portal for members of the public to efficiently upload dash-cam evidence of dangerous driving; if the creation of such an online portal would require primary or secondary legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [54154/22]

*835. To ask the Minister for Justice if a refusal of visa can be urgently reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied) who has provided evidence of return to the Philippines, including home ownership, professional employment and family circumstances including a child in education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54162/22]

*836. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will establish a dedicated transport police unit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54192/22]

*837. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department and all bodies under her Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54221/22]

*838. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54239/22]

*839. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has ever received reports on crime detection rates from An Garda Síochána; and if so, if she will provide the details of same. — Peadar Tóibín. [54252/22]

*840. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the number of incidents of drug use, crime and anti-social behaviour around Railway square in County Waterford. — David Cullinane. [54273/22]

*841. To ask the Minister for Justice when a GNIB card is likely to issue in the case of a person (details supplied), who is awaiting a number of weeks for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54284/22]

*842. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is data available on the number of prosecutions taken for assault of frontline health workers since the enactment of section 185 of the Criminal Justice Act 2006. — Duncan Smith. [54291/22]

*843. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received a work-in-progress report on the civil legal aid review; and when the review intends to accept submissions from NGOs and other bodies. — Pa Daly. [54306/22]

*844. To ask the Minister for Justice the efforts that can be made to expedite probate cases where a delay in finalising probate is resulting in properties remaining vacant; if records are available on the number of vacant properties held up in the probate process. — Mattie McGrath. [54343/22]

*845. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide the gender and age breakdown of refugees and asylum seekers arriving in Ireland in each of the past five years; the number of refugees and asylum seekers who arrived in the country without a passport; the number of these who arrived through airports; and the steps that her Department she has taken with refugees and asylum seekers who have no passport or travel documents. — Peadar Tóibín. [54347/22]

*846. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on development of the zero-tolerance plan; the timeframe for its implementation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54353/22]

*847. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the execution of bench warrants issued to An Garda Síochána by the District Court, Dublin, sitting at Dolphin House (Family Courts 20, 40, 41, 47 and 49), including the number issued in 2022 and the number executed in tabular form. — Cormac Devlin. [54354/22]

*848. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of court trials of the Central Criminal that have been heard in Limerick courthouse since it was opened. — Maurice Quinlivan. [54394/22]

*849. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has held discussions with officials within An Garda Síochána in relation to the swimming pool in Templemore Garda college; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54399/22]

*850. 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. [54402/22]

*851. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54417/22]

*852. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has met with An Garda Síochána, the Probation Services and the Irish Prison Service to discuss derelict or vacant buildings in their ownership. — Thomas Gould. [54452/22]

*853. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on an application by a person (details supplied) for a scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54481/22]

*854. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54550/22]

*855. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54555/22]

*856. To ask the Minister for Justice when SI 250 (suspension of rules related to prison visits) will be revoked; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [54563/22]

*857. To ask the Minister for Justice if files from the Garda complaints board were retained after its dissolution; the locations in which retained files can be accessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [54564/22]

*858. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has made any proposal to purchase a site (details supplied) in County Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [54627/22]

*859. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on a matter in relation to the regularisation scheme for undocumented people (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [54630/22]

*860. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is a redress scheme for people if their property is damaged by An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54648/22]

*861. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will immediately move to amend regulations in respect of Garda trainee recruitment, to increase the maximum age of applicants ahead of the next recruitment campaign; and her views on whether the current maximum age of applicants gives rise to a perception that the police service is ageist. — Catherine Murphy. [54683/22]

*862. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to many people seeking asylum having been left out of the recent regularisation scheme for undocumented people, due to

their not having the full residence requirement on the day that the scheme opened and could not apply, despite meeting the criteria of the scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Gary Gannon. [54729/22]

*863. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has engaged with the taxi sector in relation to the reform of the opening hours of pubs and nightclubs, considering the important role taxis play in the night-time economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [54732/22]

*864. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of road traffic fatalities from 1 January 2022 by speeding and non-speeding causes in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [54733/22]

*865. To ask the Minister for Justice the eligibility for naturalisation on the basis of marriage to an Irish citizen in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54799/22]

*866. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí employed in each of the divisional drugs units respectively in each of the years 2015 to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [54831/22]

*867. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an application for a certificate of naturalisation by a person (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [54859/22]

*868. To ask the Minister for Justice Further to Parliamentary Question No. 87 of 26 October 2022, in relation to the conveyancing process, the measures that her Department can take to protect second-hand homebuyers from purchasing homes with defective concrete blocks, given the growing number of homes and counties affected across the State; and if her Department has engaged with the legal, engineering and estate-agent representative bodies on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54923/22]

*869. To ask the Minister for Justice if both time spent in the asylum process and time spent undocumented can be combined to achieve eligibility under the regularisation of long-term undocumented migrant's scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54954/22]

*870. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of family reunification applications under the terms of the International Protection Act received by her Department in the past 12 months by month received in tabular form; if she will provide the number of decisions issued per month on family reunification for the same period; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [54984/22]

*871. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will follow-up on a visa application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [55000/22]

*872. To ask the Minister for Justice the total amount remitted by investors of the immigrant investor programme to Ireland before they became resident in Ireland since 2012; the total amounts remitted each year since the inception of the scheme; and the total amount of tax collected from visa holders under the programme. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55084/22]

*873. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details, and a copy of the second phase of an external completed review report into the Immigrant Investors Programme (details supplied). — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55085/22]

*874. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps that should be taken by a person living in Ireland under international protection refugee status who wishes to bring their parent to Ireland (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55146/22]

*875. To ask the Minister for Justice if DNA testing is used as part of verifying applications through the Afghan admissions programme; if so, the number of times which it has been used; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [55162/22]

*876. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address the situation in which prospective applicants of the recent regularisation scheme for undocumented persons who reached the residence requirement during the scheme but could not apply due to their not having the full residence requirement on the day that the scheme opened; and if an allowance to apply could be made in these cases. — Chris Andrews. [55167/22]

*877. To ask the Minister for Justice the process for non-EU passport holders who are resident and attend school in Ireland, travelling abroad with their school; the form (details supplied) is required to be stamped allowing re-entry; and the process for this and what else is required in order to re-enter the country with the rest of their school group, without issue. — Charles Flanagan. [55214/22]

*878. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to reports (details supplied) that the highest number of prisoners was recently seen in Dóchas prison; her views on whether having 164 prisoners, when the maximum should be between 100 and 110, puts both prisoners and officers at risk; the urgent actions that her Department will take to resolve this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55284/22]

*879. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on whether it is discriminatory that there is no open prison for women, as is outlined in reports from the prison inspectorate, visiting committee, IPRT reports, chaplains report, and the Oireachtas Justice Committee; and the action that she will take to resolve this issue and stop the discrimination. — Paul Murphy. [55285/22]

*880. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 500 of 25 October 2022, the specific allocation in Budget 2023 to the budget of the Courts Service for the implementation of the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55291/22]

*881. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of an independent investigation into penalisation arising from a protected disclosure submitted relative to the Irish Prison Service; the date the investigation commenced; if an interim or final report has been submitted to her Department; if the complaint regarding penalisation in respect of this person had been investigated on two occasions prior to the commencement of the independent investigation and if so, the actions that were taken arising from the investigations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [55298/22]

*882. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of additional staff and costing that would be required if her Department's registration office in Burgh Quay had its opening hours extended to 8am to 7pm Monday to Friday. — Paul Donnelly. [55336/22]

*883. To ask the Minister for Justice the monetary value of fireworks seized by gardaí in 2021 and to date in 2022; and the number of persons successfully prosecuted for possession of firearms without a valid licence in the same time period, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [55337/22]

*884. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been secured in 2023 to purchase extra vehicles for Garda armed support units. — Paul Donnelly. [55338/22]

*885. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 396 of 27 September 2022, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities. — Paul Donnelly. [55339/22]

*886. To ask the Minister for Justice when she expects her Department to complete and publish the promised review of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55413/22]

*887. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department have access to statistics on the number prosecutions under the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55414/22]

*888. To ask the Minister for Justice the information her Department has on whether specialist training is provided to gardaí, in-service and in initial training to recruits, to implement the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act and preparation for gardaí in their interactions with those who provide such services. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55415/22]

*889. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of officials in her Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55486/22]

*890. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount that An Garda Síochána has spent on vehicular recovery services within the Kildare Garda division in 2021 and to date in 2022; the name of the company that was awarded the contract to provide this service; and when this current contract is due to expire. — Catherine Murphy. [55517/22]

*891. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons arrested and charged with offences under operation Preacher to date; and the number of successful convictions obtained to date. — Catherine Murphy. [55518/22]

*892. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí within the Kildare division who successfully completed the method of entry course in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the duration of this course. — Catherine Murphy. [55519/22]

*893. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding will be provided for the purchase of additional horses for the Garda mounted unit in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [55520/22]

*894. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has a policy of refusing applications for certificates of naturalisation where the applicant was previously illegally present in the State; the length of time which that policy has been in place. — Thomas Gould. [55535/22]

*895. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to reports that there are persons who have lived for many years in Ireland who feel unfairly omitted from the recent regularisation scheme for undocumented persons; if she will acknowledge that there are those

who have been living in Ireland for four years when their time in the asylum process and living as an undocumented person is added together, yet they were unable to apply for either strand of the scheme; if she will provide advice and hope to those in this position who are desperate to become regularised; if she will outline any plans to include such persons in another scheme or opportunity, in order that they do not get left behind; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55540/22]

*896. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to expand the role of drug detection dogs operated by private security contractors in cooperation with day-to-day policing by Customs, the Prison Service and An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [55554/22]

*897. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [55557/22]

*898. To ask the Minister for Justice if gardaí will no longer sign ML10 forms for persons who need it to prove identity at financial institutions; the potential reasons for not signing it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [55566/22]

*899. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons (details supplied) who have been repatriated from Ireland to locations around the world for the past five years; the countries to where they were repatriated in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55578/22]

*900. To ask the Minister for Justice when the prison chaplain reports for 2021 will be published; the reason for the delay with this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55605/22]

*901. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons (details supplied) who have been repatriated from locations around the world to Ireland for the past five years; the countries from where they were repatriated, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55611/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*902. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will consider initiating a project for a permanent memorial to a person (details supplied) given the recent ten-year anniversary of their death and the impact that their death has had on Irish society. — Mick Barry. [55560/22]

*903. To ask the Minister for Health the date that his Department intends to issue the €1,000 Covid-19 pandemic bonus payment to Section 39 agency staff (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [54110/22]

*904. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an updated timeline for the delivery of the Covid-19 recognition payment for frontline healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [54111/22]

*905. To ask the Minister for Health if the independent evaluation of the experiences of abortion service providers by a university (details supplied) will be made public; and, if so, if he will provide a timeline for its publication. — Ivana Bacik. [54164/22]

*906. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the cessation of general practitioner services in a centre (details supplied) and that the services have not recommenced post-Covid; when the GP services will resume; if there an agreement in place with the GPs who were present previously to ensure that the service will re-open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54167/22]

*907. To ask the Minister for Health for Health the number of children awaiting dental treatment in primary school settings by CHO and LHO, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [54171/22]

*908. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to address difficulties in accessing clonazepam; if he will provide an update on work to ensure that there is a consistent supply of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54180/22]

*909. To ask the Minister for Health when staff of a nursing home (details supplied) in County Kerry will receive the €1,000 pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54181/22]

*910. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that is being made in the setting-up of the independent radiation therapist review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54187/22]

*911. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that is being made in addressing the recommendations of the Cost of Disability Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54188/22]

*912. To ask the Minister for Health the progress being made in bringing the vacant homes at a location (details supplied) back into use; his plans to refurbish the occupied homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54202/22]

*913. To ask the Minister for Health if a consultation appointment can be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [54203/22]

*914. To ask the Minister for Health when the pandemic bonus payment of €1,000 will be paid to a person (details supplied) who works in the emergency department of University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [54204/22]

*915. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a child (details supplied); if he will seek to have the case expedited as soon as possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [54205/22]

*916. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and all bodies under his Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54219/22]

*917. To ask the Minister for Health the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54237/22]

*918. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost to Cork University Hospital of the removal of trees on its grounds in October 2022; the rationale for the removal of an entire row of sixteen mature trees on 22 October 2022; if an independent arborist report was completed prior to these works; if the wood arising from the works was retained by CUH; if it was gifted or sold to the contractor; if so, if the wood was valued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54251/22]

*919. To ask the Minister for Health if proposals have been presented to his Ministerial management committee to accelerate the conduct of assessments of need for children with special needs, in the aftermath of a recent court case which deemed that preliminary assessments did not meet the obligations of the existing legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [54254/22]

*920. To ask the Minister for Health the number of laparoscopic gastric bypass surgeries performed in University Hospital Galway, St. Vincent's University Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital Dún Laoghaire and Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2017 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54261/22]

*921. To ask the Minister for Health the number of laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy surgeries performed in University Hospital Galway, St. Vincent's University Hospital, St. Michael's Hospital Dún Laoghaire and Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2017 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54262/22]

*922. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE Service Plan for 2023 will include funding for obesity surgery; the number of such procedures to be funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54263/22]

*923. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that will be allocated funding for obesity surgery in 2023; the number of such procedures to be funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54264/22]

*924. To ask the Minister for Health if he accepts the recommendations of the "Health Technology Assessment of Metabolic Surgery", contained in the report by HIQA in July 2022 to fund a program of metabolic surgery in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54265/22]

*925. To ask the Minister for Health his views on concerns from psychologists that the appropriate mental health supports specific to the needs of some refugees from Ukraine are not available; the supports that are in place to deal with the specific needs of adults and young children who suffer from the experiences of war zones; the measures put in place to provide immediate counselling and similar supports to the refugees that need them or if they will have to apply for counselling through the traditional HSE mental health structure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [54281/22]

*926. To ask the Minister for Health if a mental health support structure is being designed to accompany the location of modular house builds for refugees from the illegal invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Browne. [54282/22]

*927. To ask the Minister for Health when all non-HSE workers entitled to the Covid pandemic bonus will receive the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54283/22]

*928. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in the case of a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [54287/22]

*929. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the disparity whereby the Irish healthcare system does not have a chief pharmaceutical officer, but does have a chief medical officer, a chief nursing officer, a chief dentistry officer and a chief veterinary officer, who are responsible for overseeing their respective professions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [54290/22]

*930. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to any funding which could be available for a drug and alcohol awareness programme run in schools in County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [54292/22]

*931. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the disparity whereby the Irish healthcare system does not have a chief pharmaceutical officer, but does have a chief medical officer, a chief nursing officer, a chief dentistry officer and a chief veterinary officer, who are responsible for overseeing their respective professions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [54294/22]

*932. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently awaiting an orthodontic assessment in County Wicklow, broken down by 1, 3, 6 and 12 months plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54297/22]

*933. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are currently awaiting an appointment to commence orthodontic treatment in County Wicklow, broken down by 1, 3, 6 and 12 months plus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [54298/22]

*934. To ask the Minister for Health if a young person (details supplied) can get a scan and a referral to Temple Street Hospital for a number of serious seizures that they have experienced since 10 October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54301/22]

*935. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there is no HRB funding granted to Galway or Limerick hospitals to run clinical trials; if there are plans to change this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [54302/22]

*936. To ask the Minister for Health the budgetary provision that has been made for 2023 to meet the measures included in the Action Plan for Disability Capacity Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54303/22]

*937. To ask the Minister for Health the number of existing and new residential supports, day places and respite supports that will be provided for in Budget 2023; the way in which this relates to the needs in the Capacity Review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54304/22]

*938. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position in relation to the Action Plan for University Hospital Kerry; if he will outline timelines in the process to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54305/22]

*939. To ask the Minister for Health if capital funding will be provided for a respite facility (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54315/22]

*940. To ask the Minister for Health further to this Deputy's raising of the issue, the interventions that have been provided in respect of an individual (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54317/22]

*941. To ask the Minister for Health the current average waiting time for post-mortem examinations in County Kerry; if a Kerry-based pathologist would reduce the waiting times; if he will clarify if a post-mortem will be carried out in Kerry when just one body awaits; if he considers it unacceptable for the next-of-kin to have to wait three days for a post mortem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54322/22]

*942. To ask the Minister for Health if it is considered best practice for the next-of-kin of recently deceased patients at University Hospital Kerry to be brought in to see their loved one in a room occupied by five other patients; if this practice will be discontinued for the sake of all involved, with privacy being provided to those recently bereaved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54323/22]

*943. To ask the Minister for Health if a chief pharmaceutical officer would be appointed to assist in the development of a strategic vision for the future of pharmacy care within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54324/22]

*944. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that he is taking to support the viability of community pharmacies nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54325/22]

*945. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding the provision of the CF drug kaftrio under the drug reimbursement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54326/22]

*946. To ask the Minister for Health if there are specific financial supports available to private parties to adapt premises to make buildings suitable to provide respite services for adults with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [54330/22]

*947. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the Government has not called for the extension of Medical Device Directive certificates until the notified body capacity is resolved, to maintain patient access to vital medtech that are already safely in use in the market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [54332/22]

*948. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [54334/22]

*949. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) in County Cork would be considered for home-help services given their particular circumstances. — Sean Sherlock. [54335/22]

*950. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to change the criteria for those who are eligible for the third booster to include people of under 50 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [54341/22]

*951. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the adequacy of HIV treatment and support services in Ireland; his views on the adequacy geographical spread of such services; if he is

satisfied that age-specific and age-appropriate services are available where need exists; and if he has plans to review or expand services. — Ivana Bacik. [54342/22]

*952. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff who have been recruited in Sligo University Hospital and Letterkenny University Hospital as of 24 October 2022 to implement the winter plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54344/22]

*953. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the ‘Jack Report Working Group’; and if its recommendations have been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [54355/22]

*954. To ask the Minister for Health the number of laparoscopic gastric bypass surgeries performed in University Hospital Galway, St. Vincent’s University Hospital, St. Michael’s Hospital Dún Laoghaire and Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2017 to 2021. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54361/22]

*955. To ask the Minister for Health the number of laparoscopic sleeve gastrectomy surgeries performed in University Hospital Galway, St. Vincent’s University Hospital, St. Michael’s Hospital Dún Laoghaire and Letterkenny University Hospital in each of the years 2017 to 2021. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54362/22]

*956. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE Service Plan for 2023 will include funding for obesity surgery; and the number of such procedures to be funded. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54363/22]

*957. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that will be allocated funding for obesity surgery in 2023; and the number of such procedures to be funded. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54364/22]

*958. To ask the Minister for Health if he accepts the recommendations of the “Health Technology Assessment of Metabolic Surgery” contained in the report by HIQA in July 2022 to fund a programme of metabolic surgery in 2023. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54365/22]

*959. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be allocated a transfer to the National Remedial Hospital for psychology and vocational training that that they urgently require; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54370/22]

*960. To ask the Minister for Health the current capacity of the National Remedial Hospital; the plans, if any, to expand same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54371/22]

*961. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting list per county or lowest available geographic unit for places at the National Remedial Hospital; the corresponding figures for each of the years 2011 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54372/22]

*962. To ask the Minister for Health when the staff at a facility (details supplied) will be awarded the pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [54391/22]

*963. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children eligible for a look-back review for paediatric audiology services by CHO and LHO for each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the funding required to complete the look-back review for these children. — Sean Sherlock. [54396/22]

*964. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE physiotherapists currently in position in St. Vincent's public long-Covid clinic; the number of vacant WTE physiotherapist posts in St. Vincent's public long-Covid clinic; the status of recruitment of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54404/22]

*965. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE clinical psychologists currently in position in St. Vincent's public long-Covid clinic; the number of vacant WTE clinical psychologist posts in St. Vincent's public long-Covid clinic; the status of recruitment of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54405/22]

*966. To ask the Minister for Health when named day centres (details supplied) will re-open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54410/22]

*967. To ask the Minister for Health if funding will be released to allow a family to access urgent psychiatric opinion due to his urgent needs and the HSE being unable to provide for his needs in a reasonable timeframe; if the HSE are able to provide an urgent psychiatric opinion for the child; if the HSE are unable to meet his needs as a matter of urgency, where the family will get immediate care for their son; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [54415/22]

*968. To ask the Minister for Health the actions that his Department will take to supply information requested under a freedom of information request to a named person (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [54416/22]

*969. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of a primary care centre in an area (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [54418/22]

*970. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the increased use of electronic cigarette products amongst children and young people; if his Department intends to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54419/22]

*971. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is considering measures to expand access to contraception for women from local community pharmacies without the requirement for a doctor's prescription, and after having a professional consultation with a pharmacist; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [54428/22]

*972. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 623 of 5 July 2022, the spend on agencies and private recruitment firms for each quarter of 2022, in tabular form; the total sum in each of the years 2019 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54433/22]

*973. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical consultants who are employed under the consultant contract have applied for category C status, by speciality; the number who have received approval by the category C committee of the HSE; the number who are still awaiting; the length of time that each is waiting for a formal letter from the HSE CEO to confirm

their approval for the change in contract type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54434/22]

*974. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of medical staff vacancies, per role, at the University Maternity Hospital Limerick in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [54436/22]

*975. To ask the Minister for Health if any changes have been made in recent weeks to the discharge times for new mothers at University Maternity Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [54437/22]

*976. To ask the Minister for Health when a payment, now approved under the application under the discretionary hardship arrangement, in the case of a person (details supplied) will issue, given that the pharmacy has yet to dispense the required medication due to not receiving payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54441/22]

*977. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [54445/22]

*978. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims for reimbursement which were made under the primary care reimbursement scheme for termination of pregnancy in each of the years 2019 and 2020. — Seán Canney. [54446/22]

*979. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the HSE has not responded to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [54450/22]

*980. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on an application for home support (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [54451/22]

*981. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be placed on an “active list” with the CDNT. — Joan Collins. [54453/22]

*982. To ask the Minister for Health when a matter (details supplied) will be resolved. — Joan Collins. [54454/22]

*983. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be scheduled for surgery in Galway University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54459/22]

*984. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical professionals who are certified to fit and remove long-acting reversible contraception; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [54463/22]

*985. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical professionals who have been certified to fit and remove long-acting reversible contraception since the introduction of the scheme on 14 September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [54464/22]

*986. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GPs who are participating in the free contraception scheme since its introduction on 14 September 2022; if he will provide a breakdown

in respect of CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [54465/22]

*987. To ask the Minister for Health when the contact details of the GPs participating in the free contraception services contract scheme will be uploaded to the HSE website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [54466/22]

*988. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women aged 17 to 25 years who availed of free contraception in the first four weeks of the programme since its commencement on 14 September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [54467/22]

*989. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in New Ross, County Wexford, who are currently on the dental treatment service scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [54472/22]

*990. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that no dentists in the New Ross area in County Wexford are taking on new patients with medical cards; the plans to address this urgent issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [54473/22]

*991. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in each municipal district in County Wexford who are currently on the dental treatment service scheme. — Johnny Mythen. [54474/22]

*992. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists in each municipal district in County Wexford who are currently accepting new patients with medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [54475/22]

*993. To ask the Minister for Health the additional supports that will be put in place to help private nursing homes by way of an increase in the fee payable under the fair deal scheme to achieve pay equalisation with HSE nursing homes to ensure the sustainability of the private nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [54484/22]

*994. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the next-of-kin of a person (details supplied) was informed of the revocation of their admission to a hospital for reasons which have yet to fully transpire. — Joan Collins. [54501/22]

*995. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a case (details supplied); and when the person can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [54514/22]

*996. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to add a medication (details supplied) to the GMS scheme. — Dara Calleary. [54524/22]

*997. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will put in place a strategy which will help to improve the time period where patients can get access to newly approved cancer medicines in Ireland, given that the average time period to the reimbursement decision following European Medicines Agency approval is in excess of two years, which is double the time for the EU-15 average; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54531/22]

*998. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which his Department intends working to improve the net survival rate for all invasive cancers, in view of the fact that in the five-year

average, Ireland is in the middle or the lower end of the survival rates distribution across different cancer types in the EU-15 countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54532/22]

*999. To ask the Minister for Health the strategy that his Department intends to put in place to improve the reimbursement timelines for new cancer medicines, in view of patient access to newer cancer medicines being lower and taking a longer time period in Ireland in comparison to other EU-15 countries, and also taking into account that the provision of access to new, more effective treatments, whilst operating on constrained budgets, is shared by all countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54533/22]

*1000. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to reviewing the rigorous statutory assessment arrangements in Ireland, regarding the reimbursement process for new cancer medicines, given that the five-year net survival rate for all invasive cancers averaged 65% for cancer patients diagnosed between 2014 and 2018, which is in the middle and lower end of survival rates across all invasive cancers in the EU-15 countries during the same time period, to improve survival rates and save additional lives of cancer patients going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54534/22]

*1001. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the introduction of additional nationwide organised screening programmes for two of the four major cancers in Ireland, prostate cancer and lung cancer, taking into account that nationwide screening programmes for breast cancer, cervical cancer and colorectal cancer have led to the early detection of cases in recent decades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54535/22]

*1002. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with additional needs in CHO7 who have had to travel outside of the CHO7 for dental care for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [54547/22]

*1003. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims made under the DTSS in CHO7 by LHO for each of the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [54548/22]

*1004. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children in CHO7 who are currently on dental and orthodontics waiting lists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [54549/22]

*1005. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken to provide a person (details supplied) who suffers from cerebral palsy and who is incapable of living independently, with full-time care and assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54554/22]

*1006. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the allocation of the €19 million to paediatric orthopaedics in 2022, including detailed amounts allocated for very complex cases, scoliosis and for spina bifida; the amount allocated between CHI, both at Temple Street and Crumlin, and the Cappagh; the additions that the funding has provided in the way of additional staff or resources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54557/22]

*1007. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with scoliosis on the operation waiting list by hospital; the number of those who have complex needs; the average waiting

times for those children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54558/22]

*1008. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for children with scoliosis, including the details for those with complex needs; the number waiting 0-4 months, 4-12, and over 12 months by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54559/22]

*1009. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting times for paediatric orthopaedic surgery, including the number waiting 0-4 months, 4-12, and over 12 months by hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54560/22]

*1010. To ask the Minister for Health the number of tracheotomy nurses in paediatric orthopaedics in the CHI; the number of tracheotomy nurses available in the CHI in total, by hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54561/22]

*1011. To ask the Minister for Health the number of operations for scoliosis treatments in the CHI that have been cancelled by hospital on a monthly basis to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54562/22]

*1012. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that he will carry-out an independent review of radiation therapy to deal with recruitment and retention in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54569/22]

*1013. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that his Department and the HSE are taking to address recruitment and retention in the radiation therapy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54570/22]

*1014. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that his Department will develop a long-term strategy which will assist in the radiation therapy sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54571/22]

*1015. To ask the Minister for Health the number of house-bound persons still awaiting their second Covid-19 vaccine; the plans in place to administer the second and third boosters to this cohort (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54573/22]

*1016. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Covid-19 bonus payment for a person (details supplied); the reason that this has not been received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54575/22]

*1017. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) remains waiting for an assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54599/22]

*1018. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive a second booster vaccine; the reason that this has not happened to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54607/22]

*1019. To ask the Minister for Health if there is an estimated timeline for the second Covid-19 booster to be rolled out for those of under 50 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [54608/22]

*1020. To ask the Minister for Health the number of physiotherapists that are servicing patients at St. Vincent's Hospital, Elm Park, Dublin 4; the number of vacancies which exist for physiotherapist posts in the hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54611/22]

*1021. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to bring the pay of workers in Section 39 organisations in line with the public-service pay agreement entitled Building Momentum and any successor agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [54613/22]

*1022. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the detail behind the methodology employed for the north Kerry CAMHS sample audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54615/22]

*1023. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of files selected for inclusion in the north Kerry CAMHS sample audit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54616/22]

*1024. To ask the Minister for Health if any files, originally selected for inclusion in the north Kerry CAMHS sample audit, were subsequently removed from the list of files; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54617/22]

*1025. To ask the Minister for Health the date by which the sample audit of north Kerry CAMHS files will be completed; the date by which the report will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54618/22]

*1026. To ask the Minister for Health if he will request a full review of all north Kerry CAMHS files opened since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54619/22]

*1027. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in the completion of the modular extension to Mallow Hospital, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [54624/22]

*1028. To ask the Minister for Health if the original design of the extension to Mallow Hospital altered from its original design; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [54625/22]

*1029. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a process through which people can apply for funding from the HSE in order to obtain medical treatment from private hospitals in which the HSE cannot provide the treatment required in a timely manner; and if so, if he will provide the information for same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [54629/22]

*1030. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54631/22]

*1031. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of dietitians employed by Cavan and Monaghan hospitals; the specific services within which these dietitians are employed in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [54632/22]

*1032. To ask the Minister for Health if a person must pay for the cost of staying in a community hospital for five weeks if the person is in receipt of a medical card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54633/22]

*1033. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a child (details supplied) is granted a date for an assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [54634/22]

*1034. To ask the Minister for Health when frontline workers will receive the payment given that at his visit to Galway on 21 October 2022, he stated that contract services frontline workers who worked in hospital settings should receive the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [54636/22]

*1035. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on a waiting list for an assessment of need, by CHO; the number overdue for completion for each month in the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54638/22]

*1036. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [54639/22]

*1037. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [54643/22]

*1038. To ask the Minister for Health when the new replacement 50 bed unit on the grounds of Midleton Community Hospital, County Cork will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [54649/22]

*1039. To ask the Minister for Health when the extension and refurbishment of 33 beds at Kanturk Community Hospital, County Cork will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [54650/22]

*1040. To ask the Minister for Health when works will be completed on the 50-bed replacement unit in Youghal Community Hospital, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [54651/22]

*1041. To ask the Minister for Health when the refurbishment and extension plus 71 beds will be completed in St. Patrick's Community Hospital, Fermoy, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [54652/22]

*1042. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which people can register for a monkeypox vaccine; and if the issues with the online portal system when it was first launched have been completely rectified. — Chris Andrews. [54653/22]

*1043. To ask the Minister for Health if an emergency medical card will be extended for a person (details supplied). — Marian Harkin. [54661/22]

*1044. To ask the Minister for Health if the progressive disability service that operated for students at the schools (details supplied) can be reinstated rather than the students having to visit

different psychologists and language therapists each month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [54663/22]

*1045. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding allocated to the National Ambulance Service for capital projects; if the base in Carlow is to be upgraded; and if a new site for the Carlow base is to be progressed as part of the capital programme. — John McGuinness. [54669/22]

*1046. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the clinical governance structures in place for CAMHS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54681/22]

*1047. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the methods employed by the HSE to ensure that the appropriate clinical governance structures were put in place where the HSE took over the provision of CAMHS services from charitable organisations in counties Cork and Kerry from 2012 onwards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54682/22]

*1048. To ask the Minister for Health the actions currently in hand to ensure that older persons are protected against influenza; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54685/22]

*1049. To ask the Minister for Health if, in the context of the current influenza season in the southern hemisphere, with Australia facing its worst flu season in five years, the steps that he has in mind for this jurisdiction to the flu season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54686/22]

*1050. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed best protection for vulnerable groups, including the elderly, within the public health sphere to ensure their protection to the best possible standard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [54687/22]

*1051. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of the Covid-19 booster vaccine by CHO area. — Sorca Clarke. [54723/22]

*1052. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 151 of 20 October 2022, the number of additional places that have been agreed out of the 200 additional Irish/EU medicine places to be phased in by medical schools; the number of these place that were rolled-out in September 2022 as part of the additional 60 offered in the first phase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [54725/22]

*1053. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 151 of 20 October 2022, the number of additional places in nursing programmes out of the 135 announced in July that have a discipline relevant to recruitment to children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [54726/22]

*1054. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) will be called for an appointment for initial assessment with a specialist in the Midlands Regional Hospital, Tullamore. — Robert Troy. [54728/22]

*1055. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in accident and emergency in Letterkenny University Hospital giving the results of a chest x-ray to a person in County Donegal (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [54731/22]

*1056. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the sub-section s.3 of the Mental Health Act 2001 which people involuntarily committed between each of the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022 fell under, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54736/22]

*1057. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who is awaiting a hernia operation at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [54737/22]

*1058. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 214 of 19 October 2022 in which he referred to a previous reply (details supplied) which refers this matter back to his Department, if he will seek an urgent response on this funding which was originally submitted to a person, with consideration to the back-and-forth to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [54738/22]

*1059. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses from overseas who have applied to complete the aptitude tests within the Royal College of Surgeons Ireland for each of the years 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in order to obtain nursing registration; their nationalities; the wait time to complete in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [54742/22]

*1060. To ask the Minister for Health the pass rate for overseas nurses of the aptitude tests within the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland for each the years 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [54743/22]

*1061. To ask the Minister for Health the number of modules which must be repeated if an overseas nurse fails an individual module of the aptitude test with the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland; the waiting time for a repeat test; the cost to the nurse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [54744/22]

*1062. To ask the Minister for Health if the aptitude test for overseas nurses in the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland is to the best international practice standards, in light of the critical shortage of nurses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [54745/22]

*1063. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 213 of 19 October 2022 in which he has referenced the latest publicly available data, if he will identify the source for this data and provide a link; if he will confirm that there is currently any internal departmental report which looked to quantify the number of these organisations and the workers within; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [54760/22]

*1064. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who presented or attended at an emergency department, by emergency department for each month for the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the number admitted; the number not admitted; the number who registered and left before a decision on admission was made; the performance against key performance indicators for each month for admitted and non-admitted patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [54764/22]

*1065. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions on which an emergency department recorded a patient experience time to admission greater than 72 hours, by emergency department for each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [54765/22]

*1066. To ask the Minister for Health the number of occasions on which an emergency department recorded a maximum patient experience time to admission greater than 72 hours, by emergency department for each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — David Cullinane. [54766/22]

*1067. To ask the Minister for Health if a cancer patient in receipt of a full medical card has to pay for a shingles vaccine (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54776/22]

*1068. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review a case (details supplied); the reason that personal assistance hours were cut in this case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54779/22]

*1069. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered removing the transport contribution charge for those travelling to HSE day centres; the amount that was raised by these fees to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [54780/22]

*1070. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify whether a person (details supplied) had to work in an area where there was a Covid-19 outbreak and continued Covid outbreaks to be eligible for the pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54781/22]

*1071. To ask the Minister for Health the number of professionals (details supplied) who were based within a special school setting in each of the five years prior to the introduction of children's disability network teams; the number of these professionals who were based within a special school setting in the first quarter of 2021; the number of these professionals who are currently recruited and based within a special school setting, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [54783/22]

*1072. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that will be taken to alleviate waiting lists in access to primary care appointments and pressure on primary care staff who are overwhelmed (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [54794/22]

*1073. To ask the Minister for Health if advice provided to him by the regional health areas advisory group is publicly available; if not, if he will publish this advice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54800/22]

*1074. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to implement all 16 recommendations from the report of the strategic workforce advisory group on home carers and nursing home health care assistants; the timeline that he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54801/22]

*1075. To ask the Minister for Health if the recommendations from the report of the strategic workforce advisory group on home carers and nursing home health care assistants will be included in the updated tender process for homecare, due to be implemented in January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54802/22]

*1076. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to update the homecare tender process; if it is still his intention to issue the invitation to tender towards the end of Q3 for implementation on 1 January 2023; if the work of a third party (details supplied) in the strategy development stage has concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54803/22]

*1077. To ask the Minister for Health further to the announcement that 15,000 additional monkeypox vaccines have been secured, if he will outline the expected delivery schedule for the 5,000 doses due this year, with the remaining 10,000 doses due next year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54805/22]

*1078. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who have been seen in each of the post-acute clinics established under the interim model of care for long-Covid to date in tabular form; the number of patients on a waiting list for each clinic; and the time that each patient has been waiting. — Róisín Shortall. [54806/22]

*1079. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who have been seen in each of the long-Covid clinics established under the interim model of care for long-Covid to date in tabular form; the number of patients on a waiting list for each clinic; and the time that each patient has been waiting. — Róisín Shortall. [54807/22]

*1080. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the business case for a multidisciplinary clinic for long-Covid in the Mater Misericordiae University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [54808/22]

*1081. To ask the Minister for Health if he has any plans to make changes to the medical card application forms to support those with chronic diseases such as arthritis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [54811/22]

*1082. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to a query on behalf of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [54812/22]

*1083. To ask the Minister for Health his views in relation to the meningitis B vaccine being excluded from the early childhood vaccination programme for children born prior to 2016, and its high cost in the private sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54822/22]

*1084. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment of a new chief pharmaceutical officer to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [54823/22]

*1085. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the importance of having a chief pharmaceutical officer to oversee the development of policy and strategy development, national oversight of medicine supply and pharmacy regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Malcolm Noonan. [54824/22]

*1086. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a hip replacement surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54838/22]

*1087. To ask the Minister for Health following an agreement of the EU Advisory Committee on Safety and Health at Work on the need to recognise Covid-19 as an occupational disease, if he plans to make Covid-19 an occupational injury in Ireland; the plans that are in place to support those suffering long term effects of Covid which was contracted in the course of their work during the height of the pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54861/22]

*1088. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in an MRI for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [54862/22]

*1089. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that funding has not been provided to a person (details supplied) for a ceiling track hoist; when the person can expect to have the hoist installed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [54867/22]

*1090. To ask the Minister for Health when the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital will be open at weekends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54869/22]

*1091. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are currently delivered at the minor injuries' unit at Monaghan Hospital; if there are proposals to expand these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54870/22]

*1092. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff and their respective titles currently employed at the minor injuries' unit at Monaghan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54871/22]

*1093. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients to date in 2022 that presented at the minor injuries unit at Monaghan Hospital who were instructed to attend another service such as an emergency department, before meeting a medical professional at the MIU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54872/22]

*1094. To ask the Minister for Health the role of administrative staff at the minor injuries' unit at Monaghan Hospital; if administrative staff can direct patients to attend another healthcare setting, such as an emergency department, before the patient meets a medical professional at the MIU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [54873/22]

*1095. To ask the Minister for Health if he will approve the retention of home help hours for a cancer patient (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [54874/22]

*1096. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 529 of 20 September 2022 and 224 of 12 October 2022, where in the sequencing of HSE staff were members of the national HSE executive management team placed for first dose Covid-19 vaccines in 2021, as part of the national roll-out of the Covid-19 vaccine programme to HSE staff; the date/s were the national HSE executive management team offered first dose vaccines as part of that national roll-out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54883/22]

*1097. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who were deemed non-complex and transferred to primary care as part of the progressing disability services for children and young people programme in CHO4; the number of these children who had received 1:1 therapeutic intervention prior to being transferred and the number of these children who had never received in-person therapeutic intervention prior to being transferred. — Neasa Hourigan. [54885/22]

*1098. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with disabilities, including neuro divergent children, who are under care or are awaiting diagnosis from primary care in CHO4; the number of these children that are receiving in-person 1:1 therapy; and the number who are receiving in person group therapy. — Neasa Hourigan. [54886/22]

*1099. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hours per discipline that are required by the caseload in respect to children with disabilities, including neuro divergent children, under care or

awaiting diagnosis from primary care in CH04; and the number that are being delivered. — Neasa Hourigan. [54887/22]

*1100. To ask the Minister for Health when the national working group working on prescribing guidelines and lists for aids and appliances will finalise its work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54889/22]

*1101. To ask the Minister for Health if an urgent surgery for a child (details supplied) can be arranged. — Chris Andrews. [54891/22]

*1102. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of developmental funding allocated towards the implementation of the national cancer strategy in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [54893/22]

*1103. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the period poverty initiatives being rolled-out across 26 local authorities, as committed to in the women's health action plan, including the number of local authorities taking part in the scheme thus far in 2022, and the way in which the scheme is being evaluated; the steps that are being taken to address the prioritised groups as outlined in the plan, including women experiencing homelessness, women living with addiction, Traveller and Roma women, and women experiencing consistent poverty. — Holly Cairns. [54897/22]

*1104. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which a person (details supplied) can gain access to a mobility scooter that they need to comfortably move around their local town, given that the HSE has previously stated that it cannot provide such a necessary aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [54901/22]

*1105. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a child (details supplied); and when they can expect an appointment. — Barry Cowen. [54907/22]

*1106. To ask the Minister for Health the number of National Ambulance Service personnel based in County Clare and the station that they are based at, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54909/22]

*1107. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances permanently based in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54910/22]

*1108. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an ambulance base in Kilrush, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54911/22]

*1109. To ask the Minister for Health the average response time for an ambulance from each base in County Clare in 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54912/22]

*1110. To ask the Minister for Health the salary scale applicable to persons employed as ambulance personnel in the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54913/22]

*1111. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline in detail the Pathfinder model for the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54914/22]

*1112. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the planned national roll-out of the Pathfinder model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [54915/22]

*1113. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [54920/22]

*1114. To ask the Minister for Health the number of frontline workers who have received the pandemic bonus payment to date; when all payments are expected to issue to frontline workers eligible for the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [54924/22]

*1115. To ask the Minister for Health if a business (details supplied) requires a licence to sell vapes. — Brendan Griffin. [54926/22]

*1116. To ask the Minister for Health if he has considered funding the counselling psychology doctorate programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [54930/22]

*1117. To ask the Minister for Health if the nursing home support scheme will take a property into account (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [54931/22]

*1118. To ask the Minister for Health the status of surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54952/22]

*1119. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide adequate resources for a service (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [54956/22]

*1120. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of the number of persons who were refused access to FreeStyle Libre devices in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54957/22]

*1121. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the total spend on blood glucose test strips for persons with diabetes under the long-term illness scheme for each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54958/22]

*1122. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that a HPV vaccine is provided to a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [54969/22]

*1123. To ask the Minister for Health the length of the contract for wheelchair maintenance that an organisation (details supplied) has with the HSE; the oversight mechanisms, if any, that are in place in relation to the performance of the contract; the value of the organisation's contract for wheelchair maintenance in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [54991/22]

*1124. To ask the Minister for Health the actual circumstances, criteria and protocols that were applied by HSE when it requested assistance from the Defence Forces for nursing homes and residential care facilities during phase 1 of the Covid-19 pandemic; the internal process and procedure followed by the HSE in seeking such assistance; the administrative level of such sign-

off within the HSE; the reason that Defence Forces assistance subsequently was not sought by the HSE for Dealgan House, given that HSE staff within CHO8 raised the need with HSE colleagues in CHO8 regarding the need for Defence Forces support in Dealgan during the first wave of Covid-19; the level; the location in which the decision made not to seek assistance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [54992/22]

*1125. To ask the Minister for Health if the orthodontic treatment for children under the age of sixteen years can be expedited as children are suffering because of the lack of care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [55020/22]

*1126. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a pain treatment has been denied to a person (details supplied) in County Mayo; if this decision will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [55051/22]

*1127. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the rate per kilometre paid by the HSE to patients who use their own car to attend dialysis sessions/appointments; if the rate will be increased given the increase in the costs of travel; if the payment to those making such a claim is issued in a timely manner; the number of patients availing of the scheme; the number of claims outstanding for a month or more; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [55055/22]

*1128. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will issue for a person (details supplied). — Pa Daly. [55068/22]

*1129. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that medical card income eligibility limits are increased in view of anomalies that may arise (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55069/22]

*1130. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the date of the High Court decision in the case of a person (details supplied); if the full extent of the court decision has been honoured by the State from the decision date to date; the current status of the services available to the person and in particular speech and language therapy, OT, music therapy and sensory integration; if his attention has been drawn to any protocol or guidelines set down by the HSE that may prevent the current service provider, procured by the HSE, in carrying out the contract for services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [55070/22]

*1131. To ask the Minister for Health the waiting lists for eye care with the HSE, by age cohort and length of wait, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55082/22]

*1132. To ask the Minister for Health the out-of-hours GP services which are contracted or in operation; the number of GPs with contracts; the number of GPs actively making claims, by month to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55088/22]

*1133. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received the independent evaluation of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2015, commissioned by a university (details supplied); if he will publish this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55089/22]

- *1134. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on home support waiting lists for funding and for a carer by CHO in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55090/22]
- *1135. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are in receipt of home support or a carer but who are not in full receipt of their hours, by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55091/22]
- *1136. To ask the Minister for Health the extent of the data which is collected and collated on home support at national level. — David Cullinane. [55092/22]
- *1137. To ask the Minister for Health the extent of the data which is collected and collated on home support at CHO level. — David Cullinane. [55093/22]
- *1138. To ask the Minister for Health the extent of the data which is collected and collated on home support at LHO level. — David Cullinane. [55094/22]
- *1139. To ask the Minister for Health his views with regards to homebirth services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55096/22]
- *1140. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a home help package for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55103/22]
- *1141. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intensive homecare packages delivered in each of the years 2021 and 2022, by LHO, CHO and month in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [55105/22]
- *1142. To ask the Minister for Health the number of intensive homecare packages delivered in each of the years 2014 to 2020, by CHO, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [55106/22]
- *1143. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for intensive homecare packages, by LHO, CHO and month in tabular form; and the number of persons experiencing delayed discharge from hospital due to a delay accessing intensive homecare. — Róisín Shortall. [55107/22]
- *1144. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consumers directed home support applications and grant approvals in each of the years 2021 and 2022, by LHO, CHO and month in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [55108/22]
- *1145. To ask the Minister for Health the number of consumer directed home support applications and grant approvals in each of the years 2017 to 2020, by CHO in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [55109/22]
- *1146. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to replace the paper-based system used to collate homecare applicants' details called the Common Summary Assessment Report (CSAR) with an electronic Single Assessment Tool (SAT); the timeline that he is working towards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55110/22]
- *1147. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed overview of the current age profile of homecare workers employed directly by the HSE and those employed by external

providers contracted by the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55111/22]

*1148. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a licensing framework for homecare providers and secondary legislation, setting out the minimum standards with which providers must comply in order to be licensed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55112/22]

*1149. To ask the Minister for Health when home care services will be provided to a person (details supplied) to enable them to be discharged from hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55115/22]

*1150. To ask the Minister for Health when medical records will be released for persons (details supplied) in County Donegal; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [55116/22]

*1151. To ask the Minister for Health the reason Tipperary University Hospital is not covered by the NCCP grant for those travelling to the hospital for cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [55123/22]

*1152. To ask the Minister for Health the input that midwives, clinicians and women's health advocates had in framing the HSE recommendation to limit home births to women who live within 30 minutes of a maternity hospital; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that this recommendation restricts options for women and families in rural areas around one of the most important life events; and his views that this recommendation is contrary to the National Maternity Strategy's priority to ensure that 'women have access to safe, high quality, nationally consistent, woman-centred maternity care'. — Seán Canney. [55124/22]

*1153. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment for non-HSE and non-Section 38 healthcare employees; if a contractor is now in place; if any further information can be provided with regards to a timeline for the issuance of the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55125/22]

*1154. To ask the Minister for Health when agency nurses will receive their Covid payment, given that eight months have now passed since the payment was announced and three months have passed since HSE nurses were paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55127/22]

*1155. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the status of homebirths being permitted in situations where women are living within 30 minutes of a maternity hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [55128/22]

*1156. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on an outpatient waiting list for Beaumont Hospital; their length of time on said list, broken down by wait-time and presented in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [55129/22]

*1157. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children on an inpatient waiting list for Beaumont Hospital; their length of time on said list, broken down by wait-time and presented in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [55130/22]

*1158. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of patients without a bed in Beaumont Hospital for each of the months of June, July, August, September and October; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [55131/22]

*1159. To ask the Minister for Health if he will liaise with the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, to ensure that all medical, clinical, nursing, and therapy students in placements in training hospitals are provided with adequate changing, study and rest areas. — Holly Cairns. [55158/22]

*1160. To ask the Minister for Health if he will immediately liaise with the HSE in CHO4 to put in place a plan to ensure that none of the acute mental health unit beds in Bantry General Hospital are closed. — Holly Cairns. [55159/22]

*1161. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the HSE proposals to limit home-birth services for women and pregnant persons living within 30 minutes of a maternity hospital. — Holly Cairns. [55160/22]

*1162. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure that abortion healthcare services are available in all maternity hospitals. — Holly Cairns. [55161/22]

*1163. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the timeline for administering the Covid-19 pandemic recognition payment to healthcare professionals working in private sector nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55168/22]

*1164. To ask the Minister for Health the mechanism that exists for individual frontline workers who have not received their recognition payment to follow up to ensure that it will be correctly paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55174/22]

*1165. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55176/22]

*1166. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a large number of Covid-19 swabbers currently employed in testing centres face lay-offs in late November 2022; the exact numbers planned for lay-offs; if these staff, who worked throughout the pandemic, will be redeployed elsewhere; if he will intervene to ensure that these frontline workers are kept on the payroll over the Christmas period given the likely surge in Covid-19 cases and the need for such trained staff in the coming months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [55177/22]

*1167. To ask the Minister for Health following on from the recent positive expansion of Westdoc services in the east of County Galway, when the service might be expanded to areas west of Galway city, such as Moycullen to Oughterard. — Alan Dillon. [55190/22]

*1168. To ask the Minister for Health the plans to limit home births to women who live within 30 minutes of a maternity hospital; if his attention has been drawn to reports that this would restrict birthing options for women and families in rural areas and that this also runs contrary to the national maternity strategy's priority to ensure that "women have access to safe, high quality, nationally consistent, women-centred maternity care"; if he acknowledges that the HSE recommendation to limit home births was developed with no input from midwives, clinicians or women's health advocates; if he will listen to the calls of an organisation (details supplied) for a reconsideration of this policy by engaging with all stakeholders; and if he will increase investment

in maternity services, especially midwife-led services in rural areas and throughout the country generally. — Bríd Smith. [55215/22]

*1169. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare support packages active in County Longford. — Joe Flaherty. [55216/22]

*1170. To ask the Minister for Health the number of agencies that are being used to cover homecare support packages in County Longford. — Joe Flaherty. [55217/22]

*1171. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care support applications in County Longford that are still awaiting some level of service; and the average wait times. — Joe Flaherty. [55218/22]

*1172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of homecare support clients that are being serviced by agency only in County Longford. — Joe Flaherty. [55219/22]

*1173. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the current restrictions imposed on home births by the HSE; the rationale behind the restrictions; and if restrictions will be reconsidered given the upset caused to pregnant persons who wish to have their child at home. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55220/22]

*1174. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) from a person working in a Covid-19 testing centre; if he will outline the current situation in respect of the employment of staff carrying out Covid-19 tests in HSE centres across the country; if all staff in COVID-19 test centres will have their contracts extended; if not, the rationale for such a decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55221/22]

*1175. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that day-care services in Loughrea are provided at the purpose-built facility on the St. Brendan's campus only one day each week with the service provided at a local hotel on other days; the progress being made towards reinstating the service to the St. Brendan's campus on a full-time basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [55222/22]

*1176. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in establishing the trial mental health 24/7 de-escalation unit in Limerick; when he expects the unit to be operational; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [55227/22]

*1177. To ask the Minister for Health when a formal investigation into the Covid-19 related deaths at a nursing home (details supplied) in County Cork will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55228/22]

*1178. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who is waiting for an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55231/22]

*1179. To ask the Minister for Health the extent of communication undertaken by his Department with the families of residents at a nursing home (details supplied) in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55232/22]

*1180. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who have been prescribed therapy that requires the use of an energy-consuming medical device at home; the number of those patients who pay for the energy required to run these devices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [55234/22]

*1181. To ask the Minister for Health the analysis, if any, that has been done on the level of potential increased cost for patients prescribed with energy-consuming medical devices as a result of the increase in electricity prices; the supports in place for patients to help mitigate these rising prices and to avoid patients not using the therapy in fear of high energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [55235/22]

*1182. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the date when a request for help was made by a nursing home (details supplied) in County Cork to the HSE; the date when that help was provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55236/22]

*1183. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on an appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55238/22]

*1184. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients currently being seen in each long-Covid clinic in counties Cork and Dublin. — Sean Sherlock. [55250/22]

*1185. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the specifics that the core home support service entails; the location where this information is available; the maximum number of hours per day that can be availed of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55251/22]

*1186. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the redeployment of staff who were employed as Covid swabbers and are due to be relocated within the HSE by the end of November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [55261/22]

*1187. To ask the Minister for Health the length of waiting lists for cancer screening services, by county and hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55264/22]

*1188. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an estimated timeframe to clear existing waiting lists for cancer screening and cancer treatment services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55265/22]

*1189. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to a recent suggestion from a leading oncologist to start using the vaccination ID for all hospital treatments, with a view to harmonising all health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55266/22]

*1190. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to developing an ovarian/breast cancer specific strategy in view of a recent study titled "Comparator Report on Cancer in Ireland – Disease Burden, Cost and Access to Medicines", which found that patient access to newer cancer medicines is limited and comes later in Ireland compared to other EU countries, and shows that Ireland's survival rates for the disease continue to lag behind the best performers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55267/22]

*1191. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will publish a report (details supplied) in respect of the drug reimbursement process; when the key recommendations are expected to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55268/22]

*1192. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to cases where dental patients with medical cards are being taken off dentists' medical card patient lists due to the patient not attending the dentist within the past three years and when they attended the dentist in 2019 but were unable to do so in 2020 and 2021 due to Covid restrictions; if this is permissible under the scheme; his views on whether this practice is acceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55279/22]

*1193. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the progress made to provide the CF drug kaftrio to a cohort of 35 Irish children aged between six and eleven years, who are currently excluded from access to the drug due to a disagreement between the manufacturers and the HSE; if he will report on the meeting which he committed to with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to this extremely important issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [55287/22]

*1194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of outpatient and inpatients waiting for pain management in the Saolta University Health Care Group region; the length of time that these persons have been waiting; his plans to address waiting times for pain management; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [55304/22]

*1195. To ask the Minister for Health if he will direct the HSE to respond on a matter (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [55311/22]

*1196. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on funding for ceiling track hoists following the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage advising that this adaptation should not be included in housing adaptation grants in late 2020; and when a resolution to this funding issue can be expected to ensure that persons can access a service required to meet their health, safety and personal needs. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55313/22]

*1197. To ask the Minister for Health the amount of funding that has been allocated to University Hospital Kerry under the winter plan; the way in which this compares to other hospitals in the South/Southwest Hospital Group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55321/22]

*1198. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to roll out out-of-hours crisis cafés across the State; the locations of each; and when they will be up and running. — Paul Donnelly. [55332/22]

*1199. To ask the Minister for Health if the screening of teeth for the 2022/2023 second and fourth class students has commenced; and if not, when this will take place. — Paul Donnelly. [55333/22]

*1200. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 302 of 27 October 2022, the fully-staffed annual testing capacity of the new national cervical screening laboratory; and the tendering process which prevents the HSE from disclosing the total cost of sending samples abroad for testing in each of the past five years. — Cathal Crowe. [55361/22]

*1201. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which he arrived at the conclusion that the increase in the State pension rates in Budget 2023 would not make a substantial difference to the outcome of the assessment process for the medical card; the analysis, if any, that was carried out; the way in which it demonstrated that there would not be a cohort of persons aged 70 years or older who would lose their medical card as a result of gaining €12 per week to their income in Budget 2023; the estimated cost of raising the income thresholds in line with the increase to the State pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55375/22]

*1202. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address concerns that Covid swabbers who are due for redeployment after 21 November 2022, will be unpaid during the Christmas period; if he can confirm that all swabbers whose contracts end on 21 November 2022 will be redeployed; the criteria that was applied to determine the contracts which would be extended through to 23 January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [55412/22]

*1203. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that some community Covid-19 swabbers have been advised their employment will cease in November 2022, despite assurances of redeployment and agreements related to pay and conditions; and if action will be taken to ensure that those impacted will continue in employment. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55416/22]

*1204. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the definition of ‘continuing care’ mental health services, with particular reference to staff client ratios; if he will identify in each CHO the name and location of mental health residential services that are specifically designed as ‘continuing care’, excluding other forms of residential services such as ‘high support hostels’; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55417/22]

*1205. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that she is taking to address the staff shortage in Cork Maternity University Hospital. — Holly Cairns. [55433/22]

*1206. To ask the Minister for Health the number and types of roles currently vacant in Cork Maternity University Hospital. — Holly Cairns. [55434/22]

*1207. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure that workers in Section 39 organisations are placed on the same pay scales as workers in section 38 organisations. — Holly Cairns. [55435/22]

*1208. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure that workers in section 39 Health Act 2004 organisations can apply for secondments within the HSE. — Holly Cairns. [55436/22]

*1209. To ask the Minister for Health his views on public health warnings in relation to the persistent avian ‘flu’ and is he aware of best practice on this matter (details supplied). — Duncan Smith. [55438/22]

*1210. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that similarly increased vulnerability also applies to infants, toddlers and very young children with regard to the national warnings to the general public posted on various Government Department websites, and to the additional vulnerability of infection and disease to elderly and immuno-compromised persons that is highlighted in the advice, and persons with open skin wounds/lesions (details supplied); if so, if he will consider having the advices amended accordingly, published appropriately, and to include appropriate measures to mitigate such risks. — Duncan Smith. [55439/22]

*1211. To ask the Minister for Health the full-year funding amount in the HSE service plan for progressing disability services for children and young people; the amount of this funding that has been spent to date; and the amount of this 2022 funding, including unspent funding, that will be transferred to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Inclusion and Youth under the transfer of functions. — Duncan Smith. [55442/22]

*1212. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the contractual or other legal basis for the effective demotion of a registered general nurse (details supplied) employed by the HSE mid-West; if that information can be provided directly to the person affected; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [55446/22]

*1213. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a medical card application by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [55449/22]

*1214. To ask the Minister for Health the status of early intervention support for a four-year-old child (details supplied) with autism who is currently waiting for over two years for their final assessment, given that this is a requirement in order to secure a place in a school with an autistic unit and they cannot join the waiting list for schools without having their full diagnosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [55452/22]

*1215. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that new parents in Dublin 18 are still not being offered public health nurse developmental checks on their new children, despite this service being offered to new parents in other areas in Dublin; if he is taking steps to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55453/22]

*1216. To ask the Minister for Health the measures and additional supports that the HSE is putting in place to assist GP practices and others across County Donegal with supporting Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55454/22]

*1217. To ask the Minister for Health the number of whole-time equivalent dental radiographers employed by the HSE in 2021 and to date in 2022; the locations where these radiographers are located in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [55461/22]

*1218. To ask the Minister for Health the annual value of the contract for the patient advocacy service; the number of staff that it supports; the annual funding for the service for each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of persons supported in each year since 2019; the projected number for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55465/22]

*1219. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives respectively who have resigned for each hospital in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number who resigned in September 2022 and October 2022 respectively; the figures for the same months in 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55466/22]

*1220. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nurses and midwives' positions respectively that currently remain unfilled for each hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55467/22]

*1221. To ask the Minister for Health the number of unfilled consultant positions that currently remain unfilled for each hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55468/22]

*1222. To ask the Minister for Health the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55484/22]

*1223. To ask the Minister for Health the status of discussions with relevant stakeholders including GPs as of November 2022, in relation to home births, as promised by him as part of a national policy in the context of the national maternity strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55493/22]

*1224. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to ensure that the national maternity strategy offers birthing choices, including home births, irrespective of location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55494/22]

*1225. To ask the Minister for Health his views on restoring home birth services in the midwest region, following the suspension of such services by the UL Hospitals Group earlier in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [55497/22]

*1226. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that the Mater Hospital long-Covid clinic has stopped seeing new patients in the past week, and will be unable to continue at all without funding and support; if he will ensure that the review of the business case is expedited; if he will confirm the status of the HSE review of the proposal; and when it will be known if funding is to be provided. — Paul Murphy. [55499/22]

*1227. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55500/22]

*1228. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55503/22]

*1229. To ask the Minister for Health if the respiratory department at Naas General Hospital has a full complement of staff including consultants, respiratory nurses, physiotherapists and physiologists; and if this number is deemed sufficient. — Catherine Murphy. [55521/22]

*1230. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new day support services that will be delivered to elderly persons in 2023, in tabular form; and the number of persons who will receive these services. — Catherine Murphy. [55522/22]

*1231. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarity on reports that Covid testing services in counties Louth and Meath will cease from 22 November 2022; the plans to deal with expected surges in winter Covid numbers, given that the National Ambulance Service is already under-resourced to adequately deal with such large numbers of testing in the large populations' centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [55532/22]

*1232. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an assessment appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [55541/22]

*1233. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allow access to the osemptic weight loss drug for those on the drug payment scheme without a diagnosis of diabetes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55558/22]

*1234. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the research carried-out by the Manchester Metropolitan University as part of the review of the State's abortion legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [55561/22]

*1235. To ask the Minister for Health the status of surgery for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [55565/22]

*1236. To ask the Minister for Health if GPs should be charging medical card holders for blood tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55569/22]

*1237. To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken to reverse the dereliction of a HSE-owned building (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [55570/22]

*1238. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE can add ADHD to the long-term illness scheme if Statutory Instrument No. 277 (9) is not revoked; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [55571/22]

*1239. To ask the Minister for Health the plans in place to address Ireland's excess mortality rate of 16.8% as of August 2022; if his attention has been drawn to the actions that are being taken by the EU countries that recorded excess mortality rates below 5.5% in August 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55580/22]

*1240. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 183 of 12 October 2022, the current timeframe for person (details supplied) to receive their full allocation of 15 hours per week home support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [55595/22]

*1241. To ask the Minister for Health when the National Cancer Strategy Implementation Report 2021 will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55597/22]

*1242. To ask the Minister for Health if he will adopt a policy of publishing the annual National Cancer Strategy Implementation Report by the end of Q1 each year for the duration of the National Cancer Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55598/22]

*1243. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding the regulation of psychotherapy and counselling under the Health and Social Care Professionals Act 2005; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55608/22]

*1244. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update as of November 2022 as to the progress of the roll-out of COVID-19 booster vaccines to those under 50 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55636/22]

*1245. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has completed transfer of its banking arrangements relating to employee payrolls at all locations from banks exiting the Republic of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55637/22]

*1246. To ask the Minister for Health if bringing additional expertise for health and social care professionals to his Department equates to a chief HSCP role on par with the chief nursing officer; if he will outline the details of the reporting relationship for the envisaged role within his Department; the resources that are being allocated to support the role; the engagement that he and his Department have had with a union (details supplied) and the relevant professional bodies on drafting the job description for this role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55638/22]

*1247. To ask the Minister for Health if he is concerned with the elevated death rate that exists in 2022 in Ireland (details supplied); if he has investigated the reason for this; if so, if he will share the results of that investigation; and his plans to tackle this. — Peadar Tóibín. [55643/22]

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

*1248. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 292 of 19 October 2022, the specific date that his Department began discussions with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the next forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54107/22]

*1249. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 800 of 11 October 2022, when a reply will issue to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [54159/22]

*1250. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to address the cruel practice of cropping dogs' ears; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54189/22]

*1251. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to standardise the information recorded on dog microchip databases and to provide a centralised portal to quickly access information on all four micro-chipping databases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patricia Ryan. [54190/22]

*1252. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the city of Haarlem being set to become the first city in the world to ban most meat advertisements due to its negative impact on the environment; his views on the Bord Bia announcement that there will be €1 million investment in beef marketing across key UK and EU markets this autumn, given this information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [54206/22]

*1253. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Irish companies are allowed to import fertiliser from an organisation (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [54207/22]

*1254. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department and all bodies under his Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54210/22]

*1255. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54228/22]

*1256. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54280/22]

*1257. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the regulations which govern as to if a person will receive reimbursement for a TB test; if tests must be completed in a given timeframe of notification; the primary or secondary legislation which underpins such; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Kenny. [54286/22]

*1258. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on a budget announcement (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [54377/22]

*1259. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on a scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [54378/22]

*1260. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [54379/22]

*1261. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of all payments made to fishermen and fish processing companies in County Cork for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [54443/22]

*1262. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request that the forestry appeals committee provides him with an explanation as to the reason that the committee will not receive appeals against forestry licences through electronic means, given the very narrow window for making an appeal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [54553/22]

*1263. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the recently announced TAMS scheme support for the installation of livestock underpasses could be provided to persons who installed underpasses in the past year, at the request of their local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [54574/22]

*1264. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [54642/22]

*1265. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [54644/22]

*1266. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [54645/22]

*1267. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [54646/22]

*1268. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can give permission to the Coillte Board to sanction an increase in pension payable to Coillte pensioners (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [54658/22]

*1269. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times his Department officials met with a person (details supplied) with regard to the regulatory review undertaken as part of project woodland including dates, meeting type in person or virtual, and any other attendees at the meetings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [54716/22]

*1270. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question 2151 of 8 September 2022, when an afforestation application by a person (details supplied) will be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [54767/22]

*1271. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the anticipated timeline for the completion of the EIA (agricultural) review; if his Department will consider a moratorium on permits for the removal of hedgerows pending the outcome of that review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54768/22]

*1272. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the evidential basis used by his Department which allows for a 500m/5 hectare threshold for the removal of hedgerows without permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54769/22]

*1273. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will consider reducing the 500 metre threshold for permits for the removal of hedgerows pending the outcome of the EIA (agriculture) review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [54770/22]

*1274. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive payment under the area of natural constraints scheme. — Michael Creed. [54857/22]

*1275. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that a greyhound trainer (details supplied) who was issued with an exclusion order by Greyhound Racing Ireland effective from 1 July 2022, due to seven adverse analytical findings from greyhounds in the person's care, was allowed to have a dog named 'Well Met', which they own and train, in a race in Shelbourne Park on 17 September 2022, and was televised on Virgin Media; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54935/22]

*1276. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds that were microchipped and tattooed in Ireland from 2010 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [54936/22]

*1277. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when details of the new forestry scheme will be available in order that forestry businesses can plan in an attempt to prevent job losses in the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54938/22]

*1278. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department carried-out an investigation into the discovery of greyhound remains in a bog in Newbridge in August 2022;

if post mortems were conducted; if the cause and date of death and identity of the greyhounds was established; if a search for further remains took place; and if prosecutions are pending. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54945/22]

*1279. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of greyhounds injured at races and trials to date in 2022; the type of injuries; the date and track where each occurred; the number of greyhounds killed by track vets; the number and cause of racing fatalities; the results of any related post-mortems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54946/22]

*1280. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if data has been collected on greyhounds that are put down at races in the past five years; if any of them had treatable injuries; the number that were destroyed on economic grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54947/22]

*1281. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department consulted and engaged with hill farmers before the acres scheme was launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [54993/22]

*1282. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will extend the deadline for Glas first-tranche applicants beyond 10 November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54995/22]

*1283. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has engaged local farmers to solicit feedback in advance of the launch of the current ACRES scheme to elicit feedback on sustainability and conservation of the rural landscape; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [54996/22]

*1284. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the way in which designations are interpreted with regard to the ACRES scheme; if designations are accepted from bodies such as BirdWatch Ireland in a “hearsay” manner; and his views on whether such designations should not have any standing in relation to qualification for this scheme and that designations should only be accepted in writing from the National Parks and Wildlife Service. — Robert Troy. [55015/22]

*1285. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify the appeals process for the ACRES scheme where an applicant feels an incorrect designation has been affixed to a landholding. — Robert Troy. [55016/22]

*1286. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the direct diplomatic representations that have been made by the Irish Government to the governments of Norway, Iceland, the Faroe Islands and Greenland in relation to the serious concerns in the Irish fishing industry regarding the huge quota in migratory pelagic species that these countries have allocated, in their territorial waters, to their fishing industries, without reference to the need to fish these species based on the available scientific surveys and sustainable practices and without an agreed approach with Ireland and other EU Member States that these species spawn in or migrate through. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55067/22]

*1287. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a farm payment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55104/22]

*1288. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline his engagement with the inshore fishing sector concerning the upcoming common fisheries policy negotiations. — Holly Cairns. [55147/22]

*1289. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to support fishers facing rising fuel costs. — Holly Cairns. [55148/22]

*1290. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will provide start-up funding to a producer organisation once it is approved to enable it to perform its functions. — Holly Cairns. [55150/22]

*1291. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with Coillte and the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform regarding the Coillte pensions; if discussions have taken place about increasing the pension payments for retired workers given that their pensions have not been increased since 2008; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55195/22]

*1292. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of bovine embryos in total that were exported to Australia between the period 1 January 2018 to 5 October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55204/22]

*1293. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of ET technicians who are currently licensed by his Department to export embryos to Australia; the specific period of time that these ET technicians have been awarded their ET export licences for Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55205/22]

*1294. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of pedigree cattle embryos in total that were exported to Australia between the period 1 January 2018 to 5 October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55206/22]

*1295. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of pedigree parthenaise cattle embryos in total that were exported to Australia between the period 1 January 2018 to 5 October 2022; his Department's eartag details for the sires and dams for each pedigree parthenaise cattle embryo exported to Australia; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55208/22]

*1296. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of pedigree parthenaise cattle embryos in total that were exported from Ireland between the period 1 January 2018 to 5 October 2022, his Department's eartag details for the sires and dams for each pedigree parthenaise cattle embryo exported; the destinations which the exports took place; which of his Department's licensed exporters that each of the export consignments originated from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55209/22]

*1297. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to a recent Parliamentary Question, where data was requested on his Department's decision to introduce mandatory TB testing of bovines over 36 months of age at six-month intervals and where such a decision was agreed, by which industry stakeholders; the specific fora; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55210/22]

*1298. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will identify and state the exact references contained in the EU animal health law regulation 2016/429, which he has

referenced as the data source for implementing the new six-month TB testing rule for animals over 36 months of age which will be moved through livestock marts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55211/22]

*1299. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a report on funding provided to an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [55286/22]

*1300. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide the exact breakdown of figures for thoroughbred horses that are rendered, those that die in training and those euthanized at home in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [55302/22]

*1301. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of planting, felling and road licences issued for forestry operations in each of the past five years; the volume of timber licensed for felling; the number of hectares licensed for planting; the number of jobs in the sector each year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [55308/22]

*1302. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way he has used the EMFAF crisis mechanism, triggered by the European Commission in March 2022, to support the fisheries sector, including details of measures designed to support the inshore sector. — Holly Cairns. [55422/22]

*1303. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will immediately put in place the new forestry programme 2023-2027. — Holly Cairns. [55423/22]

*1304. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on strengthening the common fisheries policy for small scale and inshore fleet segments in the upcoming negotiations on this policy. — Holly Cairns. [55424/22]

*1305. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will give consideration to a scheme whereby landowners can apply for assistance with cutting-back roadside trees where instances of ash die-back or other diseases that may cause an increased danger of falling trees on public roads. — Robert Troy. [55451/22]

*1306. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will grant an extension to the timeframe for applications regarding the new ACRES scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [55472/22]

*1307. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total expenditure by his Department on pension payments to former civil servants in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the total payments made to former civil servants, including a breakdown of the grade which they held upon retirement, and the number of persons in each grade, in tabular form; and if he will provide separate schedules for payments to former civil servants appointed before and after 6 April 1995. — Catherine Murphy. [55474/22]

*1308. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of officials in his Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55475/22]

*1309. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a penalty for a farmer participating in the BDGP scheme who is exiting sucklers now on age grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55496/22]

*1310. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there has been any further change to the deadline for submission of applications to the ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55502/22]

*1311. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of full-time students enrolled in Teagasc agricultural colleges in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55523/22]

*1312. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of containers inspected by his Departmental officials following arrival into Dublin Port from 1 November 2021 to 1 November 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55527/22]

*1313. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the legislation that covers the safe and appropriate transport of animal carcasses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [55567/22]

*1314. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of participants in agri-environmental schemes (details supplied) for each of the years 2014 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the total allocation by scheme and by year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [55577/22]

*1315. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has engaged with the Office of the Data Protection Commissioner in respect of a person (details supplied) and their right to have personal information corrected that is held by his Department; and if he will clarify the position and or provide a timeline in respect of their employment in his Department. — Catherine Murphy. [55609/22]

*1316. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the total amounts distributed under the business model adjustment scheme for the inshore fleet. — Holly Cairns. [55645/22]

*1317. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to ensure the processing of forestry licences from private companies. — Holly Cairns. [55649/22]

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

*1318. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department and all bodies under her Department's aegis have reviewed their estates' portfolio in the context of identifying unoccupied buildings that may be suitable for use in the context of meeting the accommodation needs of persons arriving in Ireland from Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [54223/22]

*1319. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number and type of unused and or unoccupied buildings in his Department's estates' portfolio and all bodies under his Department's aegis. — Catherine Murphy. [54241/22]

*1320. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if there is any assistance currently available for a community group (details supplied) in County Laois; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [54246/22]

*1321. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [54448/22]

*1322. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has reviewed correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [54468/22]

*1323. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the community services programme will be open to new applicants; the latest criteria for the applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [54655/22]

*1324. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will consider and implement a scheme using funds from the dormant accounts fund to finance the compulsory purchase of derelict properties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [54830/22]

*1325. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of local authorities that have applied for funding through the community enhancement programme and town and village renewal fund since they were launched in order to develop or improve playgrounds in their local area; the local authorities that have applied for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [54979/22]

*1326. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the criteria used in allocating funds to each county under the forthcoming Leader programme; the weighting or marks awarded to each criteria; the geographic area and population of the area in each county included in the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55180/22]

*1327. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extra funding allocated under the forthcoming Leader programme to counties with inhabited offshore islands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55181/22]

*1328. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the percentage of the Leader funding allocated to each county that can be spent on administration and the percentage that can be spent on animation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55240/22]

*1329. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will detail in tabular form in descending order the allocation of Leader funding for each county per eligible population; the reason for the large disparity in the allocations on this basis to the different counties; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55241/22]

*1330. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she intends publishing the criteria used to allocate Leader funding to each county under the forthcoming Leader programme; the way these criteria were used in relation to each county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55242/22]

*1331. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of officials in her Department who have undertaken the Harvard Business School advanced management

programme in the past ten years to date; the grade of each official; and the cost for each attendee in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [55488/22]

*1332. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will include an organisation (details supplied) in the recently announced men's shed support allocation. — Robert Troy. [55509/22]