



## **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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

**Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.**

1. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to reduce the long waiting times for NCT appointments; if the private company operating the NCT service has faced any sanction under its contract due to these long delays; if the staff which it has temporarily transferred from Spain are qualified to the same standard as their Irish counterparts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55353/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on the BusConnects project in Cork; if he will confirm if the routes will be subject to tender for private operators; the guarantees he can give in terms of workers' rights and service levels for outsourced routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [55832/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Transport when the port capacity review will be published and when will the full review of the national ports policy be commenced; if he will outline the Exchequer and non-Exchequer funding planned for investment in ports in Ireland, at Rosslare, Cork and Shannon-Foynes in particular, to fund the development works needed to facilitate the construction and installation of offshore windfarms at these ports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55354/22]

4. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps which he intends to take on foot of the Climate Change Advisory Council-commissioned report from the OECD on reducing Ireland's transport emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54970/22]

5. To ask the Minister for Transport if emergency funding for drainage works and the repair of roads networks will be provided to Tipperary County Council, in response to severe flooding and unprecedented levels of rainfall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56055/22]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

**Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.**

6. To ask the Minister for Transport the options open to a community (details supplied) in north County Louth, which is campaigning for traffic-calming measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [54989/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that he is taking to support the delivery of the RSA road safety strategy; if he will outline a timeline for associated enabling legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55358/22]

8. To ask the Minister for Transport the present emissions profile of the Irish public transport fleet; the past and future trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [55845/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to increase the shared station less e-bike schemes in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55884/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to develop the port infrastructure here to enable the deployment of offshore wind farms, particularly on the west coast, in view of a report finding that Belfast Harbour is the only port capable of supporting large fixed and floating wind projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [55750/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 55 of 22 September 2022, the progress on the roll-out of park and ride facilities in Galway; the status of the draft park and ride study for Galway, and if it has been presented to both Galway City and County Councils to date; the status of the site options analysis and feasibility studies for each of the zones identified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55752/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to implement a public transport security strategy; if he plans to include An Garda Síochána in such a strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55761/22]

13. To ask the Minister for Transport if he intends to intervene directly with bus transport companies in relation to the current crisis in driver shortages and recruitment; the way in which the BusConnects programme can be implemented in Dublin, given the failure to retain and recruit sufficient drivers needed for the expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55704/22]

14. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps which he is taking to increase passenger numbers on regional rail services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54972/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to reduce the waiting times at NCT test centres throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55762/22]

16. To ask the Minister for Transport the proposals that he is working on to assist the Irish haulage industry to reduce its costs as fuel prices continue to soar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55396/22]

17. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has examined a recent report (details supplied) on transport by the Climate Change Advisory Council and the OECD; his views on whether it confirms the failure of a policy based on private car usage in the State; if he will re-examine the current policy of trying to replace petrol and diesel cars with 1 million EVs given that this still leaves a transport system that is dependent on the private car being intact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55706/22]

18. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is expected that the young adult leap card will be extended to 16, 17 and 18-year-olds in third-level education; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [55589/22]

19. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that are being taken to reduce the current long wait times to secure NCT appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55797/22]

20. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on expenditure on active travel by Cork County Council in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [55369/22]

21. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to ensure that adequate resources are made available to the NTA to provide frequent, good quality commuter services for approximately 100km around Ireland's towns and cities with either a third level college or a major hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55045/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Transport the level of engagement with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications on the roll-out of the EV commercial fleet trial; if he is satisfied with the uptake on this Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland scheme to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55798/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to address the bus driver shortage in Ireland; if he will address the delay in issuing licences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55357/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the adequacy of existing timetables for rural and PSO bus services; if any discussions have been held with service providers with a view to providing later evening services (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [55183/22]

25. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent, if any, to which heavy vehicles use the main arterial routes to and from the city at peak travel times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55814/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration is being given to allowing parts of motorway hard shoulders to be used as bus corridors, such as the one going into Belfast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [54990/22]

27. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has an active travel strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [55246/22]

28. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on ensuring that Castletownbere is classified as a larger town within the connection Ireland plan to ensure that the Beara peninsula is assigned the necessary scale of routes. — Holly Cairns. [55633/22]

29. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Connecting Ireland initiative, including an overview of the time and the status of procurement for services for rural areas scheduled to be implemented in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55710/22]

30. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a policy change by the company operating the NCT service which sees unqualified staff conducting vehicle tests; if his Department has any concerns over the safety issues of using unqualified staff in such circumstances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55703/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to recent fare increases affecting Bus Éireann services in Sligo, specifically the numbers 23 and 64, and single journey fares; the way that such increases are permitted in light of the current policy of a 20% fare reduction across public transport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55705/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on progress in allowing electric vehicle charging points to be installed in apartment complexes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55192/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 183 of 22 September 2022 and 227 of 25 October 2022, the details of the promised feasibility study for light rail in Galway; the status of preparations for the carrying out of the feasibility study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55820/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding any assessments or reports carried out by his Department into extending an electrified train service to Wicklow town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [55187/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline any future upgrades on a regional road (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55887/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans for the south Wexford rail line in terms of both freight and passenger service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55858/22]

37. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has considered making resources available to Irish Rail to provide a high-speed rail service between Cork, Dublin and Belfast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55877/22]

38. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has received a public service obligation application from management of Shannon Airport, in respect of establishing a route to Amsterdam Schiphol Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [55641/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the need to fund a midday service for the Ballybrophy to Limerick rail line and to tailor timetables to suit the needs of commuters. — Martin Browne. [55370/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 118 of 14 June 2022 and 34 of 22 September 2022, the position with respect to the need for legislative measures for the introduction of red light cameras (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55904/22]

41. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures which he is taking to enhance the level of cover provided by the Irish Coast Guard service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54974/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the process used in the awarding of a PSO route to a private transport firm (details supplied); if this route was tendered out in the normal fashion by the National Transport Authority; if not, the reason that tendering was not undertaken; if any other company such as Bus Éireann was approached to operate this route; the duration of the current contract with the private transport firm; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55707/22]

43. To ask the Minister for Transport when he expects the transfer of managerial responsibility for Shannon Heritage properties in County Clare to transfer from the Shannon Airport Group to Clare County Council; the Government funding that will be made available to make this transfer a success; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [55642/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding given to local councils for cycling and active travel routes in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [55184/22]

45. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the status of the Northern Ring Road; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55574/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a decision by Bus Éireann to no longer offer a single fare from Kenmare to Cork city; and if he will instruct the provider to resolve this situation, given the increase in fare prices. — Thomas Gould. [55823/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 39 of 21 September 2022, the way he exercises his responsibility for overall policy and Exchequer funding in relation to the National Roads Programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55876/22]

48. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that increased funding will be provided to local authorities such as Cavan and Monaghan for the non-national road network in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55860/22]

49. To ask the Minister for Transport if the Dunkettle project is on track to be completed by February 2024; if any further delays are envisaged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55575/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Transport if he anticipates any delay to the completion of the all-island strategic rail review as a result of the Assembly being down in Northern Ireland; if he will provide assurances that there will be no impact on progressing the western rail corridor; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55900/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures which he is taking to provide park-and-ride facilities to reduce traffic congestion and emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54975/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will report on his recent attendance at the Rural Ideas Forum. — Peadar Tóibín. [55582/22]

53. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline his Department's intention to improve Iarnród Éireann's Intercity network, especially the Westport to Dublin Heuston route; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55888/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve the standard of urban cycle lanes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54976/22]

55. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to improve the frequency of the bus service in the Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55883/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that his Department is taking to meet the NX bus demand. — Peadar Tóibín. [55581/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Transport the way the decision to extend the contract of bus services (details supplied) by 12 months was reached, given the companies serial fines for missing service targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55760/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that his Department is taking to ensure that bus services in Dublin are adequately staffed and that buses run as scheduled. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55748/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has any plans to extend the ten-year taxi vehicle licensing rule to 15 years, in view of the significant increase in cost of used cars and scarcity of used electric vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55759/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Transport the issues causing a recent report (details supplied) of a deterioration in bus services in Dublin city; the remedies being applied by his Department and the various public and private bodies involved in bus transport in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55875/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to increase the provision of sheltered bus stops. — Holly Cairns. [55632/22]

62. To ask the Minister for Transport the pace of growth of the EV fleet in the main vehicle categories; the main barriers to further adoption; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [55846/22]

63. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on his Department's engagement with the Department for Rural and Community Development regarding co-funding the local improvement scheme, given that his Department used to have responsibility for this scheme and the significant demand on the scheme with regard to rural roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [55709/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the possible early opening of part of the new N22 around Macroom town on the Cork/Kerry road; the date when the road will be open to traffic; if additional costs have been incurred or will be incurred to open the road early and if so, the monetary amount involved; if there are any implications regarding future liability in the event of defects or snags associated with an earlier opening date; if he will provide an update detailing the works that are currently completed on this section of new road; if he will provide an update on the remaining section between Macroom and Baile Bhuirne with an anticipated completion timeline for this section also; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55816/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will issue a policy direction to the National Transport Authority to ensure that students from County Donegal and other border counties in the State



travelling to their third level education in the North of Ireland can avail of the same price reductions for the use of public transport as all other students. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55769/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Transport the current spend on BusConnects Cork to date; and the estimated timeline for the delivery of same. — Thomas Gould. [55824/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on his Department's active travel spend, broken down by local authority for 2022, in tabular form; his plans to ensure fair distribution and management of this funding, including clear project timelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55355/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Transport the improvements that are being undertaken to improve the waiting times for driving test appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55397/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Transport the way that his Department can help communities affected by the poor roll-out and implementation of the G-Spine Bus Connects route. — Patrick Costello. [55585/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider the establishment of a small capital grant for mountain and sub-aqua rescue and recovery groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54973/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine the booking facilities which old age pensioners currently have to use, in order to travel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [55843/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that there is a fully integrated, fully accessible transport system across the country including a door-to-door service and that this would be covered by the free transport scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55023/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to continue the work ongoing on the western rail corridor connecting Foynes to Westport, Ballina and Sligo; the progress made to date in upgrading these lines for both passenger and freight; the reason for the delay in progressing construction particularly on the sections of the lines closed at present; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55044/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to scale capacity, service and increase line speed on the Waterford to Limerick line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55859/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to extend youth fare reductions to commercial operators. — Matt Carthy. [55402/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the Connecting Ireland rural mobility plan for County Meath; if he intends to accelerate the roll-out of the plan, given the lack of public transport options in rural Ireland and the need to accelerate the reduction in emissions from the transport sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55356/22]

77. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the 20% fare reduction to commercial bus operators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [55359/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Transport the up-to-date position regarding the construction of the south Kerry greenway; when he expects works to commence; if the necessary finance is in place to meet the costs of the project; if he will provide an anticipated timeline for completion of the project; if any phases of the project can be completed at an earlier date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55842/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has been assured that road, footpath and boundary realignments arising from the electrification of the north Kildare rail routes will be minimised to ensure the least impact on the existing population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55815/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the Government refused to financially support the City of Derry Airport for over 10 years even though 40% of the passengers that use the airport are from County Donegal and if he is aware of the serious additional financial strain placed on the rate payers of Derry city and Strabane District Council due to this ongoing refusal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55768/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding provided under Budget 2023 for the N2 Clontibret to the border road scheme. — Matt Carthy. [55403/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to allocate additional capacity to PSO bus routes in east Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [55744/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will introduce in 2023 a funding stream for the local improvement scheme as existed in his Department's estimates up to 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55861/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has any plans to consolidate public transport ticketing in one monthly ticket, such as the €49 monthly ticket scheme for all regional public transport in Germany announced in November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55763/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Transport the position regarding the Cork metropolitan area transport strategy rail projects in Cork city and county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [55745/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made by the steering group to advance the flood mitigation works at Ballycar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [55751/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional supports that he is providing to the National Transport Authority and Dublin Bus to ensure that peak-time bus services are increased to meet the recent increase in demand. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55749/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans regarding the chronic problems with delays and no shows (details supplied) routes across the city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55024/22]

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### **Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.**

89. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of outstanding mortgage loans that are tracker or variable rate mortgages; and if he will consider options to introduce targeted, tailored and time-bound mortgage interest relief in response to rising interest rates. — Pearse Doherty. [55905/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department or the Central Bank have undertaken, or plans to undertake, an analysis of the potential impact of rising ECB interest rates on Irish mortgage holders; his views that the Central Bank will require additional regulatory powers to protect those with variable and tracker mortgages from rising rates given the lack of competition in the banking sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55833/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the increased soft and hard costs resulting from the defective concrete products levy on a typical semi-detached house, its impact on housing supply and the cost of remediation for homeowners affected by defective blocks. — Pearse Doherty. [55906/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that the vacant property tax announced in Budget 2023 was set at 0.3% tax on the value of the vacant home; the rationale for selecting this level and not implementing a higher tax which takes account for inflation in land value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56001/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will increase the percentage payment for the temporary business energy support scheme to SMEs that are highly energy-dependent and where their energy bills are a significant portion of their outgoings. — Marian Harkin. [53732/22]

## CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

### **Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.**

94. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he continues to remain satisfied that adequate measures have been taken to confront inflation here, and control any incoming inflation to the greatest extent possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55812/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the ESRI post-budget analysis which suggests that permanent tax changes made in Budget 2023 will disproportionately benefit higher earners; if he is concerned that full-time workers who are on the minimum wage will not see the full benefit of the planned 80c an hour increase in the national minimum wage due to the failure to entirely adjust all relevant PRSI and tax bands to account for this increase; his plans, if any, to address this issue at Committee or Report Stage of the Finance Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55838/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated annual revenue forgone as a result of stamp duty not being applied to share buybacks not effected by means of a stock transfer form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [55908/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider the BIK changes introduced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [55675/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that he is taking to fulfil the commitment in the Programme for Government for credit unions to become a key provider of community banking. — Holly Cairns. [55634/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Finance the way that farmers are to be included in the temporary business energy support scheme. — Ciarán Cannon. [53235/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the publication of the draft residential zoned land tax maps by local authorities; the scope of the tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55890/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the work of his Department to bring VAT rules into line with common EU priorities such as fighting climate change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [55913/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Finance the supports that can be given to companies which may be required to repay EWSS or TWSS payments which they received correctly during the pandemic and which are now being re-called, due to a more forensic application of the rules of qualification for such payments, but the repayment of same would lead to the closure and loss of jobs in such companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53837/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applicants and successfully approved recipients of the temporary business energy support scheme (TBESS); if he plans to attach any conditions on companies accessing the scheme for example restricting the payments of dividends and senior management bonuses to firms in receipt of funds under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55835/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Finance if the EU taxonomy has yet started to influence the pattern of investment in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [55848/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a tax rebate for homeowners impacted by defective properties. — Francis Noel Duffy. [46887/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Finance if the TBESS will open by end of this month; if payments will be made before the end of 2022.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55802/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Finance if the temporary business energy support scheme to help businesses with their energy costs will be applied to creches and montessori schools to support their rising energy costs this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O’Connor. [50110/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will detail where tax revenues stood by the end of October 2022 or the most recent available month in 2022; the way in which it differs to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [55590/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will ensure that the temporary business energy-support scheme is modified to enable SMEs to claim support for energy bills relating to the July and August 2022 period. — Holly Cairns. [53861/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Finance the basis on which his Department set the new vacant home tax at three times the value of the LPT; his views on whether it will be adequate to bring vacant homes back into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55850/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which the funding model for housing has evolved since the financial crash; and if finance remains a constraint on reaching the Government's housing targets. — Richard Bruton. [55847/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will review section 38 of the Finance Act 2018 which removed the VAT on the VRT repayment scheme for the car hire industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54959/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Finance the assessment that his Department has made regarding the significant fall in dividend withholding tax paid by Irish real estate funds in 2021; the proposals that his Department is considering to ensure that Irish real estate funds are taxed equitably; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [55911/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on resumption of primary medical cert appeals process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [55801/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce a refundable tax credit equivalent to one month's rent for struggling renters in Budget 2023 in light of deepening unaffordability in the rental sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Stanley. [47356/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will extend the 9% rate of VAT applicable to the tourism and hospitality sectors beyond 28 February 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [55648/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans for the implementation of the residential zoned land tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55892/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the review of the disabled drivers' and disabled passenger's scheme; when he expects the review to be completed; the engagement that he or his Department have had with the Department of Children, Disability, Equality, Integration and Youth in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [55674/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied that there are adequate measures available to the Revenue Commissioners and other statutory agencies to tackle illicit cross-Border trade; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55872/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Finance the current status of the disabled drivers medical board of appeal; the number of unassessed appeals before the Board; the status of the review of the disabled drivers and passengers scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [55910/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify, if firms who have returned a profit for the financial year ahead and who have applied for and received the temporary business energy support scheme (TBESS) will be required to return any amounts received from the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55863/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans, if any, that he has to amend the disabled drivers and disabled passenger's scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54960/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Finance the results of the review into the status of farm contractors regarding the carbon tax. — Matt Carthy. [55400/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Finance his progress to date in insurance reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55891/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Finance the taxation policies of his Department which are intended to encourage farmers to adopt rooftop solar PV. — Matt Carthy. [55713/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans to phase out the help-to-buy scheme; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55839/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures that are under consideration to alleviate the huge increases in the cost of energy to small and medium businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [54997/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Finance the way that the fishing industry is being supported through taxation measures to mitigate the high cost of fuel; his further plans, if any, in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55885/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider instructing the Revenue Commissioners to collect and publish data on tax collected on rental income from non-tax residents; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55898/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated number of properties that the proposed vacant homes' tax will return to use; and if he has considered an annually increasing approach to the tax. — Thomas Gould. [55825/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains confident that budgetary measures taken here are adequately focused in order to discourage inflation, self-generated or imported; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55813/22]

132. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on his recent meeting with the Eurogroup. — Peadar Tóibín. [55583/22]

133. To ask the Minister for Finance if any data centres have applied for and have been approved to draw down support under the temporary business energy support scheme; his plans, if any, to restrict data centres and other large energy users from availing of the TBESS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55836/22]

134. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to address the concerns, recently raised by an organisation (details supplied), that those in receipt of section 481 tax relief are not compliant with



the EU's copyright directive in relation to the intellectual property rights of actors and performers and the remuneration that they should receive for their work in films funded by the relief; and further the issues raised by film crew that the DAC structure in Irish film productions funded by section 481 makes vindication of film workers' rights under the Protection of Employees (Fixed-Term Work) Act 2003 impossible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55854/22]

135. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans, if any, to levy a tax on derelict properties; his further plans to incentivise the upgrade of such properties to encourage them to be brought back into use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55882/22]

136. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends introducing a mortgage interest tax credit for first time buyers of new or second-hand properties to assist them deal with the challenge of ever-increasing interest rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55043/22]

137. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding the forecasted income from corporation tax in 2023; and the potential ramifications of a global recession on corporation tax income in Ireland. — James O'Connor. [55741/22]

138. To ask the Minister for Finance the role that FDI multinationals and technology companies play in supporting Ireland's economy; and the latest Exchequer returns from corporation tax. — Alan Dillon. [55889/22]

139. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on tax receipts and revenues to end-October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55874/22]

140. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the contribution taxation policy is making in relation to the cost of building and renting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55857/22]

141. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of persons with disabilities who are awaiting an appeal hearing with the disabled drivers' medical board of appeal; the length of time that applicants have been waiting by county or CHO; if there is an indicative date for the resumption of the DDMBOA while the NDIS transport working group carries out its review of transport options for persons with disabilities, and develops next-step proposals; if emergency additional funding will be made available if the criteria is expanded; if the working group will consider expanding the scheme to include persons with Parkinson's disease or multiple sclerosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55899/22]

142. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of mortgage owners currently in short and long-term arrears in tabular form; if his Department or the Central Bank will conduct an analysis on the potential impact of rising ECB rates on mortgage arrears; if he is satisfied that the 2013 Code of Conduct on Mortgage arrears is adequate to protect customers in the current environment of rising rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55834/22]

143. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the work of the Revenue Commissioners to implement the zoned land tax. — Thomas Gould. [55826/22]

144. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will introduce an amendment to section 481 that clearly establishes that the producer company who receives tax relief under this section must be the

legally responsible employer for all those who are employed on section 481 funded film productions rather than the DAC which only has a transitory existence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55851/22]

145. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered the implications to the sustainability of the hospitality sector given the increase of VAT to 13.5%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [55757/22]

146. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered providing a differentiation in benefit-in-kind rules for company cars for someone who receives a car as a work benefit versus someone who uses the car as a part of their job; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [55873/22]

147. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of companies in Dublin 6w, 8, 10, 12, 20 and 22 which received the EWSS and TWSS; the number that are being asked to re-pay either or both the EWSS and TWSS; the number of employees in those companies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53838/22]

148. To ask the Minister for Finance the position regarding business energy supports; the number of businesses applying; if it is sufficient; the updated costings from the scheme based on uptake; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55829/22]

149. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to a prediction by the Central Bank governor that interest rates will continue to rise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [55584/22]

150. To ask the Minister for Finance if a full list of all companies applying for and receiving the temporary business energy support scheme will be published; when such information will be available; if the amounts claimed for each company will also be publicly available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [55864/22]

151. To ask the Minister for Finance the work being done in his Department to fix the anomaly in which many workers that live in the North and work in the South are precluded from working from home because of the significant revenue implications for their employers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [54998/22]

152. To ask the Minister for Finance if he and his Government will instruct the Revenue Commissioners, and by extension Revenue sheriffs, to place a suspension on the reported avalanche of revenue debt enforcement referrals, pertaining to the collection of tax debt on SMEs until at least the end of 2023, given that small businesses are struggling with the fallout from forced pandemic lockdowns and are now dealing within an energy costs crisis; and if he will accept that pursuing this debt enforcement would cause many otherwise viable businesses to fail, with wide-scale job losses for tens of thousands of small Irish businesses and their employees. — Mattie McGrath. [51439/22]

153. To ask the Minister for Finance the consideration and engagement he has had with the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform on the current carbon tax and excise duty levies on bio-fuels for home heating given the environmental benefits from the use of biofuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55799/22]



154. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a timeline for the roll-out and implementation of the cargo bike scheme; the oversight that will be in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [55828/22]

155. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the review of the disabled drivers' and disabled passenger's scheme; the expected timeline for the completion of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55840/22]

156. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether the new renters' tax credit is adequate to support renters given the extraordinarily high level of rents; if he will ensure that all renters can avail of this credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55853/22]

157. To ask the Minister for Finance the effective tax rate applied to three banks (details supplied) in each of the years 2020 and 2021; his views on restricting their ability to reduce their corporate tax liability through historic losses in the context of heightened interest income and profitability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [55909/22]

158. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department is considering options to amend the temporary business energy support scheme, to provide additional support for smaller firms with limited resources, revenue and reserves to meet rising energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [55912/22]

159. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider the BIK changes introduced in Budget 2023 given that the changes will have huge impact on workers financially given the current economic climate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [55800/22]

160. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a detailed report on the effectiveness of the vacant site levy; if he needs to reconsider the timeline and the rate of the new zoned land tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [55852/22]

161. To ask the Minister for Finance the additional energy rebates or energy tax considerations that the Government is considering to apply to the SME sector in order to retain jobs and businesses over the coming six months given the significant energy cost difficulties facing many SMEs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [53736/22]

162. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has considered the tax costs associated with bringing derelict buildings back into use as homes; if he will move to reduce or eliminate these costs particularly for first-time buyers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55856/22]

163. To ask the Minister for Finance the progress to date in introducing a temporary business energy support scheme; the projected number of businesses to avail of this scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55878/22]

164. To ask the Minister for Finance the average response time for an online revenue query; if he is satisfied that the Revenue Commissioner is adequately resourced to respond to such queries in a timely fashion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [55837/22]

165. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of PAYE, USC and PRSI payable in 2022 by a one income family with an income of €100,000 with only basic tax credits, including the

homemakers tax credit, as compared to a two-income family with each earning €50,000; the reason for the disparity in the amount paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55042/22]

166. To ask the Minister for Finance the different tax exemptions available for young farmers and for all farmers; if he has secured European Union approval to continue the exemptions, following his Budget 2023 speech in which he outlined that he was seeking same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [55844/22]

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### CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

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

\*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has been contacted or engaged by a person (details supplied) in respect of job losses at their corporation; if he will outline the nature of those discussions; and if he is satisfied that the corporation has complied with communication protocols in respect of redundancies. — Catherine Murphy. [55924/22]

\*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has been contacted or engaged by a company (details supplied) in respect of job losses at the company; if he will outline the nature of those discussions; and if he is satisfied that the company has complied with communication protocols in respect of redundancies. — Catherine Murphy. [55925/22]

\*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will consider the temporary removal of ‘early exit fees’ for customers tied to contracts with energy providers in order that those faced with large unit price increases can look for alternative suppliers, taking into account the huge increased energy cost burden on businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55946/22]

\*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration will be given to amending the rule for employment permits, whereby after serving one year in employment with the original employer, the employee can then accept an offer from an alternative employer without notifying the original employer, given that the original employer would receive notification of this change in view of the complications that may arise wherein the original employer will be unaware that their employment permit is cancelled and the employee may still be working for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55957/22]

\*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the actions that his Department has taken, or intends to take, in relation to the ERO for security workers and the legal action currently impeding its implementation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56072/22]

\*172. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or his officials have met or intend to meet with, representatives of an organisation (details supplied) or other firms involved in the current legal action impeding the implementation of a security sector ERO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56073/22]

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

\*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the circumstance where those looking to switch broadband, landline or television provider end up paying for a couple of weeks to both providers in the cross-over transition period, unlike when switching mobile, gas or electricity providers; if he will raise this with the Commission for Communications Regulation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55944/22]

\*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Commission for Regulation of Utilities has given consideration to the temporary removal of early exit fees for customers tied to contracts with energy providers in order that those faced with large unit price increases can look for alternative suppliers, taking into account the huge increased energy cost burden on businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55945/22]

\*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that residents on halting sites, who are currently being treated as commercial electricity customers by local authorities, will receive the electricity credit. — Louise O'Reilly. [55956/22]

\*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the amount of money allocated in 2021 and to date in 2022 to NGOs by the Department for work on environmental and climate; the names of the NGOs involved; the purpose for which the money was allocated; the amount allocated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55977/22]

\*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if homeowners and small business can avail of the solar installation grant up to the maximum of €2,400 if they install in excess of 4kWp domestically or 6kWp commercially, in view of the removal of planning restrictions on the installation of solar panels; his plans to remove this barrier; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55987/22]

\*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that have been taken to ensure that tenants who are renting a separate dwelling but who do not have their own MPRN number/electricity connection can avail of the electricity costs emergency benefit scheme II; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56025/22]

\*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which a warmer homes grant may be applied to a local authority-owned dwelling (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56030/22]

\*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the dates which he or his officials met with Eirgrid. — Alan Kelly. [56085/22]

\*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the dates which he or his officials with with the CRU. — Alan Kelly. [56086/22]

*Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.*

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps which he is taking to increase passenger numbers on regional rail services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [54971/22]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied customer complaints submitted by persons (details supplied) in County Donegal regarding transport issues, the student leap card and an associated refund are fully responded to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56009/22]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if the extension of the 424 Galway to An Cheathrú Rua/Leitir Mealláin bus route is being considered in order to provide a more regular service to Leitir Mealláin; if a feeder bus service between Leitir Mealláin and Casla to connect to the 424 has been considered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56024/22]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress towards the extension of DART services to Maynooth, County Kildare and further afield in north Kildare to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56044/22]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that realignment of roads and bridges in the context of the extension/electrification of rail services throughout north Kildare does not involve disadvantaging local communities, and that road and bridge realignments outstanding for many years are satisfactorily dealt with in the course of programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56045/22]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which he expects commuter rail passenger numbers to increase when the lines are upgraded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56046/22]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which the bus services serving north Kildare will be reorganised to give a better service to all areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56047/22]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which the electrification of the Maynooth railway line is progressing; the extent to which timetables are being met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56048/22]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the degree to which progress towards the electrification of the Dublin-Maynooth railway line continues at pace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56049/22]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures proposed or currently in hand to alleviate traffic congestion of main routes such as the M50, M1, M4 and M7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56050/22]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which all bus services from Naas to Blanchardstown are in need of improvement with particular reference to reliability, availability and punctuality; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56051/22]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent to which any upgrading of arterial routes to the city can be completed to speed-up local commutes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56052/22]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport the extent of any restrictions on heavy trucks at peak times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56096/22]

*Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.*

\*195. To ask the Minister for Finance if the newly-announced temporary business energy support scheme can be used by companies supplying heat through communal and district heating schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [53088/22]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he, together with his Finance Minister colleagues at ECOFIN, continues to explore ways and means of minimising the impact of the Russian invasion of Ukraine on European and global economies. — Bernard J. Durkan. [48659/22]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that are being taken to alleviate price increases with consequent inflation affecting consumers throughout the country at large; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [53767/22]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Finance if his Department has undertaken any study to determine the impact of real estate investment trusts on the Irish housing market; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [46923/22]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if the Government has considered removing VAT on print and online newspapers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [47597/22]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the way that the temporary business energy support scheme will apply to farmers in County Kerry and elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53116/22]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Finance if farmers can avail of both the temporary business energy support scheme and the €600 electricity credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [53117/22]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will outline the details of the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [52965/22]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the need for further flexibility with respect to the TBESS scheme to support the viability of businesses struggling with their energy costs in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [53862/22]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Finance the measures that are available to the haulage industry for reductions in fuel costs because of the current crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55961/22]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider a reduction in VAT on heat pumps and solar panels to encourage the investment by homeowners into same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55972/22]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had any recent discussions with the Central Bank in relation to the need to extend the deadline with banks (details supplied) to exit the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55997/22]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the correct level of taxation applicable in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56029/22]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which deflationary measures remain adequate to achieve results; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56034/22]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which good governance and fiscal policy continue to remain central to combatting inflation and maintaining a stable economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56035/22]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains satisfied that deflationary measures are sufficient to meet the challenges arising from inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56036/22]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which Ireland's economy compares with other European economies in the context of combatting inflation and maintaining growth; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56037/22]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which Ireland remains an attractive option for foreign direct investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56038/22]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which Ireland's economy can remain competitive notwithstanding the many challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56039/22]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which Ireland can continue to be seen internationally as a stable and reliable economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56040/22]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the degree to which measures taken in the Budget 2023 will continue to ensure economic stability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56041/22]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which Ireland's economy remains stable, attractive and capable of combatting inflation to the greatest extent possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56042/22]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the extent to which he remains confident that the Irish economy, including mortgage borrowers, are protected insofar as is possible from inflationary costs generated from within or outside the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56043/22]



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

\*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if a request has been received from Coillte to increase the pensions of past employees given that they have not received an increase since 2007; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55960/22]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the Shannon flood risk state agency co-ordination working group held its last meeting; if he will call an emergency meeting of the working group in view of the impending serious flooding in the Shannon catchment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55988/22]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the water levels on Lough Allen, Lough Ree and Lough Derg were dropped to cater for winter flooding in advance of the significant rainfall experienced over the past number of weeks within the Shannon catchment; the level that each lake was dropped to; the date of the reading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55989/22]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the maximum volumes of water are being spilled from Parteen weir and through the turbines at Ardnacrusha; when the maximum throughput was achieved at both locations; the volumes involved at each location; if he will confirm that this is being maintained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55991/22]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the most recent date when all of the sluices were opened and boards completely removed at Meelick weir and at the New Cut on the River Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55993/22]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will outline the conclusions drawn from his examination of the legislative landscape and review of the current regulatory environment regarding the management of the River Shannon in line with his commitment to Dáil Éireann on 4 November 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55994/22]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that the swimming pool in the Garda training college in Templemore cannot be used by local schools to teach local children how to swim, given that they have done so for over forty years. — Alan Kelly. [56078/22]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number and locations of sites which he has visited that could be considered for modular homes for refugees, Ukrainians and Irish social housing tenants in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56095/22]

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

\*226. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cé na deontais nua nó meadaithe atá ar fáil do theaghlaigh a choinníonn scoláirí faoi scéim na bhfoghlaimeoirí Gaeilge i mbliana agus i 2023. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55915/22]

\*227. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil i gceist aici scéim a bhunú le teaghlaigh gurab í an Ghaeilge a dteanga baile a mhealladh go dtí an Ghaeltacht. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55916/22]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the plans, if any, that she has to Improve Lough Derg's capacity to attract tourists, in light of the views expressed by the Minister for Transport and for Environment, Climate and Communications regarding its potential as a tourism destination. — Alan Kelly. [56084/22]

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

\*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is intended now to proceed with legal action in relation to the filling in of foreshore without permission in a location (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55914/22]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to any difficulties with persons accessing the check the register website and in registering to join the electoral role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [55923/22]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if each local authority is required to have in place a housing and disability steering group; if the names and contact details of the members of local authority housing and disability steering groups are required to be in the public domain; if the agenda and minutes of housing and disability steering group meetings should be made available to the public; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [55931/22]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will order the preservation of the recently discovered souterrain at lands in Corballis, Donabate as set out in section 8 (1) of the National Monuments Act 1930, especially given the writing on the walls within the souterrain which may be ogham or futhark and is of historic importance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [55948/22]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 337 of 18 October 2022, if he can confirm that his Department has agreed annual targets for new private rental homes and new affordable homes separate to the averages set out in table 2 on page 31 of the Government's housing plan; and if not, if he intends to agree such annual targets. — Eoin Ó Broin. [55950/22]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the income eligibility limits for local authority housing in areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan will be increased given that present limits are unrealistic and deny many low-income families the opportunity to apply for social housing; if these income limits will be increased without further delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [55954/22]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if has considered making legislative changes to allow certain holiday homes to be used as full-time residences; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [55955/22]



\*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the conditions under which land designated as an SAC can be taken out of the SAC; if it is intended to change this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55983/22]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way that he is supporting and encouraging tenants of local authorities and approved housing bodies to avail of the rent-a-room scheme; the number availing of the scheme in the respective local authorities and approved housing bodies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56002/22]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a landlord should provide an RTB notice of termination as requested by their HAP tenant, who has decided to move out of the property due to a change in family circumstances; if not, if this will impact the tenant's request to change their circumstance on their housing application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56071/22]

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

\*239. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the training of Ukrainian soldiers is in contravention of Ireland's neutrality; his views on whether it will damage Ireland's stance as a neutral state; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55930/22]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the report submitted to the UN General Assembly by the UN special rapporteur on the right to adequate housing concerning the destruction of Palestinian homes, military incursions, closures, state-backed settler attacks, home demolitions, and destruction of property; in this context, if he agrees with many human rights experts that Israel is committing the crime of apartheid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [55940/22]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a passport with an estimated due date of 3 June 2022 will issue (details supplied); if the requested documents can be returned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [55974/22]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the outcome of the most recent discussions with Secretary of State for Northern Ireland regarding the need to have the Assembly and Executive restored and fully functioning; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56016/22]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department's attention has been drawn to public comments in Britain in relation to the issue of Irish passports (details supplied); if he will clarify the veracity of same; the number of passports issued; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56017/22]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the procedures and protocols which apply to the issuing of invitations to foreign heads of state to visit Ireland; the legislation or provisions of the Constitution which apply to the decision to issue such invitations; if such invitations require a Government decision; if he can issue them on behalf of the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56019/22]

*Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.*

\*245. To ask the Minister for Defence if the Irish army is now engaged in the training of Ukrainian soldiers for their conflict against the invading Russian forces; if so, when this training started; the length of time that this will continue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55929/22]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will consider using the lands of Nenagh military barracks for social housing. — Alan Kelly. [56083/22]

*Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.*

\*247. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether it is appropriate to allow an alcohol industry-funded organisation (details supplied), to provide literature and programmes on the risks of alcohol to school-aged children; if she will direct schools not to utilise any material which they have received from the organisation; if she will support a named campaign for school-based education on the risks of alcohol to be independent of any alcohol industry influence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [55942/22]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of the planned projects included in the school building programme in 2022 as of January 2022, and as of now respectively; the budget for same; if she will provide a list of the projects that will not proceed in 2022 due to construction inflation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55985/22]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Education the planned budget for school building in 2023; if she will provide a list of the proposed projects for 2023; the number of projects it is expected to support in 2023; if she has sought an increase in the capital budget to reflect increased construction inflation; the process for deciding which projects to proceed with or which ones to delay; the projects that are now delayed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55986/22]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Education if any plans exist to open a special class at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [55995/22]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to increase school capacities in Naas and the surrounding towns; and her plans to allocate further resources in the area and its surrounds. — Catherine Murphy. [56003/22]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Education the post-primary catchment area which persons living in a location (details supplied) fall into; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56074/22]

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

\*253. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any grants or assistance exist to help a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55917/22]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal for carer's allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); if an oral hearing can

be facilitated in this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55922/22]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55926/22]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a qualifying adult payment for a person (details supplied) in respect of their partner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [55933/22]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will indicate the eligibility for fuel allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55935/22]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will confirm that the €500 payment for all carers to be paid in November, as announced in Budget 2023, will be made per household as opposed to per person cared for (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55938/22]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if community welfare officers are still meeting on a face-to-face basis with applicants who wish to apply for a supplementary welfare allowance (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55939/22]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an exceptional needs' payment of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55943/22]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for household benefits and/or fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55947/22]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on an application by a person (details supplied) for domiciliary care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55951/22]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the position regarding persons claiming illness benefit not getting the Christmas bonus will be reconsidered, given that the recipients of illness benefit are struggling on this low income; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [55967/22]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application for an increase on a disability allowance payment (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [55978/22]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the means test for a State pension (non-contributory) takes into account the full amount of capital assets notwithstanding earnings on the assets; if the means test assesses the interest earned/active appreciation of these assets; if her Department treats capital of spouses in joint bank accounts any differently to those in individual accounts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56018/22]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a living-alone increase (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56023/22]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when a decision to refuse carer's allowance may be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56028/22]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent, if any, to which an application for working family payment may be reconsidered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56033/22]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application for WFP submitted in the name of a person (details supplied) on 15 September 2022 will be expedited and approved. — John McGuinness. [56053/22]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is considering changing the rules for fuel allowance in circumstances (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56069/22]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she will publish the review of the school meals programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56070/22]

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

\*272. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline his approach to the issues raised in the Employment Equality (Amendment) (Non-Disclosure Agreements) Bill 2021, which completed second stage in Seanad Éireann on 1 June 2021. — Paul Murphy. [55921/22]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to issues at a site (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [56054/22]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current average timeline to process an application for one person seeking permission to remain, not including persons fleeing war (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56075/22]

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

\*275. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55959/22]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total amount of remuneration increase proposed to PhDs during this academic year and in the years to follow 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55979/22]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the increases in Budget 2022 in relation to PhD remuneration will come to pass; when PhDs can expect to see this remuneration increase; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55980/22]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the range and scope of the proposed review of the salary scales and remuneration on offer to PhDs (details supplied); the proposed timing of when such a review might report; his views on what is adequate remuneration for a PhD students and post-doctoral research and working in the public sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [55981/22]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress that has been made to achieving the target he announced in 2022 of 750 public sector apprenticeships by 2025; the current actual number of apprenticeships actually delivered in the public sector since announcement; the engagement that there has been between his Department and the local authority sector; if so, the commitments that have been received to date. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55996/22]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress that he has made in relation to the commitment in the Programme for Government to develop a long-term sustainable funding model for higher-level education; the estimated timeframe for when such a model will be put in place in legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56022/22]

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

\*281. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of a visa in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55918/22]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Justice if there will be a separate bill for the establishment of an environmental and planning division of the High Court; if she intends to hold pre-legislative scrutiny on this bill and engage with stakeholders; if the proposals will be included in the proposed planning and development bill from the Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [55984/22]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will list all Bills which either she, or former Minister for Justice Heather Humphries, have sought and received Government approval for from 27 June 2020 to date; the date on which approval was received; if she will provide a brief summary of the main aims of each piece of legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56020/22]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Justice the current position in relation to an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56027/22]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 350 of 13 October 2022, if her Department will accept and consider further detailed up-to-date information which may be helpful to the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56031/22]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will address the case of an individual (details supplied) who has received no decision on their permanent residency permit application. — Holly Cairns. [56064/22]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration can be given to extending the retirement age for members of An Garda Síochána from 60 to 66 years in order to resolve the recruitment crisis that exists within An Garda Síochána and to ensure the retention of expert knowledge within the force; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56065/22]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Justice the percentage of members of An Garda Síochána that have only a competency-based driving permit at level 1; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56066/22]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána who were subject to assaults in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56068/22]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Justice the person or body that manages the expenditure within the Garda college in Templemore. — Alan Kelly. [56079/22]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Justice the total amount of expenditure for the Garda college In Templemore in each of the years 2016 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56080/22]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on a matter (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [56081/22]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank who are currently suspended from any Garda divisions in Limerick. — Alan Kelly. [56082/22]

*Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.*

\*294. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that his Department charges €395 to candidates to sit an exam for nursing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [55932/22]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [55934/22]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take important steps to help parents of children with long-Covid, including an awareness campaign, the education of selected consultants and several specialist GPs to offer care to children with the condition, a communication to be sent to all GPs on the issue of long-Covid and the way to recognise it (details supplied); the steps that have been taken to support those with children with long-Covid to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [55936/22]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Health if an assessment to provide home-help can be undertaken in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55941/22]



\*298. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that his Department is taking to provide targeted health care to those suffering with long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [55949/22]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Health his strategy for dealing with long-Covid and long-Covid patients; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [55953/22]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on home-help for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [55958/22]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 316 of 12 May 2022, when the ban on water births in the community will be lifted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55962/22]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that he has had with the HSE with regard to a proposal (details supplied) to restrict home births to women living within 30 minutes from a maternity hospital; his plans to ensure that access to home births in Ireland is not contingent on geographical location; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [55963/22]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the process in place in relation to the allocation of HSE transport funding towards adult disability day service users in County Cork; the new qualifying criteria, if any; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [55964/22]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the Government and the HSE have been extremely slow to provide adequate services and supports for patients suffering from long-Covid (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [55966/22]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the number of children suffering from long-Covid with no supports at school to deal with these issues; if discussions are expected with the Minister for Education to put supports in place for these children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [55968/22]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated number of trainee counselling psychologists who will benefit from the €750,000 funding announced in Budget 2023; the way in which the trainees will be selected to receive funding; his plans to financially support trainees who will not receive this funding; the reason that all trainees will not be funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55969/22]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of funding all trainee counselling psychologists across the three-year doctorate programme; if consideration is being given to funding all trainees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55970/22]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the laboratories that cervical samples are currently analysed in, with regards to CervicalCheck samples and other cervical samples respectively; the number of samples in each case in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [55971/22]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made on the updated plan to replace the national rare disease plan for Ireland 2014-2018; the timeline for publication; the reason for the delay in publishing a new plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [55973/22]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE can provide suicide prevention awareness training to specific voluntary groups or within the community; if he will provide contact details of the person or division in the HSE will provide such training in the HSE mid-west region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [55975/22]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Health when the roll-out of Covid recognition payments to the list of six non-HSE/non-section 38 organisation types covered by the Government decision will take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [55976/22]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Health when the shift leads will be appointed to the ICU in Mayo University Hospital as per the national directive given that all the other hospitals in the Saolta group have already had their shift leads appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [55982/22]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff employed by Letterkenny University Hospital who are eligible for the pandemic recognition payment; and the number who have received it to date. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [55998/22]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to conduct a new external audit of post-mortem standards in Ireland. — Catherine Murphy. [55999/22]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the rationale for the re-hiring of a person in the health system in Ireland (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [56000/22]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Health the GP-to-person ratio in CHO7. — Catherine Murphy. [56004/22]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Health the dentist-to-person ratio in CHO7. — Catherine Murphy. [56005/22]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Health the protocol regarding HSE staff being requested to meet Oireachtas members and if it is appropriate that only Government Oireachtas members be invited to such meetings. — Alan Kelly. [56008/22]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Health the policies and procedures in place in relation to the treatment of the remains of unborn children whose lives are ended under sections 9, 10 and 11 of the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56021/22]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which a supportive programme is being made available in the case of the son of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56032/22]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure that workers in Section 39 organisations receive the same annual leave entitlements as workers in Section 38 organisations. — Holly Cairns. [56060/22]



\*322. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56061/22]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Health the number of candidates who expressed an interest in a CHO4 HSE principal specialist psychologist post in mental health (0.4 WTE specified purpose contract) with a focus on supporting the operational governance of trainees on the UCC doctor of clinical psychology programme, advertised on 23 February 2022; the reason that there has not been an interview process to date; the current status of the post; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56062/22]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 842 of 5 April 2022, 308 of 18 May 2022, 233 of 22 June 2022 and 1117 of 12 July 2022, the percentage of appointments to senior psychologist posts in the Cork adult mental health services between August 2017 and January 2021 that took place via unadvertised transfers; the exact service locations; the dates of each of these appointments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [56063/22]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Health the number and locations of primary care centres that have opened since he assumed office. — Alan Kelly. [56087/22]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women who have put forward cases to the Cervical Check Tribunal to date. — Alan Kelly. [56088/22]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the creation of an elective hospital in the mid-west. — Alan Kelly. [56089/22]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Health the dates and locations where he has facilitated meetings with his Department officials and or HSE officials with public representatives, since he assumed office in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56090/22]

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

\*329. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of individual greyhound owners and trainers who have been the subject of exclusion orders and banning orders since testing for prohibited substances commenced at Rásaíocht Con Éireann's laboratory in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56010/22]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of exclusion orders and banning orders issued by Rásaíocht Con Éireann currently in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56011/22]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the processes that Rásaíocht Con Éireann has in place to ensure that exclusion and or banning orders are fully implemented, and that those individuals who are the subject of same are prevented from attending greyhound tracks and or racing dogs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56012/22]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of positive tests that have been recorded since Rásaíocht Con Éireann started testing for prohibited substances at its laboratory in Limerick; if he will provide a breakdown of the categories for all positive tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56013/22]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the frequency with which Rásaíocht Con Éireann's control committee has met, either in-person or remotely, for each of the years 2015 to 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56014/22]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will consider extending the deadline for the ACRES scheme past the current deadline of 21 November 2022, for a further four weeks to allow farmers and agri-planners to arrange the necessary on-farm inspections in advance of applications being made, given that many farmers will be locked out of the scheme otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56026/22]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on strengthening the supports for offshore islands in the Common Fisheries Policy in the upcoming negotiations on the Common Fisheries Policy. — Holly Cairns. [56059/22]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the dates and attendees at all meetings which he has had with an organisation (details supplied) since he assumed office in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56091/22]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the dates and attendees at all meetings which he has had with an organisation (details supplied) since he assumed office in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56092/22]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the dates and attendees at all meetings which he has had with an organisation (details supplied) since he assumed office in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56093/22]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the dates and attendees at all meetings which he has had with an organisation (details supplied) since he assumed office in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [56094/22]

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

\*340. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she engaged with the Charities Regulator in respect of an NGO (details supplied); if so, if she will outline the nature of those engagements. — Catherine Murphy. [55919/22]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a schedule of the NGO and charities that have been closed down and sanctioned by the Charities Regulator in each of the years 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, including the reason for closure order and or sanction imposed, and the name of the NGO and or charity. — Catherine Murphy. [55920/22]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a breakdown of SICAP funding in the Finglas, Dublin 11 area in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55927/22]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a breakdown of SICAP funding in the Ballymun, Dublin 11 area in each of the past five years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [55928/22]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to enhance existing and expand youth and older persons' services in Kildare north. — Catherine Murphy. [56006/22]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a schedule of the supports which her Department provides to the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth in the context of assisting persons living in Ireland who have fled Ukraine following its invasion by Russia. — Catherine Murphy. [56007/22]