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QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the European Political Community meeting in Prague and the informal European Council meeting. — Ivana Bacik. [55384/22]

10. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting of the European Council in Prague. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55406/22]

11. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting of the European Political Community. — Mick Barry. [56702/22]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [54576/22]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All Q3/2022 progress report will be published. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [54577/22]

22. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [54578/22]

23. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All Q3/2022 progress report will be published. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [54579/22]

24. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul McAuliffe. [54580/22]

25. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for All Q3/2022 progress report will be published. — Paul McAuliffe. [54581/22]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing last met. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54589/22]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when the Housing for all Q3/2022 progress report will be published. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54590/22]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [54612/22]

29. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [55407/22]

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

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service unit of his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54841/22]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [56314/22]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [56448/22]

34. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government information service unit of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [55389/22]

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

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the work of the senior officials group chaired by his Department to provide a strategic overview of the implementation of the sustainable development goals. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [54582/22]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the senior officials group chaired by his Department to provide a strategic overview of the implementation of the sustainable development goals. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54840/22]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the senior officials group chaired by his Department to provide a strategic overview of the implementation of the sustainable development goals. — Paul Murphy. [54843/22]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the senior officials’ group chaired by his Department to provide a strategic overview of the implementation of the sustainable development goals. — Ivana Bacik. [55385/22]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the senior officials group chaired by his Department to provide a strategic overview of the implementation of the sustainable development goals. — Mick Barry. [56703/22]

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

42. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department to oversee the implementation of the high level action plan for the report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54842/22]

43. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department to oversee the implementation of the high level action plan for the report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Paul Murphy. [54844/22]

44. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department to oversee the implementation of the high level action plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Sorca Clarke. [54853/22]

45. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department, to oversee the implementation of the high-level action plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Ivana Bacik. [55386/22]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the high-level steering board, chaired by the Secretary General of his Department to oversee the implementation of the high-level action plan for the Report of the Commission on the Defence Forces. — Mick Barry. [56449/22]

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

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

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

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

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the EU50: Ireland and the Single Market conference. — Neale Richmond. [56297/22]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the European Commissioner Margrethe Vestager. — Mick Barry. [56450/22]

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

54. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the climate action unit in his Department. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [54583/22]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if a climate action unit has been established in his Department. — Bríd Smith. [54846/22]

56. To ask the Taoiseach if a climate action unit has been established in his Department. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54847/22]

57. To ask the Taoiseach if a climate action unit has been established in his Department. — Paul Murphy. [54850/22]

58. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the European Council meeting held on 21 and 22 October 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52773/22]

59. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a report on the European Council in Brussels on 20 and 21 October 2022. — Seán Haughey. [54587/22]

60. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide the commitments in the Programme for Government under his remit; if each commitment has been met or is in the process of being met; and the estimated timeframe for same in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [52774/22]

61. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54848/22]

62. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government. — Paul Murphy. [54851/22]

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

64. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54591/22]

65. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe last met. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [54849/22]

66. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe last met. — Paul Murphy. [54852/22]

67. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Europe last met. — Mick Barry. [56704/22]

68. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the recent British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly Plenary. — Brendan Smith. [54584/22]

69. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. — Brendan Smith. [54585/22]

70. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom. — Seán Haughey. [54586/22]

71. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to the new British Prime Minister since his appointment. — Sorca Clarke. [54854/22]

72. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent conversation with the British Prime Minister. — Neale Richmond. [56296/22]

73. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his latest communications with the British Prime Minister. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56372/22]

74. To ask the Taoiseach if he has spoken to the new British Prime Minister. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54594/22]

75. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent conversation with the new British Prime Minister. — Ivana Bacik. [55388/22]

76. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the COP27 Climate Change Conference. — Peadar Tóibín. [56285/22]

77. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP27 summit. — Neale Richmond. [56295/22]

78. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the COP27 conference which he recently attended in Egypt. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56371/22]

79. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide details of his engagements during the COP27 conference. — Alan Farrell. [56479/22]

80. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at COP27. — Ivana Bacik. [56411/22]

CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

81. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans that his Department has to address the crisis in recruitment across multiple areas of the public sector; if these plans include changes to pay scales or other allowances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56463/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on efforts made by the Office of Public Works to identify a site for a visitor/interpretation centre in Cashel, County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [56757/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that the Government is refusing to publish the salaries paid to the Secretary Generals of Government Departments (details supplied). — Richard O'Donoghue. [56782/22]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

84. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the amount of funding received by each local authority for flood relief schemes in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56322/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the level of funding for minor drainage works will be increased in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56458/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he anticipates further expenditure measures to address the rise in the cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [56444/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update of the implementation of the national development plan 2021-2030, and specifically in relation to NSO 8 of the plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [56445/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress on flooding project works for Archahan Bridge in County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56471/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Dáil Éireann passing a motion on Wednesday 12 October 2022 in support of pay increases for community and voluntary sector workers, the action that he or his Department has taken to deliver on the commitments listed in the motion; if he intends to provide for a standing forum and mechanism for collective bargaining on pay and conditions with recognised trade unions in the sector; if he or his Department has engaged with trade unions on this matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56433/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the status of the implementation of the National Development Plan 2021-2030 and specifically in relation to NSO 3 of the Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [56423/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will clarify the current position in awarding a contract for the Glashaboy flood relief scheme; the likely date when the contract will be awarded; when work is due to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56367/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which public expenditure on the capital side remains vigorous and sufficient to meet demands and requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56382/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress which 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. [56453/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the likely timescale for the launch of the peace plus programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56398/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps that his Department is taking to reduce the cost of building materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56229/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide details of any analysis carried-out by his Department into the impact of the ongoing rise in rental prices on the cost of the rented portion of the OPW's office accommodation portfolio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56397/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has had engagement with other Government departments with the view to providing Clare County Council with Exchequer money to make the transfer of Shannon Heritage sites a success. — Cathal Crowe. [56246/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the progress of the Enniscorthy flood defence scheme; if he will confirm whether the project will proceed with the construction of the new bridge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56108/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that his Department requires State bodies to disclose more comprehensive information on the remuneration of its CEOs than it does of the accounting officers of Government Departments and offices. — Alan Dillon. [56395/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the selection of a contractor for the Glashaboy flood relief scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56244/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the up-to-date position regarding the provision of a site for a children's playground at Dún Chaoin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56503/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the actions that he has taken to deal with the rising cost of living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56293/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when flood defence construction works will advance for an Sulán River, Ballymakeera, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56470/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of spend by the OPW on the Crossmolina flood relief scheme since 2015; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56394/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of projects underway by the OPW to improve the energy efficiency of the buildings it manages and owns; the budget for such works in 2022; the projected budget for 2023; the square meters of building space that will be retrofitted this year; the role that the OPW has in delivering on climate mitigation and adaptation in the public service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56430/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the flood relief scheme in Bantry, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [56220/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total underspend on capital allocated to Departments to the end of October 2022; the steps taken to streamline and speed-up capital expenditure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56383/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if capital expenditure is within profile for the year to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [56447/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the Glashaboy flood relief scheme. — Thomas Gould. [56451/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has conducted any recent evaluation on public sector pay rates or the minimum wage in view of rising rate of inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56212/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which he remains satisfied that spending across all Departments remains in line with projections, while retaining the capability of responding to emergencies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56381/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason for the delay in publishing the report on the review of the Freedom of Information Act 2014 which was scheduled for early Q3 2022 according to the roadmap; if he has received the review report and recommendations yet; when he intends to publish it; if he will be bringing forward changes to the law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56435/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures that it is expected will be funded by the contingency reserve fund in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [55591/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on when the review of ethics legislation will be published; if he will confirm that ten submissions were received by the closure date of the public consultation in mid-January 2022; if those submissions have now all been considered; if he has considered the findings of the review yet; when he intends to bring forward a general scheme of a Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56431/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps that are being taken by the OPW to ensure that buildings which it has responsibility for are fully accessible for persons with disabilities, including having a suitable toilet and changing places' facilities. — Holly Cairns. [56221/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the steps that have been taken since the enactment of the amended Official Languages Act 2021 to increase the intake of civil servants who are capable of doing their business through Irish and English; the number recruited to date in 2022 with such a competency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56384/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an analysis of the impact that the Climate Action Plan will have on the revised National Development Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56468/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the measures that his Department has taken and which have been effective in promoting equality in Ireland under equality budgeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56230/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will request a full assessment of the existing heating and lighting systems at Glendalough visitor centre; his plans regarding upgrading to more energy-efficient and environmentally-friendly options at this location and other OPW-owned buildings in County Wicklow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56300/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the implementation of Project Ireland 2040; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [56475/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 81 of 4 October 2022, the status of Ireland's partnership agreement for cohesion funding for the period 2021 to 2027; the timeline for the publication of the agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56396/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if his Department has carried-out an analysis of infrastructure projects in the revised National Development Plan, in respect of the new climate action plan targets for sectoral emissions reductions; if not, if his Department will do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56467/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding public toilets provision on An Blascaod Mór; the up-to-date position regarding signage to help protect the seal population from nuisance; the position regarding future conservation of buildings on the island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56502/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he has received an update regarding the business case submitted to the major projects advisory group within his Department for an elective hospital in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56245/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way that his Department is pursuing equality budgeting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [56422/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will confirm that his Department has now signed-off on the proposals submitted to it by the Department of Health in respect of the elective hospital for Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56366/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his approach to calls for pay increases to match rises in the cost-of-living; the way that he will calculate the affordability of such calls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56284/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if current expenditure is within profile for the year to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [56446/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the position regarding remedial works being carried out on the Wicklow town courthouse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56304/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the land, properties or buildings that the OPW or his Department have made available in 2022 for housing, or accommodation for Ukrainian refugees or those seeking international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56432/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the Office of Public Works' efforts to increase public access to the Dunsink observatory; and the way that the efforts may support the work of DIAS. — Paul McAuliffe. [56342/22]

132. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there are many civil service pensions that were eligible for the pension increases which took place on 1 October 2022; the number of these pensions that have had the increases applied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56373/22]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*133. To ask the Taoiseach if a climate action unit has been established in his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [55387/22]

*134. To ask the Taoiseach the number of meetings that have taken place to date in 2022 of the climate action delivery board; and the number scheduled for the remainder of 2022. — Ivana Bacik. [56201/22]

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

*135. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the appeals of persons (details supplied) can be accepted based on extenuating circumstances where an IT glitch played a role in their late submission; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56172/22]

*136. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the breakdown of the number of site visits hosted by the IDA in counties Galway, Clare and Limerick to date in 2022, by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56330/22]

*137. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of new IDA jobs created in counties Clare, Kerry and Limerick in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56331/22]

*138. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the supports that are in place for small businesses to support them with increasing costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [56482/22]

*139. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of work permits that have been applied for in Dublin for bus drivers in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56494/22]

*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there will be an emergency humanitarian support scheme provided for Clongeen and Folksmills in south County Wexford, which have been devastated by the recent tornado; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56550/22]

*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the person or body that he has met to date within the tech sector to discuss specifically the threat to Irish tech sector jobs; the person or body that he has met with within companies (details supplied) to discuss

saving jobs in Ireland; and the plan that he has for enterprise to grow the stickier indigenous tech sector and general enterprise sector. — Peadar Tóibín. [56588/22]

*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Ireland's Best Young Entrepreneur competition will recommence following its suspension due to the Covid-19 pandemic; if not, the reason (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56705/22]

*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are plans to have a trade and investment mission to Australia early in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56723/22]

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

*144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any meetings of the national emergency coordination group have taken place during 2022 to discuss the State's response to fuel rationing this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56340/22]

*145. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when Eir retirees, who were formerly classified as Post and Telegraphs and Telecom Éireann employees who were considered to be public servants, can expect to receive an increase in their pension; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56613/22]

*146. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 151 of 2 June 2022, if he is satisfied that the appointments in Inland Fisheries Ireland are made in accordance with best practice and standards and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56076/22]

*147. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will list all advertisements used for the post of director of operations in an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56118/22]

*148. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and or the Commission for Regulation of Utilities granted ESB Networks permission to extract granular data from electric smart metres; if he will provide the process that persons can follow to opt-out of this practice; and if he will provide the point at which persons could avail of an opt-in. — Catherine Murphy. [56310/22]

*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention or that of the Commission for Regulation of Utilities has been drawn to the lack of a comprehensive data protection impact assessment by ESB Networks regarding information that it gleans from smart metres (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [56311/22]

*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he plans on publishing the national green hydrogen strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56400/22]

*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the incentives and financial supports that he proposes to include in the national green hydrogen strategy to assist in

the development of a sustainable green hydrogen industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56401/22]

*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the budget allocation for attic and cavity wall insulation for 2022; the number of applications to date in 2022 for each; the number of works complete to date in 2022 for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56438/22]

*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action that the Government is taking to expand the role that wave and tidal energy can play in Ireland's renewable energy generation; the estimated energy generation potential both have off the Irish coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56439/22]

*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a list of reports used in the preparation of the sectoral emissions ceilings; the cost of commissioning each report in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56440/22]

*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a list of consultants and external experts contracted as part of the preparation of the sectoral emissions ceilings; the contract cost of each in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56441/22]

*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he expects offshore wind in the north-western waters being able to be constructed; the plans that are in place to allow grid access for offshore wind applications in the north west; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56460/22]

*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that are being taken to ensure that development jobs for the offshore wind sector will be available to qualified Irish sea farers and that tender boats could be built in Irish boat yards to ensure that Irish jobs benefit as much as possible from the development; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56461/22]

*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if Ireland, as a founding member of the Beyond Oil and Gas Alliance with Costa Rica and Denmark, will ensure that the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is supported and that an agreement is reached regarding loss and damage payments for the global south as a priority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56507/22]

*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the grant assistance that is available for a person who recently purchased a house and is looking to complete works in order to improve their BER; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56567/22]

*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if, under the proposed new regulations on the sale of turf, a vendor of turf who sources their product from a supplier who has turbary rights will continue to be permitted to sell turf to customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [56579/22]

*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the resolutions that have been put forward for persons living in the Robinstown and Shambo area of County Meath whose well has possibly been affected by an event (details supplied); if any solutions have been discussed regarding this issue; and if any solution taken will be carried out in consultation with the persons effected by this event. — Peadar Tóibín. [56615/22]

*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding an application in respect of a location (details supplied); if the application will be approved; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56629/22]

*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of heat loss indicator assessments completed under the SEAI home retrofitting programmes on a monthly basis; the average cost of the works to be completed based on the HLI assessment each month; the number of applications that have been proceeded with following the HLI on a monthly basis; the number for grant payments for the completion of works paid to date on a monthly basis and the grant paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56654/22]

*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of expressions of interest received on a monthly basis for home retrofitting under the one-stop-shop route; the number of heat loss indicator assessments completed each month by such applicants; the average cost of works to be completed each month; the numbers of homes priced for the delivery of works each month and the average price of works; the number of homes which have proceeded to contract each month and the average price of such works; the rate of construction inflation since the introduction of the new retrofitting scheme; the number of homes completed on a monthly basis, the average cost and average grant paid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56655/22]

*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the extraordinary delays with applications to the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland (details supplied); if he will ensure that this work is carried out before the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [56666/22]

*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 67 of 8 November 2022, if there is any mechanism for persons and families living in multi-resident accommodation in which there are separate electricity meters but only one MPRN number to receive the electricity credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56667/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 67 of 8 November 2022, if persons and families living in multi-resident accommodation in which there are two MPRN numbers on the one post-code will each receive the full energy credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56668/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*168. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to reports that NCT tests are now being conducted by non-qualified workers; his views that this should revert to the previous situation whereby only qualified mechanics were employed as testers; if he will introduce appropriate legislation to ensure that all NCT inspectors are fully trained and certified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56057/22]

*169. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider waiving the requirement for taxis to be less than ten years old due to the ongoing disruption in the supply chain for new cars, and the unnecessary expense that this is placing on taxi drivers, who are already facing increased business costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56110/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to lengthy waiting times for driving tests at a test centre (details supplied); and the action that his Department is taking to shorten waiting times and increase testing capacity at this centre. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56111/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for Transport the way in which the National Transport Authority and his Department are treating the annual tax-saver rail ticket already purchased by commuters, following the recent announcement by Government of the 20% reduction in public transport fares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56123/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for Transport the expected timeline for new park and ride facilities in Cork; and if he will provide a commitment that one will be on the northside of Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [56130/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will expedite a driving test for a person (details supplied) as they are unable to take up an mechanic apprenticeship without a full licence. — James O'Connor. [56159/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the return of quiet carriages on the Dublin to Cork rail line; if a wider roll-out of this initiative is being considered to include other lines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56203/22]

*175. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56237/22]

*176. 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. — Gino Kenny. [56265/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the current crisis of bus 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 by all companies that are needed for the expansion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [56266/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason for the delay in relation to the selection of a route (details supplied); the length of time that land has been sterilised along this route; when he expects the route to be definitely selected, in view of the reported difficulties that it is causing to residents in that area along the route, and that there have been serious accidents on the road, which emphasises the need for urgency in having the route finalised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56303/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of learner permit holders disqualified in each year since 2016; the number that surrendered their learner permit to the RSA each year from 2016 following disqualification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [56312/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that someone under the age of 24 years with valid ID cannot avail of the young adult discounts on public transport; the reason that they must acquire a Leap card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56403/22]

*181. To ask the Minister for Transport the progress that has been made to date with the development of a ports policy for the wind energy sector; when the policy will be published and implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56418/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the delay in driving tests in County Wexford; if there are plans to provide additional testers to alleviate waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56510/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the flights by a company (details supplied) from Carrickfinn to Dublin; the number of flights which have been cancelled for each month in 2022; the number of flights which have been delayed; the time delays for each delayed flight in tabular form for each month in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56511/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine extending the disability toll exemption scheme to parents of children who are patients in hospital, noting the cost that parents face travelling to visit their children in hospital every day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56568/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for Transport the budget allocation for the low-emissions vehicle toll incentive for 2022; the number of persons who are signed up to the scheme; the spend to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56569/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update regarding the large convoy of propelled aeroplanes and helicopters that flew across north County Dublin at approximately 4am on the morning of 30 October 2022, with particular reference to whether this was a military convoy; if permissions had been sought or granted for its activity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56586/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for Transport if an application for Rosslare Port to become a renewable energy hub was re-submitted for central European Union funding in September 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56600/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of incidents that have taken place on the Dunkettle Roundabout and approach roads around the Jack Lynch Tunnel north and south in 2021 and to date in 2022. — Sean Sherlock. [56657/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if he has met with Irish Rail officials to discuss progress on the Broadmeadow Way Donabate to Malahide greenway project; if so, the number of times that he has done so since assuming office; if he will outline the matters discussed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56714/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to have a direct Bus Éireann PSO route from Dublin to Clare in both directions via Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56718/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*191. To ask the Minister for Finance if biofuels are regarded as fossil fuels for the purpose of carbon tax; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [56612/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for Finance if a response will issue to matters raised by a company (details supplied) in respect of the taxation of biofuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [56630/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that the reduction on VAT on newspapers from 9% to zero was not extended to periodicals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56114/22]

*194. To ask the Minister for Finance if a 0% VAT rate has been considered for Irish published magazines, similar to what is proposed for newspapers as of January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56119/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for Finance the value of the monies raised from private pension funds in each of the years during which the emergency pension levy applied; the estimated number of fund members who were affected by the levy; the way that the pension payments to members were affected; if these funds have recovered any of the sums contributed with the recovery of the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [56147/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will confirm that biofuels will not be subject to carbon tax or excise duty if they are used for heating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56157/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has requested the Revenue Commissioners to review the present tax reliefs for remote working with a view to making the relief less cumbersome to operate; the estimated number of persons who have made a claim under this provision in the most recent year for which data is available; the way in which the tax code might better promote such practices into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [56169/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Finance the way in which local authority members may access the bike-to-work scheme in their capacity of elected representatives at local-government level; and if he has engaged with the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in respect of their eligibility for the scheme. — Catherine Murphy. [56185/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Finance if he or his Department have given an exemption to the data protection laws to a business (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [56195/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for Finance the research that has been carried out into the occupancy of properties owned by REITS for which they are claiming exemption from corporation tax for the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56205/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for Finance the current timeframe for a complaint to be adjudicated upon under the Financial Services and Pensions Ombudsman once a complaint leaves the informal dispute resolution process; the number of complaints that have been upheld or substantially upheld

as a percentage of all complaints adjudicated to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [56263/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps that are being taken to create a community banking system within the post office; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56309/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Finance the outstanding balance of local property tax for a person (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [56327/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has received any report detailing the level of finance that is being given in loans by banks to builders of homes over the past ten years; and if he will detail the totals that are being lent to construction companies to build homes for each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [56380/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the fact that farmers will have to pay a 3% tax on the value of the land when they might never have any intention of developing (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56385/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Finance the status of the working group to consider the taxation of funds, life assurance policies and other investment products, as mentioned during his Budget 2023 speech; if he will provide the names of the working group membership; if representatives of the insurance and brokerage industries will be included; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56416/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify his taxation policy for biofuels; and if biofuel value added tax and levies will be amended. — Catherine Murphy. [56437/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Finance if the relevant funding will be made available to enable the expansion of the criteria for eligibility for the primary medical certificate. — Chris Andrews. [56499/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Finance the proactive and immediate steps that his Department is taking to address the excessive duty on hydrotreated vegetable oil; if biofuels that are used for heating will not be subject to carbon tax or excise duty (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [56527/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on a primary medical certificate appeal for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56551/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the primary medical certificate appeal of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56553/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting over the advised 90 days on authorisation to commence trading as an insurance intermediary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56583/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance the plans that he has explored in order to introduce a new taxation policy on biofuels; if carbon tax will be applied to biofuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56635/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the present carbon tax and excise duty charged on biofuels used for home heating; if he intends eliminating the carbon tax and excise duty on these biofuels when used as a substitute for diesel or kerosene as home heating oil in order to encourage a reduction in Ireland's carbon emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56652/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to have a bilateral meeting with his Cypriot counterpart; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56732/22]

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

*216. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update on the River Shannon Management Agency Bill 2020. — Sorca Clarke. [56742/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the maximum amount of water, without increasing the risk of flooding that has been released through Ardnacrusha and Parteen weirs to date in 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [56743/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of pinchpoints in the Shannon Callows area that have been removed to facilitate the natural flow of water in times of flooding. — Sorca Clarke. [56744/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of pinchpoints between Athlone and Meelick that have been removed to date in 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [56745/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress that has been made on the creation of a single authority to control the flow of water in the River Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56097/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the work that has been undertaken to reduce the level of water in the three main lakes on the River Shannon to prevent winter flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56098/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress that has been made on the removal of pinch points in the Shannon callows; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56099/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the involvement that the OPW has had with ESB, Waterways Ireland and the various local authorities along the river Shannon to prevent winter flooding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56100/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the deductions made from the pensions of retired teachers arising from the financial crash 2008 will be restored. — John McGuinness. [56139/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to progress the River Shannon Management Agency Bill 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56282/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total cost of payments made for all public sector pensions, including Civil Service pensions, over the past five years in tabular form; the projected cost for these over the next five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56415/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 123 of 16 June 2022, if he will provide a status update on his Department's work on the implementation of the Official Languages (Amendment) Act 2021 to date; the progress on reaching the target whereby at least 20% of staff recruited to public bodies are competent in the Irish language to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56428/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his plans to develop a strategy for the repurposing of vacant OPW buildings and unused OPW sites for public housing or community use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56429/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the supports that are available to homeowners who have been impacted by flooding and cannot secure home flood insurance; the measures that are being taken to ensure State supports for homeowners affected by flooding with no home flood insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56486/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if persons in his Department sought additional financial supports from the State to cover the additional energy costs of running the swimming pool in the Garda College, Templemore, before taking the decision to close the pool; and if he will make a decision on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56508/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the progress made to date in implementing the national recovery and resilience plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56546/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the digital initiatives underway within his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56547/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the major refurbishment works at Portlaoise Garda station has commenced; the expected timeframe of completion of these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56558/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total number of projects funded under the Brexit adjustment reserve to date; the impact of these projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56575/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the actions that he is taking to manage the significant shift in inflationary pressures and supply chain disruptions that are impacting public capital projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56576/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 272 of 8 February 2022, if he will confirm whether any of the properties in Galway outlined

therein are still currently vacant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56577/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the remaining actions that remain to be implemented as part of the Building Momentum pay agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56658/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total projected expenditure in 2022 in relation to assisting households and persons with the rising cost-of-living; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56659/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the agreement to reopen the swimming pool in the Garda college in Templemore to the public will include public classes, as well as access for local schools. — Martin Browne. [56670/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the benefit accruing to the Exchequer arising from the implementation of reform proposals across all Government Departments and subsidiaries thereof; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56672/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which reform has featured throughout all Government Departments in a way to ensure that the benefits are experienced throughout the economy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56673/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the value and benefit of reform measures throughout all Government Departments and subsidiaries thereof in such a way as to illustrate the benefits of reform in general, economically and socially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56674/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which reform has been become a feature of public procurement with a view to ensuring prompt delivery of projects and contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56675/22]

*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he expects all Government projects to continue to be completed on time and within budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56676/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he remains satisfied that levels of public expenditure in Ireland are adequately proofed to ensure the best outcome for the Exchequer and the taxpayer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56677/22]

*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which reforms throughout the public sector remain in place to ensure accountability, collective responsibility and good value for money; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56678/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide an update in regard to the extent to which he expects the various targets in Project Ireland 2040 to be achieved on time and within budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56679/22]

*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the extent to which any outstanding matters arising from FEMPI have been concluded or are in course thereof; if groups throughout society with increasing dependence on the satisfactory outcome of FEMPI restoration are satisfied with progress on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56680/22]

*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the degree to which he remains satisfied that public expenditure and reform proposals are sufficiently embedded in the system in order to maximise opportunities that might emerge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56681/22]

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

*250. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that Waterford as the fifth largest city in the State was not awarded a night-time economy advisor; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56240/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she last spoke with the chief executive officer of Fáilte Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56559/22]

*252. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way in which a club (details supplied) can apply for assistance with their excessive energy bills; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [56571/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of vacancies at Tourism Ireland; when the competition for each of these vacancies will end; the anticipated timeframe of filling these vacancies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56731/22]

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

*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position with regard to the European Commission's nature restoration law which would see at least 35% of peatlands re-wetted by 2050 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56399/22]

*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the revised wind energy development guidelines will be commenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56483/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects paramedics employed by Dublin Fire Brigade to receive the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [56594/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the proposals relating to financial assistance packages for first-time buyers or renovators that have been brought to his Department for costing and consideration; if he is giving consideration to any such packages; if so,

when they will be available for drawdown; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56283/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the position of chairperson of An Bord Pleanála has been advertised; and the timeline for recruitment of the position. — Thomas Gould. [56127/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will publish all reports given to him by various Government Departments on derelict properties in their ownership. — Thomas Gould. [56128/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the number of properties that have availed of the repair and lease scheme by county to date in 2022. — Pa Daly. [56164/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the breakdown of the Housing of All targets localised to County Kerry to date in 2022. — Pa Daly. [56165/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the eviction ban covers those in emergency accommodation who receive an eviction notice for refusal of alternative accommodation. — Thomas Gould. [56184/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will consider allocating space and funding for a public allotment in all new public parks, particularly those under the URDF scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56187/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that has been spent on Traveller housing by each local authority in each of the years from 2019 to 2022, in tabular form. — Martin Browne. [56231/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the amount that has been allocated to each local authority for Traveller housing in each of the years from 2019 to 2022. — Martin Browne. [56232/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter regarding a complaint made to the Ombudsman Office concerning a breach of a statutory requirement, under section 53(1) of the Building Control Act 2007 by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56252/22]

*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the report on the rural water framework will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [56268/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the General Scheme of the Remediation of Dwellings Damaged by the Use of Defective Concrete Blocks Remediation Bill 2022; when further details will be available, including the way that applications can be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O'Donovan. [56273/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the ready to build scheme, serviced sites for new homes will be extended to rural areas as part of the croí cónaithe towns fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56287/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when an increase in the social housing income thresholds in County Tipperary will be increased; the reason that the thresholds were not increased in Tipperary in the last review; the percentage of a household's income that is deemed a reasonable percentage to be paid on rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56319/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if an exception will be made to take into account the pressures that a person (details supplied) was under from the healthcare sector to work the additional shifts to cover leave and which has now resulted in homelessness; if he will consider this case and the urgent need to increase the income thresholds in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56320/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will be expanding the €50 million scheme providing funding for water services' infrastructure in rural villages that currently are outside Irish Water's investment programmes; if he will consider the inclusion of Carrigaholt, Cooraclare and Doolin, County Clare, in any expanded scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56338/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of group sewerage schemes that were approved funding in each county in the years 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56341/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that certain parts of the Voter.ie website are only available if a person lives in Dublin; when Voter.ie was implemented; and the reason that a public information campaign is not in place to raise public awareness of this service. — Paul Murphy. [56352/22]

*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 159 of 27 September 2022, the amount of capital carryover for each of these categories in each of these years (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56363/22]

*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will issue guidance to local authorities requesting that they facilitate housing assistance payment tenants who wish to move from one local authority's transfer list to another; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [56377/22]

*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that a redress scheme for houses and apartments with fire defects will include all impacted apartments, be they owner occupied or tenant-occupied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56378/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he intends to widen the criteria (details supplied) for qualification to the vacant property refurbishment grant scheme to include such properties in rural areas which are outside towns and villages and to bring them back to the housing stock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56379/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he expects that the vacant property refurbishment grant will be extended to houses outside of settlements of 400 persons, to which the scheme was originally confined; the properties that will be eligible under the

expanded scheme; the expected level of increase in applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56413/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of applications that have been received and the number approved, by local authority area, for the vacant property refurbishment grant; the total expenditure on the scheme to date; and the anticipated expenditure in 2023. — Noel Grealish. [56414/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will furnish all correspondence and interactions between his Department and the Office of the Planning Regulator in the past 12 months in relation to recommendations made by the Planning Regulator regarding the Cork County Council Development Plan. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56492/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if approval will issue for a project (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [56541/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time staff by grade working in the national directorate for fire and emergency management section within his Department as of 1 January 2021 and 9 November 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56561/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the budget allocation for the National Parks and Wildlife Service in each of the years 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the budget allocated to same in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56562/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of special amenity area orders in place nationally that were issued by Ministerial order; their locations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56563/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will instruct local authorities to make the record of protected structures in their jurisdiction available on their websites as a separate document to the county development plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56564/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56593/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will advise on the guidelines for local authorities regarding the inclusion of social welfare payments in calculating differential rents; if he will provide a list of social welfare payments and their inclusion as income with regard to this calculation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56618/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the croí cónaithe scheme has yet been extended to allow residents of Dublin city to apply; if not, the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56632/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Part 8 stage one approval applications for Traveller specific housing submitted to his Department by each local authority for each year since 2016, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56633/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of participants in the National Parks and Wildlife Service farm plan scheme by farm system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56645/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the measures that his Department is taking to support alternative sources of peat for the horticultural sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56660/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if persons with homes in Fingal, County Dublin which have defective Pyrite or Mica blocks will be able to apply for an enhanced defective block remediation scheme; if he will provide further details on the way that the application process will proceed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56663/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the way in which the Government intends to support indigenous Irish businesses that are seeking to make the transition to carbon neutral operations and are investing heavily in renewable technologies, but are challenged in doing so by local and national stipulations on wind energy and solar energy locations in areas of perceived archaeological sensitivity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56688/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the Government is planning to take action by way of legislation to try and rebalance the decision-making process at An Bord Pleanála when applications for renewable technologies are submitted for decision in areas that have a perceived archaeological and geological significance, given the current energy inflation crisis, Ireland's climate action targets and newfound pressures for businesses to become carbon-neutral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56689/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the criteria for a local authority to purchase a house, in cases in which the house is for sale on the open market and is currently occupied by a person who is on the housing waiting list and who is not in receipt of other State supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56694/22]

*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the necessary funding is being provided through LIHAF or otherwise in respect of infrastructural projects such as the alleviation of traffic or other issues for Maynooth, County Kildare; the full extent of the total amount of funding awarded; when the award was made; the progress to date in achieving the targets identified; the administrative or other work already completed or still awaiting completion; when it is likely that onsite works will begin given the absolute necessity for such measures as the eastern bypass route and other traffic alleviation matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56706/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the necessary funding is being provided through LIHAF or otherwise in respect of infrastructural projects such as the alleviation of traffic for Naas, County Kildare; the full extent of the total amount of funding awarded; when the award was made; the progress to date in achieving the targets identified; the administrative or other work already completed or still awaiting completion; when it

is likely that onsite works will begin given the absolute necessity for measures such as the eastern bypass route and other traffic alleviation matters; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56707/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which the necessary funding is being provided through LIHAF or otherwise in respect of infrastructural projects such as the alleviation of traffic or other issues for Celbridge, County Kildare; the full extent of the total amount of funding awarded; when the award was made; the progress to date in achieving the targets identified; the administrative or other work already completed or still awaiting completion; when it is likely that onsite works will begin given the absolute necessity for such measures as the eastern bypass route and other traffic alleviation matters given the need and urgency as now indicated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56708/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department records the number of disabled persons and in homelessness; and the number of disabled persons in homelessness here. — Ivana Bacik. [56734/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of properties on derelict and vacant site registers in each local authority area. — Ivana Bacik. [56735/22]

*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to make compliant non-compliant HAP tenancies; and if it is the policy of his Department to prioritise direct building, rather than relying on HAP to alleviate the rental crisis. — Ivana Bacik. [56736/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans for Traveller-specific accommodation in Limerick. — Ivana Bacik. [56737/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to extend rent pressure zones in Waterford. — Ivana Bacik. [56738/22]

*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the uptake of the croí cónaithe scheme nationally and in each county. — Ivana Bacik. [56739/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the role of local authorities in the provision of emergency accommodation for persons presenting as homeless; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [56740/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the position regarding the provision of home heating for local authority housing, in cases in which a council house has been made available and the closure of its fireplace has taken place; and the position where gas is unavailable, in particular. — Ivana Bacik. [56741/22]

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

*308. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his Department has re-opened diplomatic relations with the government of Venezuela, led by Nicolás Maduro, or if it is still the position of his Department to recognise Juan Guaidó as the president of Venezuela. — Chris Andrews. [56219/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when a foreign birth certificate will issue for a person (details supplied) who applied in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56354/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the timeframe for the establishment of a new election observation roster; the body that will be responsible for conducting the competition; the locations in which it will be advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [56636/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the way in which Ireland plans to engage with the IMF on its policy of austerity, with particular concern for the way that this policy is impacting on the public sector wage bills, education, especially girls' education and development outcomes in lower-income countries benefitting from Ireland's foreign aid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56669/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if the Passport Office plans to automatically email persons a minimum of three months in advance of their passport expiring where the Passport Office has an email address to inform persons that their passport is due to expire within the subsequent three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56724/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*313. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide details of the members of the national emergency coordination group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56339/22]

*314. To ask the Minister for Defence if any meetings of the national emergency coordination group have taken place during 2022 to discuss the State's response to arriving Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56340/22]

*315. To ask the Minister for Defence the progress that has been made selecting a location for a base for the Naval Service on the west coast of Ireland to service the immense area of Irish waters off this coast; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56417/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*316. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 381 of 25 October 2022, when a revised salary certificate will issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [56140/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the car park lease agreed as part of the building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56146/22]

*318. To ask the Minister for Education the way the extra funding allocated in Budget 2023 for the school bus scheme is to be spent by her Department; if the list of names provided by this Deputy of students that did not get a place on a school bus will now be accommodated; if all existing school buses are being operated to capacity; and if she will list the counties that are worst affected by the lack of places on school buses and the actions she intends to take or is taking to resolve all outstanding matters relative to this matter. — John McGuinness. [56152/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to reports that school bus drivers are currently required to retire at 70 years of age, regardless of their ability or desire to keep working; and if she has any plans to change the retirement rules. — Martin Browne. [56173/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Education when the National Council for Special Education will complete and submit its policy advice on education provision in special classes and special schools which was first commissioned in September 2018; and the reason that it has taken over four years to complete. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56186/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Education when an application for school transport will be processed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [56197/22]

*322. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that insufficient consultation took place ahead of the announcement of the proposed amalgamation of schools (details supplied); and if she will pause this process until such consultation has taken place. — Thomas Gould. [56199/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Education when the selection of schools under the pathways School Building Retrofitting Programme will commence; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [56207/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Education when the Donegal ETB request for additional resources to support students and staff directly affected by MICA in County Donegal will be assessed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [56209/22]

*325. To ask the Minister for Education if she has a policy and report on the future of second-level education on the northside of Cork city. — Thomas Gould. [56211/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to reports that a sub-contractor (details supplied) employed by a main contractor on a school project has been having difficulties obtaining payment for work carried out; and when the sub-contractor can expect the matter to be resolved. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56251/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Education if school bus tickets can be issued to pupils (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [56270/22]

*328. To ask the Minister for Education when the new facilities at a school (details supplied) will go to tender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [56271/22]

*329. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 116 of 19 October 2022, the number of applicants for the school transport scheme in County Monaghan in 2022 who have yet to receive a bus ticket; the way that plans can be put in place to facilitate these students if this figure is not available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56275/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 244 of 15 September 2022, when the next bundle of projects is due to progress; the timeframe for the conclusion of the tender process; and the projected commencement and completion dates for the project. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56276/22]

*331. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that will be taken to ensure that all children in attendance at a school (details supplied) will have access to the required number of PE days. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56277/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update in relation to a capital project for a school (details supplied); if she will outline the remaining stages; and the projected timelines for the commencement and completion of the project. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56278/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the general rules under which a special school is eligible to access administration support; and if there is any flexibility to these rules. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56279/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that special schools are excluded from the DEIS programme; and if this will be reviewed, given the disadvantage experienced by some students attending special schools. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56280/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Education if, in the process of standardisation of Leaving Certificate results year-on-year, there is any aspect of school profiling; if that standardisation takes place only on a national scale; and if there is any standardisation on a school-by-school basis (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56292/22]

*336. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that her Department has chosen to proceed with a new build for a school (details supplied) with a proposed capacity of 650 pupils, against the wishes of school management who requested a larger capacity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56291/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Education if she will respond to matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding the ability of elected members of the Teaching Council to attend its meetings; the steps she will take to ensure that elected members of the Teaching Council can attend meetings; if she will engage with the management of voluntary secondary schools on this matter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56315/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Education when the extension works will be commenced for a school (details supplied). — Kathleen Funchion. [56328/22]

*339. To ask the Minister for Education the estimated cost of implementing “ESD to 2030: Second National Strategy on Education for Sustainable Development”; the amount that has been spent on this to date; and the estimated cost to fully implement this in each year and cumulatively. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [56393/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Education when a school transport service will commence for a pupil (details supplied) who started attending a special education class in September 2022 and who was awarded school transport under the school transport scheme for 2022/2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56436/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Education her views that the drinks industry-funded programmes should be delivered in schools; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [56485/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Education if she will furnish the details of the independent report regarding the amalgamation process between schools (details supplied) in Cork; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56489/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Education if she will outline the formal process for the amalgamation of secondary schools; her role in this process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56490/22]

*344. To ask the Minister for Education her interaction or her Department’s interaction with both schools (details supplied) regarding the amalgamation process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56491/22]

*345. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that inspectors regularly inspect school transport bus services to ensure that all allocated seats are being used on a regular basis with a view to reallocating seats that are not in use given the current school transport difficulties. — Cathal Crowe. [56493/22]

*346. To ask the Minister for Education if a gambling addiction preventative and awareness education programme has been rolled out in secondary schools; if so, when was it launched; if she will; provide details of the programme; and if not, if there are plans for a gambling addiction preventative and awareness education programme to be rolled out in secondary schools across Ireland. — Emer Higgins. [56498/22]

*347. To ask the Minister for Education the outcome of the stage one report on the campus project at Clonard, County Wexford; the work that has progressed on the provision of the two schools on the site since this stage one report was reviewed; if there is any other update on both schools on the campus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56535/22]

*348. To ask the Minister for Education when school secretaries will transfer to her Department’s payroll; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [56539/22]

*349. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to provide a school bus to serve a secondary school in Dungarvan (details supplied); if her attention has been drawn to the lack of public transport in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56540/22]

*350. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new school building for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56545/22]

*351. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a school (details supplied); if same will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56552/22]

*352. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the timeline for the provision of new school buildings for schools (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56589/22]

*353. To ask the Minister for Education if financial supports are available for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56616/22]

*354. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will engage with a school (details supplied) regarding a student who missed vital deadlines as a result of having no school transport and who requires additional resources to allow them time to catch up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56617/22]

*355. To ask the Minister for Education if advice will be provided in relation to a matter (details supplied); the options that are available; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [56638/22]

*356. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the ongoing delay in the provision of promised therapists to a school (details supplied); and when they will finally be in place. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56653/22]

*357. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide policy documentation and details for her Department's pilot programme for church divestment in schools; and if she will ensure that parents' associations in all schools involved in the pilot programmes are provided with the information that they need to support the process and to reassure parents that the standards of education, governance and support will be properly supported and maintained. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [56733/22]

*358. To ask the Minister for Education the number of second level schools by county that have facilitated an education programme (details supplied) in the years 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [56746/22]

*359. To ask the Minister for Education the number of second level teachers who have taken part in teacher training programmes funded and delivered by organisations (details supplied) in the years 2021 and to date in 2022. — Sorca Clarke. [56747/22]

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

*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reasoning as to if a person who is in receipt of disability allowance and that person takes up a community employment scheme before 16 November 2022 that they will not be entitled to the one-off payment of €500, and someone who is currently on a community employment scheme who were originally on disability allowance will not get this one-off payment either; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56572/22]

*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) will have a decision on their invalidity pension claim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [56112/22]

*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for fuel allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56113/22]

*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the assistance that is available to persons diagnosed as deaf to replace their hearing aids should they become damaged; if there is a time limit on such replacement or cost; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56122/22]

*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Mayo has sufficient contributions to qualify for invalidity pension. — Michael Ring. [56124/22]

*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on her Department's position regarding the recognition of Covid-19 as an occupational disease for frontline health care workers in Ireland, as per EU ACSH Agreement in May 2022, following the monitoring of the European Commission's work and recommendations in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56125/22]

*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an application by a person (details supplied) for the State pension (contributory) could be reviewed according to section 110 (2) of the legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56126/22]

*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that she is taking to resolve the backlog of applications for supplementary welfare allowance in counties Carlow and Kilkenny; and if the applications can be expedited. — John McGuinness. [56138/22]

*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the autumn cost-of-living double payment will be considered as means for social welfare payments, such as those payments which are subject to income thresholds and where a change in income may affect a person's eligibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56144/22]

*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to increasing the level of pay that community employment supervisors receive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56148/22]

*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration will be given to giving increases in pay to community employment supervisors similar to that which was received by those working in the public service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56149/22]

*371. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that community employment supervisors did not receive increases to their pay recently that those in the public service did, even though they are paid by the Department of Social Protection; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56150/22]

*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider raising the number of hours that a carer is in receipt of carer's allowance can work from 18.5 hours to 20 hours to recognise the valuable role that family carers play in keeping people safe and well in their own homes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56153/22]

*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on an application for SWA considering that the claim was received by her Department on 24 August 2022 (details supplied) and the delay that has caused undue financial hardship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56158/22]

*374. 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. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56170/22]

*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the qualifying payments required currently for fuel allowance will remain when the new income criteria is implemented in January 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56210/22]

*376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the review of a carer's allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56274/22]

*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry is eligible for dental treatment under the treatment benefit scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56281/22]

*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a decision has not been reached to date on an exceptional needs' payment for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo, in view of the fact that this application is with her Department since September 2022, and that the person involved is in urgent need of assistance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56305/22]

*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing times for the working family payment applications in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56316/22]

*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) has to repay a pension payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56326/22]

*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current income that a single parent can earn before having the fuel allowance cut; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [56329/22]

*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the number of persons in receipt of the fuel allowance at the end of 2021 and the figure as of November 2022, in tabular form; the average waiting time for applications to be processed; the number of applications that have been refused; the number that are still pending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56347/22]

*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons that were in receipt of the family income supplement in each county at the end of 2021; and the corresponding figure for November 2022. — Michael McNamara. [56348/22]

*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that those on illness benefit have not received a double payment; if she will consider changing this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56356/22]

*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application made by a person (details supplied) for domiciliary care allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [56392/22]

*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of oral appeals held by the social welfare appeals office in 2021 and to date in 2022, which were held remotely, aurally and physically

in person respectively; the steps which are being taken to increase the number of decisions made by oral determination; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [56405/22]

*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a carer's allowance by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56419/22]

*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the most recent figure on the number of carers in receipt of carer's allowance, including half-rate carer's allowance; the number of carers who receive a reduced rate of carer's allowance due to means; and the breakdown of these rates by the number of person's receiving a carer's allowance payment under €100, between €100 and €150; between €150 and €200 and between €200 and €220, in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [56425/22]

*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the most recent figure on the total number of carers in receipt of carer's benefit and half-rate carer's allowance. — Marian Harkin. [56426/22]

*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of the total number of carers who received the carer's support grant to date in 2022; of these, the number of carers who receive the carer's support grant as a stand-alone payment, that is they do not receive carer's allowance, carer's benefit or DCA; and the number of carers who receive the carer's support grant annually, through applications made throughout 2022, in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [56427/22]

*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when retired community employment scheme supervisors can expect to receive the gratuity payments they were notified of in August 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56496/22]

*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) is on illness benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56506/22]

*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the case of a person (details supplied) who had their back to education allowance withdrawn and have the payment re-instated having regard to the extenuating circumstances of this case; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [56514/22]

*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on the case of a person who worked in the civil service for 16 years who only ceased working when they got married and cared for an elderly relative for 20 years who has been declined a State Pension (Contributory); her further views on whether this is fair; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [56520/22]

*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has received the marriage bar report from the Oireachtas Joint Committee on Gender Equality in relation to the effect that the marriage bar has on the pension entitlement of women; when the report will be considered; and when she will be in a position to address the inequities which currently exist in relation to same. — Robert Troy. [56521/22]

*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applicants on short-term work schemes who are claiming jobseeker's benefit by county in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [56529/22]

*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review will be carried out of community employment schemes with a focus on persons with a disability, given that it is currently not suitable for disability allowance recipients (details supplied). — Gino Kenny. [56542/22]

*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons who are in receipt of the disability allowance on a community employment scheme who started before 16 November 2022 will be issued with the one-off cost-of-living payment of €500 given that reports show that persons with a disability are the most vulnerable to poverty; and if the matter will be examined. — Gino Kenny. [56543/22]

*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56565/22]

*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current position regarding Finglas Citizens Information Centre, including current opening hours; if there have recently been any changes in the service provided, or whether there are any planned changes, given the vital service offered to the people of Finglas by Citizens Information; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56578/22]

*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any directives have been given to Intreo staff on the way to deal with those aged 65 years respectfully in their transition from working to being in receipt of a pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56584/22]

*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an invalidity pension payment will be reinstated for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56587/22]

*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the profit gained from the agricultural use of land (details supplied) and or the capital value of the piece of land will be taken into account for a means test for an application for a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [56621/22]

*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) has been waiting so long on their working family payment to be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56624/22]

*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56664/22]

*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the criteria necessary for an application to be successful under the farm spouses scheme in order for the spouse of a farmer to qualify in their own right for the State pension (contributory); the proofs would be required in cases in which no formal proof of a partnership exists in order for a partnership to be recognised for the State pension (contributory) to be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56691/22]

*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on a disability allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56692/22]

*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a permanent solution will be in place for the replacement of the social welfare office in Castlepollard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [56695/22]

*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether smaller schemes are at a disadvantage to bigger urban schemes when it comes to pathways to work (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [56697/22]

*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for a State Pension (Contributory) by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56709/22]

*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to recognise long-Covid as an occupational disease or illness following this Government's support of the motion in relation to long-Covid on 9 November 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56712/22]

*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a State Pension (Contributory) arrears payment due to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56716/22]

*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of families in each county that received the double child benefit payment in November 2022; and the number of children in each county in respect of whom a payment was made in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [56748/22]

*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in each county who are receiving an autumn double payment in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [56749/22]

*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in each county that will receive the €500 disability support grant announced in Budget 2023, in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [56750/22]

*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of households in each county that will receive a €400 fuel allowance lump sum payment in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [56751/22]

*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of households in each county that will receive a €500 lump sum working family payment in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [56752/22]

*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in each county in receipt of the living alone allowance that will receive a €200 lump sum payment in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [56753/22]

*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in each county that will receive a €500 carer's support grant in November 2022, in tabular form. — Michael Moynihan. [56754/22]

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

*420. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the exact process by which a centre (details supplied) was brought to his attention as a potential site for housing refugees or displaced persons through the IPAS system or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56103/22]

*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of a centre (details supplied) as a potential site for housing refugees or displaced persons through the IPAS system or otherwise; the way in which this site was selected; the criteria that were applied; the consultation that took place with the local authority, local public representatives and the local community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56104/22]

*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the significant concerns raised by senior planners in Kildare County Council regarding the proposed use of a centre (details supplied) to accommodate refugees both in terms of the site's isolated location, lack of proximity to public transport or support services, as well as detailed concerns regarding the site itself and the proposed design which lacks natural daylight, adequate communal areas, the fact that housing was previously rejected by planners at this site, and many other issues; his views on whether the project should proceed at this location regardless; if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56105/22]

*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has engaged with Kildare County Council with regard to proposed sites for accommodation of refugees; if his attention has further been drawn to reports that Kildare County Council has identified and proposed several sites to date which it has deemed suitable, which his Department has not engaged upon; the reason for this lack of engagement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56106/22]

*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on whether a site identified by the local authority, deemed suitable by those with local knowledge and professional expertise, which enjoys the support of key stakeholders, would be preferable to a privately procured "brownfield" site with legacy issues, with a view to accommodation for refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56107/22]

*425. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the decisions taken on the proposed refugee centre at the equestrian centre in Kill, County Kildare to include information on identification of site; the various bases for same, for example, suitability of site and facility services and amenities; and the dates of each and all stages of the process. — Réada Cronin. [56151/22]

*426. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential care centres provided by each private for-profit provider; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision; the bed placement capacity of each centre in the years 2020 and 2021; the average occupancy level for each centre in 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56176/22]

*427. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of residential care centres provided by each voluntary NGO provider; the location of each centre; the costs of this provision per centre for the years 2020 and 2021; the bed placement capacity of each

centre in 2020 and 2021; the average occupancy level for each centre in 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56177/22]

*428. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number and type of residential care centre provided by Tusla; the location of each centre; the cost of this provision per centre for the years 2020 and 2021; the bed placement capacity of each centre for 2020 and 2021; the average occupancy level per centre for 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56178/22]

*429. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total bed placement capacity in the Oberstown centre; the average occupancy level in the centre in the years 2020 and 2021; the costs of this provision in 2020 and 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56179/22]

*430. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will consider providing sponsorship for the Christmas lights in Saggart, County Dublin, under his Department's integration remit given that Saggart hosts Ireland's only reception centre for refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56189/22]

*431. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has plans to ensure that families who provide the wonderful service of a foster family to children in need will be given stamps towards their pensions (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [56289/22]

*432. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a report on the establishment of a UN Convention on the Rights of People with Disabilities Implementation Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56360/22]

*433. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to the United Nations statement issued on 23 September 2022 which concluded that children of African Irish descent were subjected to racial discrimination and systemic racism in Irish childcare institutions, if he has considered listing online and in the Oireachtas library, all paragraphs relating to racial discrimination in the executive summary of the commission's report, which mixed race survivors are of the belief do not accurately reflect their own lived experiences and testimony; if not, the reason; if he intends to attach the UN statement to the commission's report maintained online and in the Oireachtas library as the official and historical record; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56404/22]

*434. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied). — Alan Dillon. [56469/22]

*435. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 283 of 20 October 2022, when a full reply will be issued. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56495/22]

*436. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the basis for the removal of entitlements from Section 56 workers who were re-designated from Section 38, such as workers in an organisation (details supplied) when these Section 38 organisations were re-designated as Section 56 upon the establishment of Tusla; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56500/22]

*437. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a person (details supplied) will receive information regarding their birth having applied for same initially in January 2021 without response and having registered on the online tracing system and have been advised that it may be three months before they receive a response. — Eoin Ó Broin. [56530/22]

*438. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of adults and children remaining in direct provision in each centre in County Wexford who have been granted leave to remain for the most recent date available; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56531/22]

*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the adults and children in direct provision centres in County Wexford broken down by centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56532/22]

*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the criteria or actuarial tables that were used when calculating the cost of redress, under the proposed mother-and-baby institutions payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56554/22]

*441. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will advise a local organisation (details supplied) on the types of possible additional funding that might be available to assist them with their invaluable work in the community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56570/22]

*442. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that some children are not able to avail fully of the ECCE scheme due to there being only one date of entry per calendar year. — Francis Noel Duffy. [56631/22]

*443. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the build blocks funding programme that his Department administers can provide for extensions to existing childcare buildings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56647/22]

*444. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 797 of 8 November 2022, if he will clarify the way in which the building referenced was identified and or the way in which the attention of his and his Department was drawn; if he and or his Department were offered use of the premises by the owner or by a third party; and if he and or his officials will provide minutes of meetings and or conversations that were had with the owner or persons acting on their behalf. — Catherine Murphy. [56710/22]

*445. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of ECCE providers that have provided him with notice that they will cease with service provision since the introduction of core funding. — Catherine Murphy. [56711/22]

*446. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the amount spent on private foster care companies in 2021 and to date in 2022; the companies receiving this funding in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56730/22]

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

*447. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if one-off payments in Budget 2023 will be counted as income in the means test when applying for the SUSI grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [55723/22]

*448. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a matter (details supplied). — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [56145/22]

*449. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if she will examine an issue regarding a gratuity allowance for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56160/22]

*450. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of a student grant appeal by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56196/22]

*451. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56233/22]

*452. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if an EU student resident in Ireland for the past three years is eligible for the Free Fees Initiative if their parents are resident in Romania; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56318/22]

*453. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will consider developing, with the ETB and other statutory education bodies, networks of remote study hubs in regional towns in which there is no third-level institution footprint; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56484/22]

*454. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if postgraduate conversion courses exist to allow a person holding an undergraduate degree to acquire a qualification in physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and psychology; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56526/22]

*455. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider extending the €1,000 reduction in the student contribution fee to disabled students who have already finished an undergraduate programme but need to retrain through no fault of their own; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [56534/22]

*456. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will broaden the entry criteria for Springboard in order that persons in receipt of the invalidity pension payment can also avail of Springboard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [56640/22]

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

*457. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of female prisoners sleeping on mattresses on the floor each night in Limerick Prison during the months of September, October and to date in November 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [56848/22]

*458. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of female prisoners sleeping on mattresses on the floor each night in the Dóchas centre during the months of September, October and to date in November 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [56847/22]

*459. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda CCTV schemes in operation throughout the State; and the number of cameras used. — Catherine Murphy. [56141/22]

*460. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community-based CCTV schemes in operation throughout the State; and the number of cameras involved which the gardaí have access to. — Catherine Murphy. [56142/22]

*461. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of camera zones in operation under the Garda safety camera contract; and the number of hours of monitoring and surveying vehicle speed which they provide annually. — Catherine Murphy. [56143/22]

*462. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will ensure that an application for naturalisation for a person (details supplied) will be processed by her Department. — Brendan Howlin. [56161/22]

*463. To ask the Minister for Justice if nationality is granted to applicants who are successful to get the right to remain; and if not, if their time in Ireland is taken into account in cases in which they make such an application in the future under the undocumented immigrants scheme. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56190/22]

*464. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department implements a retention strategy to keep members of An Garda Síochána in the force; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56225/22]

*465. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána who were hired in the years 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56226/22]

*466. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána who retired in the years 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56227/22]

*467. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members of An Garda Síochána who left the force due to resignation rather than retirement in the years 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56228/22]

*468. To ask the Minister for Justice if the case of a person (details supplied) can be reviewed as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56235/22]

*469. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has been shown any evidence that MI5 is operating in the south of Ireland. — Peadar Tóibín. [56262/22]

*470. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of outstanding applications that have yet to be processed under the undocumented migrant scheme which closed in July 2022; and the cause of the delays in those outstanding applications. — Gino Kenny. [56272/22]

*471. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda Síochána vehicles, by type, that were in operation nationally at the end of each year since 2013; the number that are in operation as of November 2022 and the number of vehicles that are in operation in the Clare Garda Division. — Michael McNamara. [56332/22]

*472. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide details of funding allocated to domestic abuse support organisations in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56333/22]

*473. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide figures relating to domestic abuse incidents across all divisions of An Garda Síochána in the year to date, including the number of calls received by An Garda Síochána to respond to domestic abuse incidents; the number of criminal charges referred for breaches of domestic abuse court orders; the number of criminal charges reported for alleged crimes involving an element of domestic abuse; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56334/22]

*474. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda vehicles in the Galway division, by station and type of vehicle, currently and in each of the past ten years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56409/22]

*475. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda vehicles in each division, by type of vehicle, currently and in each of the past ten years. — Noel Grealish. [56410/22]

*476. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for Irish citizenship; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56434/22]

*477. To ask the Minister for Justice if persons in her Department or in An Garda Síochána sought additional financial supports from the State to cover the additional energy costs of running the swimming pool in the Garda College, Templemore, before taking the decision to close the pool, and if she will make a decision on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56509/22]

*478. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application for repatriation by a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [56528/22]

*479. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for delays in granting probate or processing applications of probate at the Probate Office and if steps can be taken to expedite the process. — Mark Ward. [56533/22]

*480. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a further update on a case (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56548/22]

*481. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of road traffic accidents involving e-scooters in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [56592/22]

*482. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda stations by county which were shut in each of the years 2011 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [56601/22]

*483. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda stations which operated on a part-time, less than 24-hour basis by county in each of the years 2011 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [56602/22]

*484. To ask the Minister for Justice when the next naturalisation ceremonies will be held; the locations in which they will be held; when participants in the ceremonies will be notified; the reason for the delay in same given that in many cases persons need to make arrangements in relation to family, education and work commitments in order to attend; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56648/22]

*485. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of female prisoners who are sleeping on mattresses laid on the floor each night in the Dóchas Centre and Limerick Prison, respectively during September, October and to date in November 2022; the reason that this is occurring; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56651/22]

*486. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of bench warrants currently outstanding in the Clare Garda division; the number that were outstanding for more than 180 days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56725/22]

*487. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 601 of 11 October 2022, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda Commissioner; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56726/22]

*488. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 602 of 11 October 2022, if she has received the necessary information from the Irish Prison Service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56727/22]

*489. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of the Criminal Justice (Passenger Name Record) Bill 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56729/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*490. To ask the Minister for Health further to his commitment in Dáil Éireann on 5 October 2022, if he responded to the matters raised by an organisation (details supplied) with him. — Mary Lou McDonald. [56459/22]

*491. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has ever considered the need to look at public procurement in view to retention of staff in the HSE (details supplied). — Richard O'Donoghue. [56783/22]

*492. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a situation regarding GP services in a rural area in County Wicklow (details supplied); if these services can be reinstated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56058/22]

*493. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [56115/22]

*494. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite an appointment for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [56116/22]

*495. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be taken on Tallaght University Hospital's submission for a new 72-inpatient bed block. — Seán Crowe. [56117/22]

*496. To ask the Minister for Health the assistance that is available to persons diagnosed as deaf to replace their hearing aids should they become damaged; if there is a time limit on such replacement or cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56121/22]

*497. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have utilised keltai in each of the months September and October and to date in November. — Thomas Gould. [56129/22]

*498. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the last meeting of the national oversight committee. — Thomas Gould. [56131/22]

*499. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under 18 years who are on a waiting list for mental health services, by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56133/22]

*500. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant posts in CHO2 by section and length of time that the post has been vacant under 12 months, between 12 months and five years, and over five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [56134/22]

*501. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which recommendations from the NIAC on immunisations are interpreted by his Department; the role the Immunisation Policy Team have in both implementing them and ensuring we are procuring the right vaccines where possible; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56154/22]

*502. To ask the Minister for Health the definition of "rare disease" utilised by his Department and the HSE; and the number and names of the rare diseases entailed under these respective definitions provided in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [56155/22]

*503. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with rare disease in Ireland as of 2022, by county and by rare disease type in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [56156/22]

*504. To ask the Minister for Health if a copy of the business case made for a national diabetes registry can be made available (details supplied); and if a timeline for the delivery of the same can be outlined. — Cathal Crowe. [56162/22]

*505. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the present National Sexual Health Strategy runs to 2020; if he intends to update the strategy; if he will be consulting others on the new strategy; the timeline for the new strategy to be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [56171/22]

*506. To ask the Minister for Health when his Department will issue further guidance to those who are not directly employed by the HSE with regards to the Covid recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [56174/22]

*507. To ask the Minister for Health when those who are not directly employed by the HSE but who are eligible for the Covid recognition payment can expect to receive their payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Josepha Madigan. [56175/22]

*508. To ask the Minister for Health the measure that he is taking to assist the families of children with avoidant restrictive food intake disorder (ARFID); the further measures that he is taking to address the anomaly in which children with autism who suffer from ARFID are experiencing difficulty in securing the services of CAMHS or the local CDNT team; if his attention has been drawn to the case of a child (details supplied); the measures that he will take to address the difficulties being experienced by the child whose weight has fallen to a dangerous level; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [56192/22]

*509. To ask the Minister for Health if some persons who were employed at a privately run nursing home during Covid that has closed are eligible for the Covid bonus payment (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [56193/22]

*510. To ask the Minister for Health if a surgery appointment which was cancelled will be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56194/22]

*511. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the 60 bed extension at Heather House Community Nursing Unit is yet to be operational; and when the extension will be operational. — Thomas Gould. [56198/22]

*512. To ask the Minister for Health when Section 38 organisations, whose workers are entitled to the backdated pay increases awarded under Building Momentum and detailed under HR Circular 025/2022, will be given the extra funding to award this back pay given that without additional funding these organisations cannot afford same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56200/22]

*513. To ask the Minister for Health if plans have been put in place to reinstate the HSE counselling services which were withdrawn from the Creeslough community; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56208/22]

*514. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of staff in the Nenagh Children's Disability Network Teams run by Enable Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56218/22]

*515. To ask the Minister for Health if a patient (details supplied) will be scheduled for orthodontic treatment through the HSE scheme for school aged children. — Robert Troy. [56224/22]

*516. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have been granted home-help hours in County Mayo, but who are waiting on staff to provide the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56234/22]

*517. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people that are waiting on home help hours in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56236/22]

*518. To ask the Minister for Health the awards made to a firm (details supplied) by his Department and each of its aegis bodies in each of the years 2016 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in

tabular form; the purpose of the award; the value of the award; the timeline or timeframe of the contract; and the desired or completed output. — David Cullinane. [56238/22]

*519. To ask the Minister for Health the awards made to a firm (details supplied) by the HSE in each of the years 2016 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the purpose of the award; the value of the award; the timeline or timeframe of the contract; and the desired or completed output. — David Cullinane. [56239/22]

*520. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a medical appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56241/22]

*521. To ask the Minister for Health the number of overseas application files that were assessed by each educational assessor for each month from January 2021 to September 2022 in the Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56248/22]

*522. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 650 of 25 October 2022, his further views on a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [56249/22]

*523. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) is waiting so long for their registration number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56250/22]

*524. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons prescribed antidepressant drugs in the State in each of the past ten years by age in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [56253/22]

*525. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons prescribed anti-anxiety drugs in the State in each of the past ten years by age in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [56254/22]

*526. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons being treated for addiction to anti-anxiety drugs in the State in each of the past ten years by age in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [56255/22]

*527. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons being treated for addiction to sleeping pills in the State in each of the past ten years by age in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [56256/22]

*528. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department's attention has been drawn to any evidence of the ability of the Covid vaccination to prevent Covid transmission. — Peadar Tóibín. [56257/22]

*529. To ask the Minister for Health the human rights, physical health and mental health impact assessments that were conducted on the domestic Covid passport system for entry to public establishments. — Peadar Tóibín. [56258/22]

*530. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that carers in private nursing homes were never paid the promised €1,000 bonus considering that it was to be paid by July 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56259/22]

*531. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) in County Mayo has been refused a piece of equipment, given their medical condition, the need for same, and that

the fact that it has been recommended that they have access to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56260/22]

*532. To ask the Minister for Health when a speech and language therapist will be appointed to an area in County Mayo (details supplied). — Alan Dillon. [56290/22]

*533. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting for homecare support in County Wexford; the average length of time that persons have been waiting; the single longest period of time that a person has been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56298/22]

*534. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will recognise that autism assistance dogs should have the same recognition as dogs for the blind; if his Department will consider providing Government funding in line with the way that guide dogs in Ireland are funded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [56299/22]

*535. To ask the Minister for Health when the family of a person (details supplied) can expect to receive their care plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [56321/22]

*536. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a new cardiovascular disease strategy; if a strategy will be published by his Department in the near future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56324/22]

*537. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will be drawing down funding under the EU Joint Action on Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease Scheme; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56325/22]

*538. To ask the Minister for Health when a rescheduled date for ENT procedures at Our Lady's Children's Hospital, Crumlin will be given for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal; the reason for the cancellation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56337/22]

*539. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff that were hired in each CDNT in 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [56344/22]

*540. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff hired across all therapies in each CHO and LHO in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [56345/22]

*541. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children aged 0 to 18 years of age who are waiting for first-time intervention in all areas of early intervention in each CHO, by individual area and by each composite LHO within each CHO; the number on the public list; the number on the children's disability network team list in each CHO in tabular form; and the length of time that they are awaiting intervention by age. — Sean Sherlock. [56346/22]

*542. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital beds, broken down by acute, non-acute and ICU beds, which are currently in place in HSE-run hospitals; the corresponding figures for 8 February 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56350/22]

*543. To ask the Minister for Health when the new chronic-disease management hub will become fully operational in County Clare; the location, functions and staffing details of the hub; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56351/22]

*544. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [56355/22]

*545. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56357/22]

*546. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an issue with the number of pharmacies that do not employ any full-time pharmacist, and are thus solely reliant on locums, which is pushing up demand for casual work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56358/22]

*547. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that 149 pharmacies (details supplied) do not have a nominated supervising pharmacist as per the PSI registers which is a position required by law for each pharmacy; given that many of these vacancies are long-standing, this put the responsibilities of the supervising pharmacist on to locums and support staff, if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that this breaches the Pharmacy Act 2007 and is not in line with good practice; the actions that his Department will take to tackle this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56359/22]

*548. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive an appointment for a consultation with a surgeon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56361/22]

*549. To ask the Minister for Health when a speech and language therapy position (details supplied) which has been vacant since August 2021 will be filled in view of the detrimental effect it is having on children living in that area who cannot access regular speech and language therapy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56365/22]

*550. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who are clinically discharged but who are in hospital; the number of patients who are clinically discharged in hospital for six months or less, between six months and one year, between one year and 18 months, between 18 months and two years and for more than two years. — Peadar Tóibín. [56374/22]

*551. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will provide services to a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56402/22]

*552. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that he is putting in place to ensure the availability of the Freestyle Libre 2 device in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56406/22]

*553. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ringfence funding under the diabetes care envelope in Budget 2023 to fund the provision of the FreeStyle Libre flash glucose monitoring system to persons with diabetes over 21 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56407/22]

*554. To ask the Minister for Health if there are plans to remove the age restriction on Freestyle Libre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56408/22]

*555. To ask the Minister for Health if contract workers, such as contract cleaning staff, contract catering staff and contract security workers as opposed to agency workers who worked in the health service including in hospitals during the Covid pandemic will be eligible for the pandemic recognition payment; if so, when they will be paid the bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56420/22]

*556. To ask the Minister for Health if categories of workers (details supplied) are eligible for the pandemic recognition payment; if so, when they will be paid the bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56421/22]

*557. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update following on from the appointment of a person (details supplied) for a primary medical certificate recently; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56424/22]

*558. To ask the Minister for Health when funding will be provided to purchase a necessary piece of equipment for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo, given the severity of their diagnosis and the need for the equipment. — Michael Ring. [56466/22]

*559. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the tendering process involved in the commissioning of works by the HSE to Glenwood House, Carrigaline following its purchase in January 2021, in particular; the number of companies involved in the tendering; the name of the company granted the contract for these works; the funding source for these works; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56478/22]

*560. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of any contracts granted by the HSE for building and maintenance works on St. Mary's Health Campus, Cork since January 2019 in particular; the number of companies in each case that tendered for the works; the cost in each case for the works; the name of the company that was granted the contract in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56478/22]

*561. To ask the Minister for Health the HSE's plans with regard to its use of Millfield House, County Cork; the way in which the HSE will ensure that former residents who move back there from Garnish House, as recently indicated by the HSE, will not endure further uncertainty regarding their placement there given the known impact of such uncertainty on mental health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56478/22]

*562. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 679 of 25 October 2022, the specific reason that a person (details supplied) who contracted long-Covid during their work as a nurse in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital has not yet been provided with special leave with pay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56497/22]

*563. To ask the Minister for Health the status of an assessment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56512/22]

*564. To ask the Minister for Health if a medication (details supplied) is covered under the drug payment scheme; if so, the current dosage allowable under the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56513/22]

*565. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are in place to provide joint parental rights for children conceived by same-sex couples in a non-clinical setting; the legislative reforms are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56515/22]

*566. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are in place to provide joint parental rights for children conceived by same-sex couples using a known donor prior to May 2020; the legislative reforms that are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [56516/22]

*567. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are in place to provide joint parental rights for children of same-sex female couples conceived or born outside of Ireland; the legislative reforms that are planned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [56517/22]

*568. To ask the Minister for Health the status of operations to transfer ophthalmology services from Cork University Hospital to South Infirmary-Victoria University Hospital; the costs borne to date of that transfer in tabular form; and the reasons for delay. — Sean Sherlock. [56536/22]

*569. To ask the Minister for Health the costs of moving ophthalmology patients to private consultants in the Cork area; and the number of patients who are impacted, by age and gender in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [56537/22]

*570. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff, the grade and the length of service of each staff member currently assigned to ophthalmology services across Cork hospitals; and the number of vacancies in the same hospitals. — Sean Sherlock. [56538/22]

*571. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private residents, i.e. non-healthcare workers, who have completed a course of training certified by PHECC under SI 449 2015, in order that they may hold and administer adrenaline in community settings, as was intended by the 2015 measure. — Richard Bruton. [56555/22]

*572. To ask the Minister for Health if he has spoken formally with his UK counterpart since their appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56556/22]

*573. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost of increasing the number of nurses who are advanced nurse practitioners by 2.5%; the increased number of nurses becoming an advanced nurse practitioner that this would involve; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56557/22]

*574. To ask the Minister for Health his plans, if any, to establish a day-care centre for older persons in Youghal, County Cork; the timelines for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56566/22]

*575. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 20 October 2022, if he will confirm if the health and social care professional role that he intends to establish in his Department will be at the level of chief officer; the timeline that he is working towards in advertising this role; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56580/22]

*576. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 561 of 14 September 2022 and 169 of 22 June 2022, the reason for the delay in the payment of the pandemic recognition payment to eligible staff of private nursing homes; when the payments will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56585/22]

*577. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in whose deaths the drug pregabalin was implicated since 2010, by year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56590/22]

*578. To ask the Minister for Health if agency workers contracted by the HSE, such as security staff and cleaners will be eligible to receive the pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [56595/22]

*579. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on when a new national sexual health strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56596/22]

*580. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on his Department's progress in making hepatitis C a rare disease by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [56597/22]

*581. To ask the Minister for Health the way in which non-HSE and Section 39 workers who worked in healthcare settings during the Covid-19 pandemic, but no longer work in the role, will be able to apply for their pandemic recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56614/22]

*582. To ask the Minister for Health the staff turnover for CDNTs in St. Columba's Armagh Road, Dublin 12 and Brú Chaoimhín, Cork Street, Dublin 8, since established. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56625/22]

*583. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a common policy in relation to staff absence for sick or statutory leave; if cover is provided; and if not, if services and therapies are cancelled. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56626/22]

*584. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the perception among the families of service users that there is a higher level of sick leave amongst the therapists in CDNT 3 as compared to CDNT 1; if the causes of same have been identified; if this is due to stress, additional workload due to staff shortages or the work environment; and the steps that can be taken to ensure that both CDNTs are fully staffed with required cover to ensure delivery of services. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56627/22]

*585. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter in relation to the provision of support for a vital service for children (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56634/22]

*586. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a child (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [56637/22]

*587. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the low availability of GP provision in the Carrickmacross area; the steps that he is taking to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56649/22]

*588. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Cork will receive an urgent appointment to meet with an orthopaedic surgeon given the particular set of circumstances. — Sean Sherlock. [56662/22]

*589. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a scheduled procedure for a person (details supplied) was cancelled at short notice; if his attention has been drawn to impact that this has had on the person's physical and mental health; when the person will receive the necessary procedure; if he will provide the details of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56665/22]

*590. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm that agency roles working within the HSE include contract workers such as cleaners and security officers, in respect of the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [56713/22]

*591. To ask the Minister for Health if it is possible for monies to be refunded following the death of the applicant if it is discovered that social welfare non-contributory pension payments had been overpaid over a number of years which had resulted in a higher amount under the financial assessment carried-out under the fair deal scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56717/22]

*592. To ask the Minister for Health the number of inspections carried-out on retailers that offer tanning and sun beds in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number and percentage of retailers in breach of legislation in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56719/22]

*593. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time occupational therapist and speech and language therapists currently employed as part of the children's disability network teams in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56720/22]

*594. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals that he has visited since 1 September 2021 in his capacity as Minister, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56721/22]

*595. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will next commence the tender process in respect to the procurement of both operational and strategic legal services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56722/22]

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

*596. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the expenditure by the Forest Service of his Department for the month of October 2022 versus October 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56101/22]

*597. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the length of time that it took his Department to process each of the 11 afforestation licences on week four of October 2022 on the weekly dashboard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56102/22]

*598. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actual applications versus the phased projected monthly plan for licence and scheme applications in his Department's plan for the month of October 2022 for Coillte felling, private felling, roads, afforestation and Ash dieback RUS in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56109/22]

*599. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has had any discussions with Coillte Ltd. in relation to the pension situation of former Coillte workers who have not received a pension increase since 2007; if his attention has been drawn to reports that workers who transferred to Coillte from the Civil Service were assured that their terms and conditions as civil servants would be fully maintained; the action that he proposes to take to ensure that this commitment is fulfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [56120/22]

*600. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of ecology input for the 11 afforestation licences issued on week number four of October's dashboard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56135/22]

*601. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the expenditure by the Forest Service of his Department is in line with budget for the month of October 2022, thereby ensuring that there is no underspend again in this Department for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56136/22]

*602. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the processing and issuing of licence and scheme approvals for the month of October 2022 is in line with his Department's phased plan for the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56137/22]

*603. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department intends to remove the dribble bar as a suitable mechanism for low-emissions slurry spreading from the TAMS scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56180/22]

*604. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can provide an assurance that if farmers purchase a dribble bar for low-emissions slurry spreading, that this will continue to be an acceptable practice into the future, given that many farmers are fearful of making the necessary investment only to find that the rules change; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56181/22]

*605. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that he will put in place for sheep farmers in view of the fact that they have missed out on the fodder scheme, and that the sheep welfare scheme has not provided any additional money in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [56182/22]

*606. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will increase the Animal Welfare Grant Programme in line with the additional pressure being faced by many organisations (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the organisation in Mullinahone has veterinary bills that it has difficulty meeting; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that the housing crisis is resulting in many more persons giving up their dogs; his plans to deal with the increase in demand for the services of such organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [56191/22]

*607. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 767 of 17 May 2022, the number of non-expiry fish culture licences granted to date by his Department; the location relating to each licence granted; the date on which each licence was granted in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56202/22]

*608. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that his Department has held back a payment for a person (details supplied) in County Mayo, in view of the fact that this payment is due to this person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [56306/22]

*609. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a full review will be carried out on the unexplained reduction in the entitlements held by a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56308/22]

*610. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a farmer (details supplied) in County Kerry with a statement of penalties applied to their farm payments since 2015, and a statement of payments received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56313/22]

*611. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of beef imports for 2021 and for the first three quarters of 2022; the number of tonnes imported; the countries from which such imports took place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56335/22]

*612. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total food products of non-animal origin imported to Ireland in 2021 and to date in 2022, by the country of origin and overall tonnage of individual products in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56336/22]

*613. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm that the HRI published figures for race attendees includes everyone who attends even those who gain free admission for example trainers, jockeys, stable staff, owners, bookies and staff, catering staff, press and racecourse staff; and if the HRI will be requested to provide the amount of paying attendees to all events for the past two years, in comparison to the figures previously published by the HRI in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [56362/22]

*614. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are plans for a sanitary agreement (details supplied) to be established between Ireland and Algeria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56412/22]

*615. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made by his Department in rectifying the mapping errors which exist in Leam, Boyle, County Roscommon, in relation to lands (details supplied) which have been notified to the trustees of Rockingham Estate, who have in turn sought approval from his Department to rectify the situation on land registry maps which appear to indicate ownership of local farmers' land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [56501/22]

*616. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can assist a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [56544/22]

*617. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56549/22]

*618. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the discrepancy in funding between the larger whitefish boats and the smaller inshore operators

(details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [56582/22]

*619. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the actual output versus the phased projected monthly plan for licence and scheme approvals in his Department’s plan for October 2022 for Coillte felling, private felling, roads, afforestation, Ash dieback RUS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [56598/22]

*620. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm the number of ecologists involved in processing the 11 afforestation licences on week four of October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [56599/22]

*621. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who received GLAS payments in each of the years since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56619/22]

*622. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of places that will be made available for the new ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [56620/22]

*623. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements that he has had with the Ministers for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to the pensions of persons who were employed by Coillte having previously been employed as civil servants, in his role as a shareholder in Coillte; his position on reports that retirees have seen the purchasing power of their pensions substantially decrease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56646/22]

*624. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the measures that his Department is taking to support alternative sources of peat for the horticultural sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [56661/22]

*625. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the recent departure of an organisation (details supplied) from a greyhound track; if it is related to the track’s removal from the organisation’s schedule for a two-week period in June 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56682/22]

*626. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there has been an investigation into the incident with an Irish greyhound (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56683/22]

*627. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current status of the review of control of horses legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [56693/22]

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

*628. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the plans that the Government has to support an organisation (details supplied) in County Wexford and across Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56622/22]

*629. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding allocated to organisations (details supplied) per county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [56623/22]

*630. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the plans that are in place to increase individual payments to Pobal participants on CSP schemes, particularly given the forthcoming increase in the minimum wage and the announced increases in the CE top-up; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [56167/22]

*631. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an extra payment will be made to CSP sponsors to fund an increase in the amount paid to CSP participants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Dara Calleary. [56168/22]

*632. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will re-examine the electoral divisions in the Clondalkin electoral area which are included in the Leader programme, in preparation for the new programme commencing in January 2023, in order to ensure that the full catchment of the rural areas of Baldonnell and Newcastle are included in the programme, with particular consideration for the ED which includes Newlands farm, which will soon be home to a vibrant local sports club; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [56307/22]

*633. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the rural regeneration and development fund category one funding application submitted by Clare County Council to her Department for Kilrush maritime training centre; when a decision will be made on the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56343/22]

*634. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she expects to open the energy support scheme for the charity sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56353/22]

*635. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total operational budget for the national tidy towns awards in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56386/22]

*636. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total operational budget committed to the grow remote social enterprise in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56387/22]

*637. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cumulative budget allocated to the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund from 2017 to 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56388/22]

*638. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cumulative budget allocated to the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme from 2017 to 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56389/22]

*639. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cumulative budget allocated to the town and village renewal scheme connected hubs call from 2017 to 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56390/22]

*640. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the cumulative budget allocated to the town and village renewal scheme - streetscapes from 2017 to 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56391/22]

*641. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an EU regulation or rule is in place that would prohibit her from providing for a dedicated sub-region for the offshore islands under Leader; if so, when the regulation or rule was first introduced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56650/22]

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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Ukraine will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54592/22]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's statement strategy 2021-2023. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54593/22]