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Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

1. 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]
2. 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]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service unit of his Department. — Paul Murphy. [56314/22]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government Information Service unit of his Department. — Mick Barry. [56448/22]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Government information service unit of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [55389/22]
6. 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]
7. 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]
8. 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]
9. 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]
10. 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]
11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

52. 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]

CEISTEANNA LE hAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

*53. 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. — Ivana Bacik. [55391/22]

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

*54. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by his Department in 2022; if he will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in his Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*55. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has been contacted or engaged by a company (details supplied) in respect of job losses at the company; if so, the nature of those discussions; and if he is satisfied that the company has complied with communication protocols in respect of redundancies. — Catherine Murphy. [56811/22]

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*57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of times that he has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57021/22]

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

*58. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that the energy credit will be paid to consumers who have more than one pre-paid metre under the same MPRN; if each consumer will receive the full €600; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56822/22]

*59. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by his Department in 2022; if he will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in his Department. — Richard O’Donoghue. [56781/22]

*60. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there is “no additional charge” to the consumer for the smart meter programme; if ESB Networks has absorbed this expense and received Government sponsorship from the Exchequer to this full and part amount; and if not, if it has passed this cost onto the energy providers. — Paul Murphy. [56774/22]

*61. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 152 and 154 of 1 March 2022, when the SEAI will provide the information requested; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56816/22]

*62. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he or the SEAI have any plans to review the rules in relation to access to energy efficiency grants and schemes for persons in homes who may have received some supports previously but who are now looking to upgrade or improve their homes energy efficiency; if the SEAI will examine the way that currently the only avenue open to persons whose homes may have had any form of SEAI support previously is to use a system (details supplied) which may involve expenditure beyond the scope of many persons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56839/22]

*63. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider introducing legislation to require solar panels built in car parks over a certain size, as has been done to increase solar panel usage in France; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56890/22]

*64. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can provide assistance to former customers of a company (details supplied) which has left the Irish energy market without refunding their customers their credit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [56929/22]

*65. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the engagement his officials have had regarding the current financial status of An Post, either directly with An Post representatives or with persons or entities such as ComReg, who have knowledge of the regulatory accounts and other such annual accounts of An Post. — Sean Sherlock. [56994/22]

*66. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will clarify that an individual will be permitted to sell turf, bought from another individual with turbary rights, in farmers' markets under the new solid fuel regulations. — Holly Cairns. [57013/22]

*67. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of times that he has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57022/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*68. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that Civil Defence vehicles and State vehicles have to pay tolls on some toll roads; if these vehicles can be added to the list of exempted vehicles for toll charges (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57003/22]

*69. To ask the Minister for Transport the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by his Department in 2022; if he will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in his Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*70. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that Civil Defence vehicles (details supplied) as State vehicles have to pay tolls on some toll roads and if these vehicles will be added to the list of exempted vehicles for toll charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57044/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*71. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that biofuels are subject to a carbon tax. — Thomas Gould. [56818/22]

*72. To ask the Minister for Finance if any consideration has been given to allowing new businesses to access the temporary business energy support scheme given that they would be unable to show the 12-month energy price difference under the current criteria; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56846/22]

*73. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to a refusal to accept a direct debit from a bank. — Réada Cronin. [56796/22]

*74. To ask the Minister for Finance in the context of insurance reform if he will outline the steps that he has taken to ensure that persons that make a claim in respect of their stolen motor vehicle receive market value equivalent payments to cover their loss rather than the estimated value provided by the policy holder; and if his attention has been drawn to instances in which persons are at a loss due to the inflationary impact on the second-hand motor vehicle trade. — Catherine Murphy. [56931/22]

*75. To ask the Minister for Finance the engagement his officials have had regarding the current financial status of An Post, either directly with An Post representatives or with persons or entities such as ComReg, who have knowledge of the regulatory accounts and other such annual accounts of An Post. — Sean Sherlock. [56993/22]

*76. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on ensuring that biofuels are exempted from carbon tax and excise duty. — Holly Cairns. [57011/22]

*77. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of times that he has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57032/22]

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

*78. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by his Department in 2022; if he will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in his Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*79. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of times that he has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57025/22]

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

*80. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by her Department in 2022; if she will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in her Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*81. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any consideration will be given to removing the broadcasting levy paid by independent radio stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [57167/22]

*82. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will give consideration in the Online Safety and Media Regulation Bill 2022, to include provisions to remove the broadcasting levy that is paid by independent radio stations (details supplied) until a fair and equitable scheme in which all media outlets pay towards regulation is introduced by the Media Commission; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [56824/22]

*83. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil i gceist aici gasra oibre a bhunú le scrúdú a dhéanamh ar na féidearthachtaí atá ann don earnáil gnó, bunaithe ar an teanga a neartú, le go gcruthófar ioncam níos mó agus poist as an earnáil seo, gurb í an achmhainn nádúrtha is mó atá sna limistéir Ghaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56875/22]

*84. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad iad na pleananna atá aici le TG4 a neartú agus lena chinntiú go mbeidh comhréir chothrom idir

an maoiniú stáit atá ag TG4 le hais RTÉ; an bhfuil i gceist aici gasra oibre a bhunú le breathnú air sin agus ar an gcleachtas atá ann maidir le maoiniú S4C sa Bhreatain Bheag; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [56876/22]

*85. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when she plans to open the next round of sports capital funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56917/22]

*86. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán, maidir le Ceist Phairliminte Uimhir. 43 de 29 Meán Fómhair 2022, an ndearbhóidh sí go bhfuil oifigeach pleanála teanga ceaptha i mBearna agus Cnoc na Cathrach; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [56932/22]

*87. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of times that she has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that she visited in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57023/22]

*88. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of applications from County Clare that have been made and that have been successful under the Sports Capital Programme since its reintroduction in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57035/22]

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

*89. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a person (details supplied) will receive their compensation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57009/22]

*90. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the details of the lands that are currently owned by the National Parks and Wildlife Service surrounding the Lough Carra catchment area; if there is a plan to acquire future land holdings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56797/22]

*91. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of all foreshore licence applications covering the Shannon Estuary basin in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57019/22]

*92. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times that he has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57026/22]

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

*93. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that a person should take who as a young teenager was subjected to mistreatment by British soldiers while living in the North of Ireland and who is now suffering with a number of conditions (details supplied); the way that they can seek

justice for the wrongs that were committed against them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56814/22]

*94. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the steps that Ireland has taken to address human rights violations in Bahrain at the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva; the actions that he has taken to request the release of all the political prisoners in Bahrain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56813/22]

*95. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will condemn the issue of human rights' abuses by the current and past governments of Pakistan against the people of Sindh and Balochistan in Pakistan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56834/22]

*96. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will ensure that the passport application for a child (details supplied) will be processed urgently by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [56909/22]

*97. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of times that he has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57031/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*98. To ask the Minister for Defence the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by his Department in 2022; if he will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in his Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*99. To ask the Minister for Defence the action that his Department is taking to prevent Defence Forces uniforms, insignia and intellectual property being used to promote hate speech online (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [56841/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*100. To ask the Minister for Education the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by her Department in 2022; if she will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in her Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*101. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that she has to increase spaces on buses available for school transport in County Louth arising from the additional funding allocated in Budget 2023; if she will provide a firm date as to when the additional provision will come on stream; the number of additional places that will be made available in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56763/22]

*102. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that an application from Cavan Monaghan ETB in respect of urgently needed additional accommodation for a college (details supplied) is processed speedily to allow for the new modular buildings to be available at the beginning of the 2023-2024 academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [56772/22]

*103. To ask the Minister for Education if there are plans to take into consideration the timing of Leaving Certificate exam result rechecks to happen prior to college course offers. — Joe Flaherty. [56806/22]

*104. To ask the Minister for Education when individual transport to and from a school (details supplied) will be arranged for a child with special needs in County Tipperary who is currently unable to attend school due to having no school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56819/22]

*105. To ask the Minister for Education if any consideration has been given with respect to students with a diagnosis of dyscalculia being considered for mitigating allowances when they sit their State examinations, similar to other diagnosed disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56851/22]

*106. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether the Irish curriculum and Junior and Leaving Certificate level is fit for purpose; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56858/22]

*107. To ask the Minister for Education her views on whether there should be a full Irish oral examination for Junior Certificate students; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56859/22]

*108. To ask the Minister for Education if the Irish curriculum will be updated to allow students to have a better level of Irish speech when leaving school including oral and written levels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56860/22]

*109. To ask the Minister for Education the strategies that her Department is implementing to tackle the issue of the prevalence of sexual violence against women and girls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56862/22]

*110. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 80 of 9 November 2022, if she will provide a breakdown by county of the 370 special classes set to open in 2023, in tabular form, specifically with regard to units in County Tipperary; the school locations in which these classes will be opening; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56871/22]

*111. To ask the Minister for Education when a school transport appeal case will be determined for a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [56889/22]

*112. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools in County Tipperary that have been allocated funding for construction projects but are still awaiting permission for construction to commence in tabular form; the date that these schools were approved for funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57006/22]

*113. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure a student (details supplied) who requires a laptop as assistive technology is provided with this essential equipment. — Holly Cairns. [57012/22]

*114. To ask the Minister for Education the number of times that she has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that she visited in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57027/22]

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

*115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the details of the weekly allowance that is being paid to Ukrainian refugees in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [56791/22]

*116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by her Department in 2022; if she will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in her Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she expects the gratuity payment to former community employment scheme supervisors to be paid in full, given that her Department confirmed that some payments have been received but many former CE scheme supervisors are still waiting for their payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56766/22]

*118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on an appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56771/22]

*119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if school caretakers who worked during the pandemic are included in the Covid bonus payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56776/22]

*120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the HB1 application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56777/22]

*121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider incorporating outgoings and household expenses into the means test for payments from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [56780/22]

*122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who works past their 66th birthday in accordance with the new pension laws which are to be introduced, will be able to pay a full rate contribution after their 66th birthday if they work past that date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56809/22]

*123. 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. [56815/22]

*124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will respond to concerns raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of the community employment scheme employment conditions and responsibility; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56823/22]

*125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when recipients of disability benefit will receive their bonus week payment as part of the recently announced cost-of-living supports measures. — Joe Flaherty. [56835/22]

*126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to providing community employment, Tús, and rural social scheme supervisors with a bonus payment, in recognition of the work that they carried out during the Covid-19 pandemic and of the valuable work that they carry out in communities across the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [56844/22]

*127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the applications by persons (details supplied) for PPS numbers can be processed without delay, given that they are awaiting same in order to open a business. — Robert Troy. [56845/22]

*128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a matter in relation to a payment for a person (details supplied) will be examined and rectified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56849/22]

*129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who applied for disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56852/22]

*130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons who have applied for the fuel allowance from 7 November 2022 are entitled to the €400 one-off payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56866/22]

*131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) who is attending a course in the National Learning Network cannot qualify for the disability support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56903/22]

*132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale behind excluding persons from receiving the €500 disability support grant payment who were on disability allowance but transferred to a training allowance when taking up a training course; if her attention has been drawn to reports that this is having a knock-on effect of lowering uptake on courses and participation in education by disabled persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56914/22]

*133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who were in receipt of disability allowance and are currently on training courses and who are now going to be excluded from the €500 disability support grant payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56915/22]

*134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if disabled persons were given assurances by the Government that they would not be made less financially well-off as a result of taking up a training programme and that their payments and secondary benefits would be retained; if not, if this decision can be justified at a time of escalating costs of living for persons with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56916/22]

*135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that teenagers and young adults who would be in receipt of the disability allowance but who enter training with an organisation (details supplied) through the National Learning Network centres and have to switch over to a training

allowance which is the same weekly value as the disability allowance which is mandatory in order to take up training with the organisation; the reason that these teenagers and young adults are excluded from the €500 bonus payment that persons on the disability allowance are entitled to; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [57000/22]

*136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if State Pension (Contributory) and (Non-Contributory) applications were made by a person (details supplied); if so, the outcome of the applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57004/22]

*137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when assessing the contributory pension for a person (details supplied) if contributions from the UK have been requested; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57005/22]

*138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider those on a training scheme, who were previously on disability allowance but whose status has temporarily changed to training allowance and are now not eligible for the €500 cost-of-living support grant (details supplied); if he plans to include this cohort of the population who are as much in need of this cost-of-living support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [57008/22]

*139. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will clarify that persons attending recognised training courses who are receipt of a qualifying payment will be eligible for the one-off €500 disability support payment. — Holly Cairns. [57015/22]

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

*140. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a payment for accommodation will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56778/22]

*141. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the number of Ukrainian refugees that have come to Ireland by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [56786/22]

*142. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of Ukrainian refugees in the Killarney area; the breakdown of the number for other towns in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [56787/22]

*143. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of asylum seekers currently in Killarney; the status of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [56788/22]

*144. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a breakdown of the number of asylum seekers in the country by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [56789/22]

*145. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will meet with an organisation (details supplied) to discuss its concerns regarding disadvantage funding and supports; and if not, the reason. — Paul Murphy. [56856/22]

*146. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 123 of 12 October 2022, when the report of the Collaborative Forum of Former Residents of Mother and Baby Homes and Related Institutions will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56930/22]

*147. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times that he has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57033/22]

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

*148. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by his Department in 2022; if he will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in his Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*149. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address the case of a student (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56770/22]

*150. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the strategies that his Department is implementing to tackle the issue of the prevalence of sexual violence against women and girls; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56864/22]

*151. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to the UK government awareness campaign on the issue of the prevalence of sexual violence against women and girls, entitled “ENOUGH”; if he will consider developing and funding a similar campaign in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56865/22]

*152. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of times that he has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57029/22]

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

*153. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the UK government awareness campaign on the issue of the prevalence of sexual violence against women and girls, entitled “ENOUGH”; if she will consider developing and funding a similar campaign in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56863/22]

*154. To ask the Minister for Justice the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by her Department in 2022; if she will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in her Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*155. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of “permission to remain in the State as the spouse of an Irish national” applications currently queued for processing at this time; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56758/22]

*156. To ask the Minister for Justice the average length of time that a “permission to remain in the State as the spouse of an Irish national” is queued to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56759/22]

*157. To ask the Minister for Justice the average turnaround for a “permission to remain in the State as the spouse of an Irish national” application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56760/22]

*158. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of “permission to remain in the State as the spouse of an Irish national” applications currently being actively processed by the residence division of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56761/22]

*159. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff in the residence division of her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56762/22]

*160. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application for citizenship by a person (details supplied) will be finalised. — Joe Flaherty. [56803/22]

*161. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider simplifying the visa process for non-EU workers. — Paul Murphy. [56807/22]

*162. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount of funding that has been invested into sporting organisations as a result of the Immigrant Investor Programme for each year since 2016; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [56820/22]

*163. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of staff currently working at the Coroner’s Office in Whitehall, Dublin 9. — Jim O’Callaghan. [56840/22]

*164. To ask the Minister for Justice when the threshold for free legal aid was last reviewed; if there are any plans to review it in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56867/22]

*165. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on an application for citizenship by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [56872/22]

*166. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are currently any plans to fund a new domestic violence refuge in the area of County Louth and east County Meath to help deal with the significant pressures on the current services provided in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [56910/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that she has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that she visited in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57030/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*168. To ask the Minister for Health the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by his Department in 2022; if he will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in his Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*169. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide clarity on a matter (details supplied) in relation to minor injury unit opening times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56764/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1556 of 14 June 2022, if he will ensure that a facility (details supplied) receives funding to extend its property in the 2023 HSE estimates process; when a decision is likely on projects included in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56765/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for Health the systems that are in place for financial protection and assistance for frontline healthcare workers who, having contracted Covid-19 in the course of their hospital duties, subsequently developed long-Covid, and having exceeded their sick leave, are now to face their continued absence from work without any pay; his views on whether a particular duty on the part of the State pertains to those workers who developed long-Covid from infection contracted in the line of fulfilling their own work duties for the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [56767/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for Health the basis for a recent decision in regard to home births (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [56798/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with disabilities in south Tipperary who are receiving shared residential services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56799/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children with disabilities in south Tipperary who are classed as being in need of shared residential services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56800/22]

*175. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new shared residential services that have been developed in the past five years in south Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56801/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for Health the full list of respite services that are available to children with disabilities in south Tipperary; if they are operational on a full-time or part-time basis; the number of children who are in receipt of these respite services; the timeframe between a respite session; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [56802/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for Health if public health nurses will no longer be carrying out developmental routine baby and child checks unless the child is recommended by a medical practitioner as priority or considered priority by a public health nurse (details supplied); and if so, the reason that developmental routine checks for all children are no longer available. — Gino Kenny. [56805/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to Section 38 organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56808/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a date for the pending human tissue Bill (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [56825/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to health service workers in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [56838/22]

*181. To ask the Minister for Health if he will explain the delay in processing the payments to Section 39 organisations to bring their pay levels in line with those employed by Section 38 agencies; and if the matter will be expedited.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [56853/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for Health if exceptions can be made to medical card rules for a person who needs treatment (details supplied); if exemptions are available in emergency situations which would allow them to get the treatment on their GMS card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56857/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for Health the dates that the manufacturer of evusheld initially offered availability of the treatment in Ireland and applied for reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56868/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive a date for ENT surgery at Sligo University Hospital; if they are on the routine or emergency waiting list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [56869/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 366 of 26 May 2022, if he will outline all payments made to all contractors and recruitment firms detailed in the other categories for >60k for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022. — Sean Sherlock. [56873/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 366 of 26 May 2022, the financial audits and value-for-money investigations that have been carried out on spending as outlined. — Sean Sherlock. [56874/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for Health the current vacancies in public health nursing by LHO and CHO; the number of public health nurses employed directly by the HSE; the number employed by agency and temporary secondment by each CHO and LHO; and the cost associated with the agency staff in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [56902/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [56913/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the reason that a reconstructive skin removal surgeon has not yet been appointed as part of obesity care; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there are huge issues associated with significant weight loss resulting in excess skin which causes many issues, including physical, psychological and emotional difficulties and weight regain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56928/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the progress that has been made on his work to introduce a public health obesity act, including examining restrictions on promotion and advertising aimed at children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [56998/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residents in the Owenacurra Centre, Midleton on 1 January 2021; the facilities that each of those residents from that date onwards have moved to since, including the number of residents who may have moved to the same facility; the number of residents who have moved to single rooms; the number of residents who have moved to shared rooms in other facilities; the number of other residents in those shared rooms in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [57001/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their pension increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57007/22]

*193. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to provide specialist gynaecology services for individuals with down syndrome. — Holly Cairns. [57014/22]

*194. To ask the Minister for Health the number of private consultants who have run clinics in public hospitals paid through the National Treatment Purchase Fund over the past five years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57018/22]

*195. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that he has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57034/22]

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

*196. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by his Department in 2022; if he will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in his Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1269 of 8 November 2022, the number of times that his Department met with a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [56804/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown of all horse deaths on Irish racetracks per track from 2008 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Murphy. [56817/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of fertiliser quality checks carried-out by his Department; the procedures followed for same; the results of the tests carried-out to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56842/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the tolerance levels used in ingredients declarations on animal concentrate feed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [56843/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a report arising from an investigation into a complaint made by a person (details supplied) relative to an on-farm inspection in 2013, is now completed; if so, if the report will be published; the reason that the findings of the report have not been communicated to the person who made the complaint; if he or his senior officials will meet the complainant to discuss the status of the report and the next steps in the process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [56850/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of badgers that were culled or vaccinated in each of the years 2019 to 2021. — Marian Harkin. [56870/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that representatives of an organisation (details supplied) are included in the industry led working group in regard to the request for tenders dated 12 October 2022 relating to services to prepare a business plan for the establishment of an Irish group forest certification scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [56895/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will ensure that representatives of each existing group certification scheme in Ireland are included in the industry-led working group in regard to the request for tenders dated 12 October 2022 relating to services to prepare a business plan for the establishment of an Irish group forest certification scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [56896/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [56995/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will provide details of the funding allocated to all producer organisations in the fishing sector annually since 1 January 2018, including the total amounts as of 31 October 2022. — Holly Cairns. [57010/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the annual afforestation target in the Forest Strategy implementation plan draft for public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57016/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the difference in annual afforestation targets between that specified by an organisation (details supplied) and the draft forest strategy implementation plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57017/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of times that he has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that he visited in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57024/22]

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

*210. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total financial amount on both a daily and yearly basis, of EU fines being paid by her Department in 2022; if she will provide the corresponding figures for 2020 and 2021, including the specifics of each case in her Department. — Richard O'Donoghue. [56781/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will include churches in any scheme to assist with lighting and heating costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56779/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of times that she has visited County Clare since the Government took office; and the locations that she visited in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [57028/22]

**CEISTEANNA, SEACHAS CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH,
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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 17 NOVEMBER, 2022**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on her engagements with RTÉ with regard to pay parity for Irish language workers within the broadcaster. — Matt Carthy. [56642/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to make funding streams available to King John's Castle in Limerick, following the recent handover of the castle to Limerick City and County Council; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [56959/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the basic income for the arts scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56905/22]

4. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the date of commencement of payment of the basic income for the arts; the number that have started receiving weekly payments; and the number that are still awaiting the processing of payments. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56972/22]

5. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way that negotiations are proceeding with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in relation to reviewing or recalibrating sporting club commitments under the large-scale sporting infrastructure fund scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56519/22]

6. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way that her Department intends to protect referees at local matches from physical and verbal abuse; the engagement that has taken place with national governing bodies and match official representatives on this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56769/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the provisions that are in place to ensure that artists who are members of the Travelling community are properly represented and supported within the arts sector in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56904/22]

8. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 604 of 26 April 2022, the progress that has been made in the development of the national swimming strategy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56522/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the sports capital and equipment programme; and when she expects the programme to open for applications for 2023. — Alan Dillon. [56950/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if her attention has been drawn to the concerns recently raised by an organisation (details supplied) regarding the buy-out contracts and inadequate remuneration for actors and performers in relation to their intellectual property rights on publicly-funded film productions and the concerns raised by representatives of film crew about blacklisting and the lack of rights for workers on publicly-funded film productions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56981/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 7 of 1 October 2020, if the referenced review of the large-scale sports infrastructure fund has been completed; and the intended timeframe in which she intends to reopen the fund to facilitate new applications from local authorities for funds in support of constructing new swimming pools. — Matt Carthy. [56641/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that County Louth received the lowest level of funding in the country through the Sport Ireland Dormant Account Funding announced on 27 October 2022 despite the key recommendations in the Geiran Report including the need for greater levels of funding for sports clubs and organisations for Drogheda to address disadvantage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56924/22]

13. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán na dátaí tosach feidhme do gach foráil ar leith in Acht na dTeangacha Oifigiúla (Leasú) 2021 a leagadh amach go soiléir i bhfoirm tábla, chomh maith le liosta sonrach de na forálacha sin atá i bhfeidhm cheana féin agus liosta eile sonrach de na forálacha nach bhfuil i bhfeidhm go fóill, agus liosta de dhátaí agus sonraí faoi gach cruinniú a bhí ag an gCoiste Comhairleach um Sheirbhísí Gaeilge ó bunaíodh é. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56973/22]

14. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cén fáth ina bhfuil tríú tuarascáil athbhreithnithe le ceithre bliana anuas á lorg ag Foras na Gaeilge, agus tuarascáil eile i ndán dóibh ina dhiaidh sin, faoi chóras na gceanneagraíochtaí Gaeilge, cé mhéad airgead ina iomlán atá á chaitheamh ar na tuarascálacha seo, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici tabhairt faoin dteip leanúnach atá le feiceáil fud fad éarnáil stát na Gaeilge tairscintí a mhealladh i dtaca le hobair athbhreithnithe agus comhairliúcháin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56975/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views that more legislation needs to be implemented to protect an independent media sector in Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [56989/22]

16. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a review of sports capital is underway; if any changes in the format for the next round of funding calls are planned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [56605/22]

17. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán briseadh síos sonrach a dhéanamh ar an maoiniú breise d'Údarás na Gaeltachta fógartha i gCáinainéis 2023, de réir maoiniú caipitil, maoiniú reatha don riarachán, agus maoiniú reatha don fhorbairt pobal, agus a mhíniú cén fáth gurb é Údarás na Gaeltachta an t-aon eagrais stát freagrach as forbairt tionscal agus fostaíocht a chruthú atá fós ag fáil níos lú maoiniú caipitil in aghaidh na bliana ná mar a bhí i 2008, i gcomparáid mar shampla le IDA Ireland agus Fiontar Éireann. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56974/22]

18. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Phairliminte 47576/22, stádas an ghrúpa idir-rannach atá ag obair chun cúrsaí pleanála i gceantair Ghaeltachta a chur chun cinn; soiléiriú a thabhairt ar an gcruinniú is déanaí den ghrúpa; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [56943/22]

19. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the outlook for the 2023 tourism year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [56894/22]

20. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Pharlaiminte 47575/22, soiléiriú a thabhairt ar stádas an grúpa oibre a bunaíodh mar thoradh ar thaighde a rinneadh do Thuismitheoirí na Gaeltachta; líon na n-uaireanta a bhuail an grúpa oibre le chéile go dtí seo; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [56945/22]

21. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad a dhéanfar chun a chinntiú go mbeidh rochtain níos fearr ag pobail faoi mhíbhuntáiste ar an nGaeilge agus ar na ceantair Ghaeltachta; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [56953/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on her Department's work to reform Ireland's night-time economy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56302/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on Ireland's participation in a joint bid to host Euro 2028. — Willie O'Dea. [56829/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an interim report in respect of the work of her Department under the shared island dialogue. — Charles Flanagan. [56854/22]

25. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the provision of a night-time economy manager in Drogheda to help develop a night-time economy strategy; when the role is expected to be filled; the grade of the role; the time period of the contract; if other relevant information will be provided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56925/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the development of a velodrome on the National Sport Campus. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [56833/22]

27. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán cad iad na pleananna atá aici chun tacú le teaghlaigh breis tithe a chur in oiriúint lena bheith ar fáil do na coláistí samhraidh Gaeltachta. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56828/22]

28. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she would be in favour of the extension of Ireland's Ancient East marketing brand to include counties such as Antrim, Armagh and Down; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [56969/22]

29. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will ensure that a proposal (details supplied) is given detailed consideration in the context of the further development of Ireland's tourism industry on a cross-Border and all-Ireland basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56963/22]

30. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the efforts that are being taken by her Department to promote the Irish language in public settings; the steps that she is taking to preserve Gaeltacht areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [56215/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if additional resources could be made available for Sport Ireland, in order to encourage the participation of young persons, particularly those in disadvantaged areas, in sport. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56826/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures that are being considered to develop the Lee Valley as a stand-alone destination for domestic and international tourism markets, given that the N22 bypass is opening for Macroom; her engagement with the various stakeholders to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56933/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will consider dramatically increasing the number of participants in the basic income for the arts pilot scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56505/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports available to sporting clubs and associations to deal with the rising cost of energy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56376/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the degree to which she continues to pursue the mission statement of her Department under each heading, with a view to ensuring the maximum support in all situations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56686/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the work completed under the safe-to-create programme. — Niamh Smyth. [56831/22]

37. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next round of sports capital funding will be announced; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56768/22]

38. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the National Famine Commemoration Committee last met; if a rotation of venue by province remains the policy for the National Famine Commemoration Day; and if it is intended to proceed with an international/twinning An Gorta Mór day in 2023 as previously outlined. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56971/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if specific funding along with the peace plus programme will be available over the next few years to develop cross-Border tourism projects; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56964/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a report in relation to the large-scale sports capital programme by the overall list of the grants that have been made available to successful applicants under this scheme, a list of the clubs that made valid appeals under the programme, the grant amounts awarded to clubs that successfully appealed her Department's decision not to award grants, a list of valid appeals under the programme which her Department has on hand for more than two years; when those clubs that have lodged valid appeals under the programme can expect a decision on their grant applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56504/22]

41. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way in which funding provided by her Department in the arts sector is helping revitalise rural Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56911/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will outline her proposals in respect of a current bid by Ireland to host a Tour de France stage. — Charles Flanagan. [56855/22]

43. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she proposes to maximise Ireland's culture at home and abroad, with a view to ensuring maximum benefit therefrom; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56687/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her views on the prospect of the introduction of varying VAT rates for different parts of the tourism sector; if she intends to raise this with the Minister for Finance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [56970/22]

45. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 604 of 26 April 2022, if the national swimming strategy working group has been established; if so, the membership of this group; when she expects the group to hold its first meeting; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56523/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans to financially support the Irish women's football team following their success in getting to the World Cup finals in summer 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56983/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her Department's plans for a future round of the sports capital grants scheme; the timeframe for the commencement of the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [56984/22]

48. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán soiléiriú a thabhairt ar stádas An tAthbhreithniú ar chás na gcoláistí samhraidh; cathain a chríochnófar An tAthbhreithniú; agus an ndéanfaidh sí ráiteas ina thaobh. — Catherine Connolly. [56944/22]

49. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way in which climate action, adaptation and sustainability will be considered and prioritised in the development of the sports campus at Abbotstown; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [56952/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures that her Department is taking to increase female participation in Irish sports at a local and professional level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56301/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of the Munster football centre of excellence in Glanmire; the interaction that she has had with an organisation (details supplied) and Cork city in this regard; the status of the grant money allocated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56518/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the hospitality measures that are in place for the tourism industry for 2023 given the fact that many hotels are being used as temporary accommodation for Ukrainian citizens; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56951/22]

53. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the night-time economy support scheme. — Niamh Smyth. [56837/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update in relation to interactions with the IABA; the current position with regards to future funding for the IABA; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [56375/22]

55. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán maidir le Ceist Phairliminte 47573/22 cén dul chun cinn atá déanta maidir leis an tríú gné den obair athbhreithniúcháin atá idir lámha ag Údarás na Gaeltachta maidir leis na córais agus maidir leis an gcur chuige atá i ngníomh ag an Údarás faoi láthair chun tacú le cur chun cinn na Gaeilge sna cliantchuideachtaí agus ar na bealaí ina ndéantar an t-ábhar a bhaineann leo a riaradh. — Catherine Connolly. [56942/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 13 of 29 September 2022, the status of the legacy framework arising from Galway 2020; when the framework will be published; the breakdown of the way that the remaining €1 million from her Department's commitment to Galway 2020 will be spent; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56941/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the development of a major events strategy. — Willie O'Dea. [56830/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on the €35 million fund for sports clubs and organisations to help them meet energy costs, as part of Budget 2023. — Jim O'Callaghan. [56827/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason there was a reduction in the budget allocation for arts and culture in budget 2023; the implications of such a reduction; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [56982/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update on Ireland's participation in a joint bid to host the Tour de France. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [56832/22]

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

61. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has engaged, or will engage with childcare providers in Dublin regarding their concerns with the core funding model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56369/22]

62. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will detail the implementation of schemes to reduce childcare costs by 25%; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [56986/22]

63. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way that his Department is supporting all those who have arrived seeking international protection to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [56701/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he remains satisfied that the interests of children remain to the fore to the greatest extent possible in all situations where their interest may be challenged; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56684/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of recent HIQA inspections of IPAS-contracted properties. — Pa Daly. [56573/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the details of the measures that he has implemented to tackle the cost of childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [56216/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when parents who use childminders will be able to benefit from the reduction in childcare fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [56370/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when he expects paid domestic violence leave to come into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [56879/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if support can be provided to a family resource centre (details supplied) in Killeshandra. — Niamh Smyth. [56881/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the percentage amount that investment in early years has increased by in each of the past eight years; the total

percentage increase in that period; his plans for future investment in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56222/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way that the proposed national centre for research and remembrance in respect of survivors of institutional abuses during the twentieth century will function; the form that it will take; if it will have a board; when he expects the centre to be formed; the site that will be developed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O’Dea. [56880/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his response to the report by an organisation (details supplied) concerning urgent action to address accommodation crisis for persons seeking protection in Ireland. — Holly Cairns. [56955/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to reports that new mothers who are in employment lack suitable times and spaces to breastfeed or express breast milk in their workplaces; the measures that he proposes to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [56882/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the degree to which he remains satisfied with the current arrangement that sees private for-profit foster care companies fulfilling the Government’s obligation in regard to children in care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [56886/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to recent media reports that Government plans to end direct provision by 2024 are to be watered down and that persons in direct provision may be charged rent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56940/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the Irish Refugee Council Report titled “Accommodation Crisis 2022: Response and Recommendations” published in October 2022, that states that the Irish protection system is in crisis, that there has been a serious and unprecedented breakdown in Ireland’s reception system and that a whole-of-Government response is required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56938/22]

77. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the current status with respect to the national strategy for women and girls, the migrant integration strategy and the national Traveller and Roma inclusion strategy; if he has extended the lifetime of any of these strategies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56525/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on his Department’s plans for an agency which will drive forward the development of the childcare sector. — Richard Bruton. [56603/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the progress of improving the pay and conditions of those who work in the childcare sector. — Sean Sherlock. [56897/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the ECCE funding model; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [56976/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied that adequate support exists for all children insofar as is possible who might be subjected to a threat from any quarter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [56685/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider increasing the current ECCE capitation per child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56918/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of requests that have been made for information under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022, since the website was launched; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [56991/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 133 of 13 October 2022, if he will provide an update on the review of projected timelines for the implementation of a White Paper to end direct provision and to establish a new international protection support service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56946/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress that has been made to date under the community sponsorship programme; his plans to further develop the programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [56524/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on progress towards implementation of the new Employee Regulation Order for the early years' sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [56878/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that he is taking in response to difficulties by persons in accessing their personal information under the Birth Information and Tracing Act 2022. — Holly Cairns. [56958/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the discussions that his Department is having to address the concerns of ECCE providers over the core funding scheme; the steps that he will be taking to prevent rolling closures of these providers in the coming weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [56999/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that he is taking to engage with survivors concerning the forthcoming intervention at the Tuam site under the Institutional Burials (Amendment) Bill 2022. — Holly Cairns. [56954/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he is satisfied that adequate capital funding is available over the next few years to assist in the provision of new and upgraded childcare accommodation to cater for an increasing population and also the loss of some childcare services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56985/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that persons who are dependent on disability benefit are living

significantly below the poverty line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [56939/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of individuals from Ukraine who are being housed in private properties where the owner is in receipt of the recognition payment; if he will provide an update on the number of pledged properties which have been deemed suitable for the placement of a person or family from Ukraine; the number of such persons who have been placed in pledged accommodation to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [56921/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the requirements for Garda vetting and other training or qualifications for staff in IPAS-contracted properties. — Pa Daly. [56574/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on advancements to date with regard to mandatory returns under gender pay gap legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [56987/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider the establishment of a working group with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage to begin including playgrounds and recreational space in planning requirements when building estates over a certain size. — Sean Sherlock. [56901/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of his engagement with religious congregations and church leaders to date as regards to the way that they will contribute to the cost of the mother-and-baby institutions payment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [56947/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the anti-racism strategy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [56949/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will initiate a thorough investigation in the form of a non-statutory State inquiry into illegal adoptions to determine the scale of illegal adoptions, given that the actions taken to date have fallen far short in terms of remedying this egregious violation of persons' human and identity rights; if he will commit to following up on files marked as suspicious in the course of the 2019 review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [56885/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the measures that are being taken to address the staff shortage issues in childcare facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [56919/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to reform the national childcare scheme and to examine ways in which it can better support lower-income families; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [56877/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that are being considered to ensure that childminders can access much-needed supports under the

national childcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56487/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm that he will meet with ECCE services in order to find a pathway forward and to avoid further service closures. — Kathleen Funchion. [56888/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on processing delays experienced by applicants under the Birth (Information and Tracing) Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [56887/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will undertake the development of a national policy and framework on the recognition and consultation of persons with disabilities and their disabled persons' organisations. — Michael Moynihan. [56792/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the proposed reforms to the national childcare scheme will take effect from January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [56978/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the details of his engagement with religious orders and pharmaceutical companies concerning making payments to the redress scheme for the survivors of mother-and-baby homes. — Holly Cairns. [56956/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will confirm that consideration will be given to immediately increasing the ECCE capitation paid to service providers from €69 per child to €76 per child to assist in meeting costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56368/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he intends to expand the provisions of flexible working and remote working contained in the Work Life Balance Bill 2022 to all employees, beyond those who are in care relationships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [56948/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the latest level of take-up of the core funding model for childcare for providers; if any need to adapt the existing suite of supports has been identified for providers who have sought additional transitional support and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [56604/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the details concerning his engagement with disabled persons' organisations concerning the Assisted Decision-Making (Capacity) (Amendment) Bill 2022. — Holly Cairns. [56957/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of childcare services that have signed a core funding contract to date; the average payment to a service under core funding; the aggregate monetary support provided to early years' services throughout the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [56920/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that childminders cannot access supports available under the national childcare scheme. — Alan Dillon. [56977/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional supports that he has put in place to ensure that communities that have welcomed refugees and asylum seekers are not in a position of having to use funding and resources that were previously allocated before the current crisis in Ukraine; and the supports that he has ensured are delivered from other Departments. — Pauline Tully. [56979/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has had discussions with his Ministerial colleagues on the impact of long-Covid on children and their ability to engage in society fully. — Sean Sherlock. [56900/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the childminding steering group; when he expects the group to publish its report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [56700/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is intended to ratify the Optional Protocol of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. — Michael Moynihan. [56793/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the little book bag initiative; the number of books that have been distributed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [56223/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way and when parents can avail of the indicated 25% average reduction in childcare fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56908/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the engagement that he has had with Ministerial colleagues since Budget 2023 on increasing the payments to foster carers.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [56899/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the additional supports that he has put in place to ensure that local communities in counties Cavan and Monaghan that have welcomed refugees and asylum seekers are not in a position of having to use funding and resources that were previously allocated before the current crisis in Ukraine; the supports that he has ensured are delivered from other Departments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [56980/22]