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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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 provide details of any plans that she has for the hotel and accommodation sector in 2023, with particular regard to the effect of the Ukrainian refugee crisis on the sustainability of the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [56967/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any progress has been made on development of a financial support scheme for Irish women's soccer to provide a funding scheme funding to pay a core of the top-tier women footballers, and in the process supporting both the women's national team and the women's national league, allowing the best players a choice of staying in Ireland rather than being forced abroad to play at a professional level. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57002/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she has had any communications with RTÉ on the matter of pay discrepancies between workers in Raidió na Gaeltachta and those in English-language RTÉ radio stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [56968/22]

4. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuair sí cóip den Phlean Infheistíochta don Ghaeilge agus don Ghaeltacht ó 2024-2026 de chuid Chonradh na Gaeilge agus an bhfuil a Roinn tar éis an Plean a scrúdú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [57251/22]

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OTHER QUESTIONS

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

5. 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]

6. 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]

7. 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]

8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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 tairiscintí a mhealladh i dtaca le hobair athbhreithnithe agus comhairliúcháin. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [56975/22]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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 trío gné den obair athbheithniúcháin 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

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

65. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the actions that his Department has taken to address disadvantage in early years' and childcare settings; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [56883/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the date on which his Department will take control of community specialist disability functions, including children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [56996/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on HIQA inspections of IPAS-contracted properties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [56884/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he or officials from his Department have engaged with Fáilte Ireland, an organisation (details supplied) or the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media to discuss concerns relating to the volume of hotels being used to accommodate international protection applicants or persons arriving from Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57037/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the levels of cooperation that his Department has had from other Government Departments and local authorities to assist with providing accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57250/22]

CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. 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]

117. 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]

118. 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]

119. 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]

120. 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]

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

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

*130. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason that companies in the primary agricultural, fishery or aquaculture sectors have been excluded from applying for funding from the Ukraine enterprise crisis scheme to assist with unprecedented high

energy bills; if he will reconsider their exclusion or identify alternative supportive funding streams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57081/22]

*131. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the workforce drain, in particular, the high numbers of young persons emigrating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [57117/22]

*132. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has initiated the stakeholder consultation regarding International Labour Organisation Convention No. 190; the timeline for the completion of same; and the date by which the Convention will be ratified by Ireland. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57176/22]

*133. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will clarify the holiday entitlements of employees under the employment wage subsidy scheme; and the way in which it should have been calculated. — Catherine Murphy. [57190/22]

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

*134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the details of the issuance of an extended exploration licence to a company (details supplied); if this decision was subject to an analysis of the climate impacts of the potential extraction of fossil fuel in the field; if any analysis was carried out on the impact on Ireland's climate targets and commitments under the Paris treaty; if he was given any legal advice that he was obliged to issue this licence; if any consideration was given to rejecting the application under the current terms and conditions of that licence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [57152/22]

*135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that consumers with smart tariffs cannot revert back to day night meters which offer lower rates. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57162/22]

*136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that has been made in setting up structures for a deposit return scheme; when is it expected to commence; and the value of the deposit expected of consumers. — Richard Bruton. [57179/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*137. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of applications that have been received to date for grants to install EV chargers in the car parks of multi-unit residential developments; and if he plans initiatives to accelerate their take-up. — Richard Bruton. [57180/22]

*138. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will investigate the delay in the grant payment under the electric small public service vehicle scheme 2022 to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57051/22]

*139. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will expedite a driving test for an employee (details supplied) who cannot get to work unless they can drive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [57063/22]

*140. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 307 of 21 April 2021, if consultants have been appointed for the purposes of providing a pedestrian footbridge over the Owenriff river in Oughterard; when he expects this work to commence; when the work will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [57071/22]

*141. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will examine a matter for a retailer (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [57114/22]

*142. To ask the Minister for Transport if he requires the formation of the Northern Ireland Executive to sign off on the publication of the All-Ireland Strategic Rail Review, north and south; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [57130/22]

*143. To ask the Minister for Transport the proposals that he has put to the Government in relation to the upgrade of the rail line from Foynes to Limerick; the decisions that have been taken in relation to this vital project; the amount that will be expended on this project; the details of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57151/22]

*144. To ask the Minister for Transport the bus companies that were fined by the NTA due to the fact that they did not comply with their public service obligations in providing bus services; the location of the substandard services; the details of the fine in each case; if the NTA had to obtain his approval to impose these fines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57156/22]

*145. To ask the Minister for Transport the way that it is intended to classify electric scooters in the context of use of cycle lanes, speed restrictions and obligations to get insurance; and his views on the separations between the traditional divide between mechanically-propelled and those propelled by personal power. — Richard Bruton. [57181/22]

*146. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated investment to date in the Dublin BusConnects initiative; the estimated final cost; and the expected impact when it is fully in place in terms of extra passengers, extra peak hour share, extra buses in the system, and reduced emissions from city transport. — Richard Bruton. [57182/22]

*147. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of disqualification court orders received from the Courts Service per year from 2017 to date in 2022 in which the RSA could not match a disqualification against drivers who have an Irish driving licence or learner permit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [57197/22]

*148. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm that the automation process for sending notification of driver disqualifications by the Courts Service to Transport, which went live in September 2022 in phase 1 of the programme of work, will only automate records of disqualified drivers where a driver number has been captured; if he will report on the progress of phase II of the programme of work which will cover all remaining records and the date set for completion of phase II; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [57198/22]

*149. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driver disqualifications received from the Courts Service per year from 2017 to date in 2022 which resulted in mismatches; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [57199/22]

*150. To ask the Minister for Transport when the report from the public consultation on proposed small public service vehicle (contingency measure – vehicle supply) (maximum permissible age)

regulations will be released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [57247/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*151. To ask the Minister for Finance the actions that are taken by the Revenue Commissioners Customs Officers to ensure that dogs which have been stolen are not being exported abroad. — Paul Murphy. [57058/22]

*152. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration will be given to removing VAT from the supply and installation of solar panels to assist those who wish to be more eco-friendly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57061/22]

*153. To ask the Minister for Finance the tax liability there would be for an Irish Citizen receiving a gift from a Canadian citizen, who is their sister, resident in Bahrain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57066/22]

*154. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of appeals that were heard in relation to the 'Seize and Release' VRT enforcement procedure for each of the years 2015 to 2021; the number of such appeals that were successful (details supplied); the corresponding data in respect to the 'Seize and Release' procedure for October 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [57074/22]

*155. To ask the Minister for Finance the VRT enforcement targets for each of the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [57075/22]

*156. To ask the Minister for Finance if landlords who are exempt from registering with the RTB due to falling under the Housing (Private Rented Dwellings) Acts of 1982 and 1983 will be able to avail of the tax incentive for retrofitting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57100/22]

*157. To ask the Minister for Finance if expenditure from the National Surplus (Exceptional Contingencies) Reserve Fund is classed as general Government expenditure and subject to EU fiscal rules; his views on whether this could potentially limit its use in terms of counter-cyclical expenditure in response to economic slowdown or shock; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57102/22]

*158. To ask the Minister for Finance the total rental income declared by non-tax residents as part of their form 11 tax return each year since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57103/22]

*159. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of residential properties let as declared by non-tax residents as part of their form 11 tax return each year since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57108/22]

*160. To ask the Minister for Finance the total number of commercial properties let as declared by non-tax residents as part of their form 11 tax return each year since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57109/22]

*161. To ask the Minister for Finance the total residential rental income declared by non-tax residents as part of their form 11 tax return each year since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57110/22]

*162. To ask the Minister for Finance the total commercial rental income declared by non-tax residents as part of their form 11 tax return each year since 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [57111/22]

*163. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will reconsider the proposed changes to section 6 of the Finance Act 2019 regarding benefit-in-kind, given that the changes will impact negatively on many low and middle-income workers. — Brian Stanley. [57166/22]

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

*164. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the work in which the OPW is engaged to develop a flood relief plan for the Clontarf seafront; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [57183/22]

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

*165. 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 pilot scheme. — Niamh Smyth. [56836/22]

*166. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will support a matter (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [57194/22]

*167. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she is in dialogue with the tourism sector; the extent to which particular areas of concern have been identified by the sector; her proposals for any remedial action; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57209/22]

*168. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she has received representations from the tourism, culture and arts sectors in connection with the need to ensure adequate support for the revival of the industry in the wake of various challenges including Covid, the Russian war in the Ukraine and other competition factors with a view to identifying the best way to support the sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57210/22]

*169. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to support the tourism sector through the medium of Irish culture at home and abroad, with particular reference to the needs of the industry in the present challenging times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57211/22]

*170. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she continues to promote the arts in its various forms in this country, both professional and amateur; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57212/22]

*171. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she can influence practice and high standards throughout social media in the future; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57213/22]

*172. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the emphasis that she expects to place on sport in the coming year, with particular reference to the need of facilities in all areas throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57214/22]

*173. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which she expects an emphasis on sport and sporting activities to be supported in the future, having particular regard to the successes achieved to date and given the need to compete effectively internationally; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57215/22]

*174. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which Ireland's traditional culture of welcome, friendship and support continues notwithstanding worldwide threats; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57216/22]

*175. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the extent to which it is intended to offer grant assistance to all major and minor sporting activities throughout the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57217/22]

*176. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will indicate the sporting organisations throughout the country that were impeded from meeting their targets arising from previous sport grant allocations and continue to be allowed to rearrange their schedules on foot of departmental approval; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57218/22]

*177. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media further to Parliamentary Question No. 301 of 16 December 2021, when her officials will furnish her with the review of the LSSIF considering that confirmation was given that officials had met with all successful grantees of the last LSSIF and that the review would be completed early in 2022. — Robert Troy. [57241/22]

*178. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of the €86.4 million that was approved under the last LSSIF that has been drawn down to date. — Robert Troy. [57242/22]

*179. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if any of the applicants that were approved funding under the last LSSIF decided not to proceed and informed her Department of their decision. — Robert Troy. [57243/22]

*180. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the monetary value of the five projects that appealed under the stream 1 of LSSIF; and the value of the one project that appealed under stream 2 of the LSSI. — Robert Troy. [57244/22]

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

*181. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant properties that have been refurbished for use as accommodation for Ukrainians. — Sean Sherlock. [57090/22]

*182. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional money will be given for housing grants for disability modifications due to the high costs of materials; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57045/22]

*183. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of chief fire officers, senior assistant chiefs and fire officers that are in the retained fire service across the country by county council and by grade; and the details of all salary ranges of all grades referenced above. — Alan Kelly. [57064/22]

*184. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will investigate the reason that South Dublin County Council did not build the housing promised to residents of Owendoher Haven Ballyboden, given that just over one-third of the annual budget for Traveller-specific accommodation had been spent up until August 2022 with SDCC listed as a local authority that had not drawn down any funding yet. — Paul Murphy. [57078/22]

*185. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that €72 million in funding to provide Traveller accommodation was unspent from 2008 to 2019 (details supplied); and his plans to ensure this money is no longer going unspent. — Paul Murphy. [57079/22]

*186. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the outcome of the audit on quarries that he ordered arising from the defective blocks scandal. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57105/22]

*187. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [57119/22]

*188. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can confirm that his Department, and by extension, the State is on track to achieve their legal obligations by the final European Union deadline of 2027 given Ireland's failure in 2015 to honour its legal obligations under the European Union Water Framework Directive by attaining good qualitative and quantitative status of all Irish water bodies particularly Lough Corrib SAC. — Mairéad Farrell. [57126/22]

*189. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can confirm that Ireland's legal obligations under the EU Habitats Directive will be met regarding the presence and proliferation of non-native fish species, as defined under the EU Water Framework Directive, in Lough Corrib SAC, given his Department's introduction of the European Union Habitats (Lough Corrib Special Area of Conservation 000297) Regulations 2022 - S.I. No. 384 of 2022) on 27 July 2022. — Mairéad Farrell. [57127/22]

*190. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there is an obligation on approved housing bodies to conduct virtual property inspections at the request of a local authority in order to comply with the Housing (Standards for Rented Houses) Regulations 2019; and if so, if he will outline the legislative basis for this requirement. — Thomas Gould. [57150/22]

*191. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57195/22]

*192. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the extent to which he may be in a position to alter the income thresholds for eligibility for local authority housing, given the fact that these threshold have not been adjusted for several years, that the tenants are being forced to remain in high-cost rental accommodation at substantial cost to the Exchequer through HAP; if it is expected that any such changes in the income thresholds are likely to take place in early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57230/22]

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

*193. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn the fact that two US military personnel from US Cyber Command or other cyber operations have been operating in Ireland over the past five years (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [57142/22]

*194. 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 have been taken to call for the release of political prisoners in Bahrain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [57160/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*195. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of naval vessels that have been bought from New Zealand in 2021 and 2022; if he is satisfied that the State has the capacity to store and / or moor the ships; and if there is an adequate number of fully-trained personnel to service the ships. — Catherine Murphy. [57170/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*196. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 252 of 10 November 2022, if she will confirm that Castlelyon Green, Newcastle is in the catchment area for schools (details supplied); and if so, if she will arrange for the catchment area maps to be updated and recirculated to all the local schools. — Emer Higgins. [57050/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for Education if she can advise in relation to unit places and enrolment at a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [57052/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for Education if an application has been made for an ASD class by a school (details supplied) given that over 20 children from the area have had to go to schools in other areas due to the lack of an ASD class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57059/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has liaised with a school (details supplied) on the possibility of providing an ASD class given that over 20 children from the area have had to go to schools in other areas due to the lack of an ASD class; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57060/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD units built in each primary and secondary school in south Kildare over the past five years; the location of those units; the number of places in the units; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57083/22]

*201. To ask the Minister for Education the number of ASD units in planning to be built in each primary and secondary school; the location of those units; the number of places that the units will have; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57084/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Education if research has been carried out by her Department into the number of ASD places needed in primary and secondary schools in south Kildare for the next five years; if so, the number that are required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [57085/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Education if she will consider a submission by a school (details supplied); if a decision will be reversed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [57086/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the works being carried out at a school (details supplied). — Denise Mitchell. [57095/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration is being given to increasing the rates of pay for SNAs who opt into the Summer Education Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [57096/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Education the number of special education places available at primary school level in Dublin in 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form. — Denise Mitchell. [57097/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be provided to an eligible student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57104/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be provided to an eligible student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57107/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 77 of 9 November 2022, the reason that an invitation for tenders to establish a single supplier contract for the provision of initial teacher education has been issued on eTenders; if the four existing State-funded higher education institutions were asked to increase the number of ITE places they offer before this invitation for tenders was issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57115/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57118/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that persons with e-mail addresses (details supplied) were not issued with emails to confirm their registration for a bus ticket in July 2022; if she intends instructing Bus Éireann to issue these applicants with bus tickets; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57137/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Education if she will request Bus Éireann to issue school bus tickets to late applicants who would otherwise have been eligible for school transport in view of the fact that the Bus Éireann website was down for reprogramming earlier in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57143/22]

*213. To ask the Minister for Education if there are any outstanding applications with her Department from Bus Éireann for approval of either extra or larger buses for school transport in order to meet the demand; if there are applications outstanding; the details of the applications; when the applications are likely to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57144/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Education if it is intended to reduce the distance that a student has to reside from a primary and secondary school in order to qualify for school transport for the 2023-2024 school year and onwards; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57145/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Education if a timescale for implementation of the Leaving Certificate reform process has been put in place. — Richard Bruton. [57186/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that a school (details supplied) is reducing its class numbers for junior infants for 2023, causing many families to miss out on spaces for their child; if she will engage with the school on its application for temporary accommodation which would allow for a third junior infants class and would accommodate parents currently going without a school place for the upcoming academic year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57193/22]

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

*217. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will make provision for those on illness benefit to receive a double week's payment in December 2022, and for them to be included in the cost-of-living measures introduced by the Government to alleviate some of the inflationary pressures. — Brian Stanley. [57191/22]

*218. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons who are currently in receipt of a training allowance after having transferred from the disability allowance or the blind pension after taking up a place on a FET training course, are eligible for the once-off €500 disability support grant; if not, the reason for this decision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57043/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) has an entitlement to the €500 payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57049/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the planned €500 disability support grant announced in Budget 2023 will be amended to include those who were in receipt of the disability allowance but have moved to FET training allowance given that these families and the organisations supporting them anticipated they would be eligible for the grant and had planned accordingly; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [57062/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the plans to address the payscales and current pay rates of community employment supervisors and assistant supervisors; if additional funding

will be made to locally-based CE sponsoring authorities to provide pay increases to their staff; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [57070/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will immediately review the eligibility criteria for National Learning Network students who currently cannot avail of the €500 disability support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [57072/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that National Learning Network students are not receiving the €500 disability support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [57073/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter raised in correspondence (details supplied) in which the disability support grant has been withheld. — Sean Sherlock. [57087/22]

*225. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a cohort of persons (details supplied) are being denied the disability support grant in view of the fact that they would have been previously in receipt of a qualifying payment, namely the disability allowance and have only been temporarily changed to a training allowance for the duration of their course; if this decision will be reversed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [57089/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale behind the decision not to grant the €500 cost-of-living lump sum payment to those who are in receipt of the training allowance and whose disability allowance has been paused as a result; if she will reconsider the decision to exclude them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [57098/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a claim for a disability allowance which is under review will be expedited and approved in the name of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [57116/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Carrick-on-Suir Intreo office is set to re-open; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [57133/22]

*229. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if supplementary welfare allowance will be paid to the amount claimed by a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [57136/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to the fact that recipients of the disability allowance, blind pension, invalidity pension and the carer’s support grant will not receive the one-off payment of €500 14 November 2022 given that if these persons have entered training or CE schemes they are not entitled to the payment; if this rule will be changed in order that they can receive the grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O’Donoghue. [57139/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that citizens who are relying on illness benefit are not entitled to the cost-of-living bonuses that were announced as part of the next Budget. — Alan Kelly. [57149/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether students who are attending the National Learning Network, who were awarded the disability allowance, should receive the €500 cost-of-living disability support grant in the same way as persons who were awarded the

disability allowance and are receiving their payment from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [57158/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that he will take to ensure that online queries raised through MyWelfare accounts are responded to in a reasonable timeframe; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57178/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that persons in receipt of disability allowance who are currently on a training course with an organisation (details supplied) have been excluded from receiving the disability support grant; and if this will be reconsidered given that those taking part in training courses are experiencing the increasing costs of living just as their peers. — Eoin Ó Broin. [57207/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) qualifies for the household benefits given their various illnesses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57234/22]

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

*236. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will support a matter (details supplied). — Seán Canney. [57196/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number people seeking international protection in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [57090/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of the properties provided to his Department for potential use as accommodation for Ukrainians by the Department of Housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [57091/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of the proposed locations for the delivery of modular housing by the OPW for accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and those seeking international protection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [57092/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of all contracts that have been awarded for the provision of accommodation for Ukrainian refugees and those seeking international protection since February 2022 and the value of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [57093/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when childminders will be added to the national childcare scheme; if an interim measure will be introduced in order that parents who utilise a childminder and cannot get a place in a creche could avail of the reduction in childcare fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [57132/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the views outlined by the United Nations special rapporteurs on 23 September 2022, expressing concern that children of African and Irish descent were subjected to differential

treatment in mother-and-baby homes due to their race and colour; if special redress will be provided through the mother and baby institutions payment scheme as a result of this report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57157/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department can provide a mediator in instances in which an ECCE provider and or an employee in an ECCE provider require mediator in cases before the WRC. — Catherine Murphy. [57188/22]

*244. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has advice, a circular or memo for ECCE providers in respect of human resource management or procedures that they should follow. — Catherine Murphy. [57189/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of staff in the International Protection Accommodation Services by grade in tabular form; the number of additional staff since the Russian invasion of Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57206/22]

*246. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he is satisfied that the rights of children are adequately protected by all institutions of the State which might have a responsibility if any situations have emerged to the contrary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57219/22]

*247. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which the rights of children are protected and upheld equally and in all situations in accordance with legislation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57220/22]

*248. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he is satisfied that Tusla is free to carry out its statutory requirements in all situations which might emerge; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57221/22]

*249. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Tusla has been restricted in its ability to carry out its statutory functions; if steps are being taken towards remedial action in this regard with immediate effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57222/22]

*250. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to the fact that Tusla has issued instructions forbidding named persons from offering evidence or advocating on behalf of mothers of children in family law situations; if remedial action is anticipated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57223/22]

*251. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he is satisfied that equality prevails in all situations affecting children whose rights and entitlements might be affected in family law courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57224/22]

*252. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which efforts continue in relation to integration with particular reference to the need to ensure maximum efforts throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57225/22]

*253. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he continues to promote and propel issues of assistance to persons with disabilities in line with representations received from the disability sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57226/22]

*254. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent, if any, to which he remains satisfied that issues of equality are fully honoured in situations where mothers of children find themselves in the family law courts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57227/22]

*255. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which he continues to interact with youth organisations throughout the country with a view to identifying their priorities and providing assistance if and when required; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57228/22]

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

*256. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on whether students who are attending the National Learning Network, who were awarded the disability allowance, should receive the €500 cost-of-living disability support grant in the same way as persons who were awarded the disability allowance and are receiving their payment from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [57159/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total amount in Government funding allocated to the student assistance fund for the academic years 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [57067/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a situation involving a person (details supplied) who is having difficulty gaining a college placement for their apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57240/22]

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

*259. To ask the Minister for Justice if the licence issued on 17 July 2022 to a company (details supplied) has been reviewed in view of Private Security Authority legislation point 3.6. Clause 13; if the company has been given five weeks' notice to correct this outstanding issue given its failure to comply with Private Security Authority guidelines to allow the security ERO to be implemented. — Paul Murphy. [57135/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will set out the amount allocated in Budget 2023 to update ICT in her Department; the amounts to be allocated to updating the digitalisation needs relating to asylum, migration or border controls including Eurodac, SIS and VIS; if she will set out the expenditure on these issues in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [57054/22]

*261. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has calculated a death gratuity payment owed to a deceased member of staff (details supplied) given that the delay is leading to a delay in finalising probate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [57057/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of bicycles which have been stolen in each of the past five years in the Dublin metropolitan region including to date in 2022; the number that have been recovered and returned to their owners; the understanding of the gardaí in respect the market for these bicycles; the strategy that is being pursued to reduce this number; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57153/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Justice the average length of time that is taken from application to grant of probate in each of the past five years; if work has been carried out by her Department to compare the process in Ireland with other countries; if actions have been taken or are proposed to speed up the process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [57165/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Justice the current wait time for a decision on a citizenship application from when a person first applies to the issuing of the final decision; the number of applications currently in the system; the current wait time for applications made prior to 2022; the current wait time for applications made in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57171/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who are due to receive Irish citizenship at ceremonies before the end of 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57172/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Justice the average number of decisions on applications for asylum that are made each month; the number of applications for asylum that have been granted to date in 2022 compared to 2019 to 2021 inclusive; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57173/22]

*267. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank and other support staff in each of the northside of Dublin Garda stations; and the way that this has evolved since 2016. — Richard Bruton. [57184/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received a report on the extent to which a community policing structure has been put in place in the districts covering Dublin's northside. — Richard Bruton. [57185/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to amend or repeal the Forcible Entry Act 1381. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57192/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fatal road traffic collisions in each of the years 2016 to 2021; the number of drivers involved per year; the number of drivers in which the status of their driver licence or learner permit is unknown; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [57200/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Justice if an application for family reunification might be considered in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57231/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied) currently attending a school and in possession of Stamp 2, if their status can be upgraded for employment purposes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57232/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Justice when an application for a visa might be entertained in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57233/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Justice when a stamp 4 will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57235/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*275. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Finglas primary health care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57238/22]

*276. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on staffing shortages at the Ballymun primary health care centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57239/22]

*277. To ask the Minister for Health when private nursing home staff will receive their Covid recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [57039/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will receive their Covid recognition payment. — Pa Daly. [57040/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the list of approved home support providers supplied is incomplete (details supplied); if he will provide an up to date list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57046/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any plans to financially assist persons who have coeliac disease in purchasing food in the context of the current cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [57047/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and number of staff attached to the Clonmel community disability network team; the number of children awaiting intervention with the Clonmel community disability network team in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57055/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Health the caseload and number of staff attached to the Cashel community disability network team; the number of children awaiting intervention with the Cashel community disability network team in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57056/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on Budget 2023, which announced that free GP visit cards would be extended to children aged six and seven years of age by the end of 2022; if GP visit cards will be extended to this cohort of children by the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [57065/22]

*284. To ask the Minister for Health if Children's Health Ireland has contacted Cappagh Orthopaedic Hospital regarding the cessation of funding for paediatric procedures relating to rehabilitation care; if he will provide a copy of the relevant correspondence relating to paediatric orthopaedics, rehabilitative care and similar; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57068/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that his Department is taking to ensure the long-term sustainability of Wexford Disability Service Windmill Therapeutic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [56997/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that he has had with a representative body (details supplied) with a view to ensuring that medical card or GP visit card holders will not be charged for phlebotomy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57069/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that infusion clinics are being cancelled in Letterkenny University Hospital, County Donegal; if it is planned to retain or to move the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [57088/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Health if telemedicine consultations will continue or be curtailed for persons seeking access to medical termination of pregnancy services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57094/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive a date for surgery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [57099/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the number of complaints that have been made to HSE local health offices regarding charges for phlebotomy services by local health office, in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the number of complaints that were upheld; the number of complaints that were dismissed; the number of complaints that are pending investigation; the number of refunds issued; the total value of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57101/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Health the other options that are available to a person (details supplied) to obtain much needed hearing aids. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [57112/22]

*292. To ask the Minister for Health if the provision of telemedicine consultation for abortion services is not being withdrawn; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57120/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the organisation or body that is in charge of decommissioning ambulances; the details of the policy in place as regards the decommissioning of ambulances; the process whereby a person or organisation can apply to become a vendor to look after the decommissioning of ambulances; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57122/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Health the point in the life-cycle of an ambulance at which it must be decommissioned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57123/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Health the number of emergency ambulances, intermediate care ambulances and rapid response vehicles decommissioned by the HSE National Ambulance Service in 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57124/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency ambulances, intermediate care ambulances and rapid response vehicles acquired by the HSE National Ambulance Service in 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022, in tabular form; the number currently in use; the number awaiting entry into service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [57125/22]

*297. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is considering extending the payment for those health care workers who remain unwell and in cases in which they continue to remain unwell up until July 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [57138/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Health if Children's Health Ireland sought the use of medical students to work in emergency departments during the October 2022 bank holiday weekend at any of its location; if so, if this is standard practice; the number of occasions on which medical students have been sought for work in emergency departments outside of normal educational practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57146/22]

*299. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends raising the income thresholds to qualify for a medical card for persons over 70 years of age in view of the 10% rate of inflation during the past year and the consequential rise in State and other pensions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57155/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health the private companies that have been contracted to deliver the home support scheme home help service from 2018 to date; the costs paid out for the delivery of these contracts in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57164/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health when the HSE will implement the 37.5 working week and the payment of overtime (details supplied) for a mental health nurse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [57168/22]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health if he will advise on the matter raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if the matter will be brought to attention of Rotunda Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [57169/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health the number of service-users under the care of the Midleton, Youghal and Cobh, Glenville Adult Mental Health Services in east Cork who have availed of either short-term respite or longer-term placement in nursing-homes or in CHO4 mental health facilities from 1 January 2021; the names of the mental health facilities and the number of service-users transferred to each facility since that time; if the service-user is in single-occupancy or shared rooms in the case of each transfer to either a mental health facility or nursing home since 1 January 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [57174/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide dedicated dietitians to work with autistic children given that it is common for autistic children to have issues with food or eating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [57175/22]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health if his officials have submitted their report regarding the North Inner City Drug and Alcohol Task Force to him. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57177/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health the steps being taken by his Department to support and increase the provision of disability respite in counties Laois and Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [57036/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the way that waiting lists compare now to the situation prior to the pandemic at the Mater, Beaumont, Cappagh, Temple Street and Blanchardstown; and the way that the waiting list initiative and winter bed initiative will impact on these services. — Richard Bruton. [57187/22]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 680 of 1 March 2022, if he intends to retain the practice of remote telemedicine consultations in respect of abortions; the engagements he has had with the HSE and the chief medical officer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57201/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the Sláintecare consultant contract negotiations; the details of the reported offer (details supplied); the timeline that he is working towards for agreement between both parties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57202/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 724 of 18 October 2022, the timeline that he is working towards for the publication of his amendments to the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022 to include provisions for international surrogacy; when he expects this Bill to reach Committee stage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57203/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the six regional fertility hubs; the number that are open; the timeline that he is working towards for opening the remaining hubs; the treatments currently available in these clinics and the treatments which will be available once he has legislated for assisted human reproduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57204/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health the proposed staffing complement of each regional fertility hub; the number of staff recruited, going through the recruitment process and vacant posts by clinic and role in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [57205/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health when extra homecare help hours can be made available in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [57229/22]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that all early intervention speech and language therapy has been removed from the Ballymun area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57237/22]

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

*315. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of badgers that were infected with TB of those that have been culled or vaccinated in 2019, 2020 and 2021. — Marian Harkin. [57042/22]

*316. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the emergency funding that may be available to help alleviate the current energy bills crisis for companies in the primary agricultural, fishery or aquaculture sectors given that they are excluded from the Ukraine enterprise crisis scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [57080/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Ireland imports any live horses for slaughter in Ireland. — Paul Murphy. [57082/22]

*318. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the Court of Appeal judgement related to pair trawling inside the six nautical mile zone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [57121/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the person or body that valued the Curragh Racecourse site leading to a €9 million overspend. — Paul Murphy. [57140/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an organisation (details supplied) has been investigated following reports earlier in 2022 of it not having a register of members and of not knowing who its members are given that the organisation receives circa €120,000 per annum from the owners' share of the 'tax free' prize monies; his views on whether transparency regarding the accounts and membership of the organisation which would allow stable staff to have representation in relation to issues of staff welfare and payment is needed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [57141/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a penalty applied to an application by persons (details supplied) to the young farmer capital investment scheme of TAMs II in County Kerry will be reduced given the hardship that it will cause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [57148/22]

*322. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Talmhaíochta, Bia agus Mara an dul chun cinn atá déanta go dáta le forbairt céibh dhomhan mhara i Ros a Mhíl; cén uair a mheastar a thosnófar obair ar an dreideáil agus ar an gcéibh féin; agus an ndéanfaidh sé ráiteas ina thaobh. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [57154/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the amendment of forestry regulations (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [57245/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is satisfied that the existing inspection programmes concerning maintenance of forests is adequate, given that the increasing incidents of falling trees are resulting in power outages and are causing serious problems for communities over large areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [57246/22]

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

*325. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has any plans to develop a historic building (details supplied) for the enhancement of the area and for the good of the local community; if she will open a period of consultation with the community, relevant State agencies and local elected representatives to devise a plan to develop the house as an amenity or tourist attraction and to keep the property in the ownership of the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57038/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the current funding allocated to Tullow Road community centre; and when the centre can expect to receive Carlow County Council's matched funding; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [57113/22]