



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**CEISTEANNA I gCOMHAIR FREAGRA Ó BHÉAL**  
**QUESTIONS FOR ORAL ANSWER**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP27 summit. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [57372/22]
2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the COP27 Climate Change Conference. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57447/22]
3. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the COP27 Climate Change Conference. — Paul Murphy. [57450/22]
4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the COP27 Climate Change Conference. — Bríd Smith. [57479/22]
5. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his attendance at the COP27 conference. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57546/22]
6. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent attendance at the COP27 Climate Change Conference. — Mick Barry. [57933/22]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Ukraine will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [54592/22]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Ukraine will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57658/22]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Ukraine will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [57731/22]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Ukraine will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [57886/22]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Ukraine will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57889/22]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Ukraine will next meet. — Cathal Crowe. [58892/22]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Ukraine will next meet. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [59149/22]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Ukraine will next meet. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [59160/22]

15. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Ukraine will next meet. — Mick Barry. [59218/22]

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

17. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's statement strategy 2021-2023. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [57659/22]

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's statement of strategy 2021-2023. — Ivana Bacik. [57734/22]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's statement strategy 2021-2023. — Paul Murphy. [57885/22]

20. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's statement strategy 2021-2023. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [57888/22]

21. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's statement of strategy 2021-2023. — Cathal Crowe. [58893/22]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's strategy statement 2021-2023. — Cian O'Callaghan. [59006/22]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's statement strategy 2021-2023. — Seán Haughey. [59158/22]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's statement strategy 2021-2023. — Brendan Smith. [59159/22]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the strategic goals of his Department's statement strategy 2021-2023. — Mick Barry. [59219/22]

26. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the national risk assessment 2021/2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57547/22]

27. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the national risk assessment 2021-2022. — Ivana Bacik. [58886/22]

28. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the national risk assessment 2021-2022. — Brendan Smith. [58894/22]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the national risk assessment 2021-2022. — Cian O'Callaghan. [59007/22]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the national risk assessment. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [59148/22]

31. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the national risk assessment 2021-2022. — Mick Barry. [59220/22]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the national risk assessment. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59243/22]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the status of the national risk assessment. — Paul Murphy. [59246/22]

34. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the national risk assessment. — Bríd Smith. [59250/22]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health last met. — Peadar Tóibín. [57521/22]

36. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department's Covid-19 and health unit. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57548/22]

37. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [58884/22]

38. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health last met. — Aindrias Moynihan. [58896/22]

39. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will meet next. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [58902/22]

40. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [58941/22]

41. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59150/22]

42. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59244/22]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [59247/22]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the cabinet committee on Health will next meet. — Gino Kenny. [59248/22]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [59251/22]

46. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Health last met. — Mick Barry. [59316/22]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the recent US Congressional delegation. — Neale Richmond. [57757/22]

48. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the recent US Congressional delegation. — Brendan Smith. [58895/22]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the US congressional delegation. — Seán Haughey. [59154/22]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the recent US Congressional delegation. — Ivana Bacik. [58888/22]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the US congressional delegation. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59254/22]

52. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the US congressional delegation. — Paul Murphy. [59257/22]

53. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the recent US Congressional delegation. — Mick Barry. [59317/22]

54. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57559/22]

55. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [58885/22]

56. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59151/22]

57. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Jackie Cahill. [59153/22]

58. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [58890/22]

59. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [59341/22]

60. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [59342/22]

61. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Michael Moynihan. [59343/22]

62. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59155/22]

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

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

63. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the processing of additional needs' payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59448/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is satisfied that every resident in the State, regardless of geography, has access to a community welfare officer in their locality. — Sean Sherlock. [59445/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on intended reforms to the child maintenance system; when it is expected that required primary legislation will be brought forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59449/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the cost of disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59450/22]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

67. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that the new scheme announced under the Social Welfare Act 2020 in respect of uilleann pipe makers will work in practical terms. — Sean Sherlock. [59446/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has any plans to review the two-year 104 weeks limit for the carer's benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [59213/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the agreed gratuity payments will be paid to CE supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53771/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the new over 70s fuel allowance scheme will open for applications for persons from County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59183/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the work of her Department with regard to the auto-enrolment workplace pension scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [59236/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to reform illness benefit entitlements for self-employed persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [58968/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that her Department has an alert notice on its website highlighting the danger of scam phone calls and scam text messages; the extent and impact of such calls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [59210/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the subvention available to the school meals providers is sufficient in view of escalating costs owing to the rate of inflation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [59260/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a specific clothing allowance as an exceptional needs due to the energy and cost-of-living crises (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [59202/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on engagement that she has had with community employment supervisors regarding their employment-related concerns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59208/22]

77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the various supports for carers in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [58868/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on a State pension solution for long-term family carers, including progress on a family carers' register and a scheme to ensure that carers can be attributed with contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59205/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current wait time for a supplementary welfare allowance to be decided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [59201/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if social protection incomes will be raised by €20 instead of €12 given the high cost of living and in view of buoyant tax revenue (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [59200/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she remains satisfied that all critical issues anticipated in Budget 2023 have been adequately dealt with notwithstanding the ongoing economic and cost-of-living issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59133/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on making the back-to-education allowance available to persons more than once, for instance, for women returning to the workplace after carrying out caring responsibilities. — Paul Murphy. [59275/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the actions that she has taken to implement the recommendations within the Indecon cost of disability report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59267/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will re-allocate community welfare officers back into the community in which they were originally placed, if not full-time but at least for two to three days a week (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [59203/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is concerned about the impact of the rising cost of living on child poverty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59276/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she intends to announce the agricultural schemes which will be disregarded with regard to farm assist scheme under the new CAP; and the basis upon which the decision to include or exclude schemes will be determined. — Matt Carthy. [59130/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that are being taken to reduce child poverty; the impact of these measures; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [58935/22]



88. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to increase the income disregard for the carer's allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [59214/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that her Department uses data modelling to assess the impact of social welfare payment rates; the way that data is disaggregated by demographics; the way that this is assessed with regard to poverty-proofing and addressing the cost of disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59206/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of self-employed contributors who do not have sufficient contributions to warrant the payment of a pension; if she might undertake a review of the situation with the possibility of making a pro-rata payment in line with their particular contributions or alternative; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59134/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if recommendations have been made by the inter-departmental committee set-up to look at the Indecon cost of disability report; if not, the timeframe for these recommendations to be made; if so, the recommendations relevant to her Department; the actions that she has undertaken to implement these recommendations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59266/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider providing free travel passes to all persons with epilepsy who are not in receipt of a qualifying social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [59269/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when she intends to carry out a consultation process as part of her Department's work on addressing the cost of disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59207/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the way that she is supporting refugees and those who are seeking international protection to gain employment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [59209/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the rationale of determining qualified child increases of €2 for children aged under and over 12 years given the additional cost associated with older children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59204/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the various supports for pensioners in County Kerry in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59184/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on reforming the stillbirth registration process. — Holly Cairns. [59051/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends reforming incrementally the means testing that applies to many social welfare schemes to make it more equitable and to provide a greater incentive to save and work; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59131/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the various cost-of-living lump sum payments which are being administered by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [58839/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons who applied for the carer's allowance in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58970/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has any plans to review the operation of Intreo offices; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [59126/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons on long-term illness benefit for 12 months or longer will receive the Christmas bonus payment; when the bonus will be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59135/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has examined the potential for introducing paid maternity and pension benefits for women working on farms. — Matt Carthy. [59129/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the steps that she is taking to increase the pension entitlements of full-time family carers. — Holly Cairns. [59052/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider introducing a dedicated exceptional needs' payment for costs related to persons fleeing domestic violence in a similar manner as has been done with rent supplement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59273/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the voucher scheme for users of Irish sign language to access free ISL and English interpreting for social, educational and cultural events and services including medical and other activities and the remote interpreting on demand service, will be permanently established; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56934/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that she is taking to identify persons who were on disability allowance to change due to training/education advancement to ensure that they can avail of the disability one-off payment announcement in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [59268/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the work that her Department has carried out to increase work capacity among vulnerable cohorts including those in addiction recovery. — Thomas Gould. [53846/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the processing of additional needs' payment applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [59211/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the difference between the health qualifications to qualify for the invalidity pension and the disability allowance both which provide assistance to persons who can no longer work due to disability or illness; if she intends to align these to make them the same in this respect; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59132/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the €500 once-off payment to people with a disability to include disabled persons who have transferred to other State pension due to them reaching the pension age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53773/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her attention has been drawn to ongoing delays with regard to exceptional needs' payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [59215/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the regulations around the back-to-school allowance to ensure that the allowance is available to a parent even when their dependent is in receipt of their own disability payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59284/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to increase the funding for the school meals programme to take into account the increase in the costs of providing the meals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53775/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the Christmas bonus 2022 will be paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [59110/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the threshold increase for the working family payment will come into effect. — Brian Stanley. [59079/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that those in receipt of illness benefit were not awarded a double payment in line with other welfare schemes; and the rationale for the omission. — Gary Gannon. [59278/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she is concerned at the level of fuel poverty this winter in spite of the additional one-off payments made available by the Government; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59274/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if participants on CE schemes with a disability will be included in the €500 top-up for people with disabilities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53772/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the supports for families in Budget 2023; the impact that the changes she is making will have in respect of the treatment of child maintenance payments and working family payment thresholds; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [59228/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the cost-of-living supports that she has provided for in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [59109/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to introduce unemployment benefit based upon the previous employment income of a person. — Brian Stanley. [59078/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if persons who are on long-term illness benefit for 12 months or longer will receive the Christmas bonus payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [58936/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when it is intended to bring the pay levels of CE supervisors in line with other public sector employees with similar responsibilities and with equivalent educational criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [53969/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the ex-gratia scheme for community employment supervisors where such supervisors were made redundant would apply. — Sean Sherlock. [59447/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will be bringing forward a new customer charter and customer action plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [59216/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will indicate the trends in the number seeking jobseeker payments; the number who are being facilitated into pathways of training and work experience; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [58934/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the new over 70s fuel allowance scheme will open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [58838/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in respect of ex-gratia payments for persons who served as community employment supervisors. — Sean Sherlock. [59444/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the various supports for people with disabilities in Budget 2023; the way that this aligns with ongoing work on the Cost of Disability report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [59229/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the eligibility criteria for fuel allowance to ensure that it is available to all recipients of social welfare payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59283/22]

132. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will increase the rural social scheme top-up of €5 announced in Budget 2023 to €20 to keep pace with current inflation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [53774/22]

133. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the increases in workload on community welfare offices and officers and the additional resources that have been allocated to cope with the additional workload; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [59127/22]

134. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the current waiting times at the appeals office and if additional resources will be allocated to it; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [59128/22]

135. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will urgently review cases whereby victims of domestic and coercive abuse who are accessing refuge services but who do not meet the criteria for IPAS/IPO status and who have not yet applied or received a stamp 4 status within Ireland, can access a weekly income instead of having to apply for exceptional needs' payments which, while helpful, is not guaranteed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [58820/22]

136. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for the back-to-work enterprise allowance in 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of these applications that were granted; if consideration has been given to extending the back-to-work enterprise allowance which is currently a two-year plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [53107/22]

137. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of times that the fuel allowance has increased since she took office. — Peadar Tóibín. [58969/22]

138. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider removing the means test for carer's allowance in the case of a parent who gives up full-time employment to care for their child who is medically diagnosed as incapacitated; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59272/22]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*139. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. — Ivana Bacik. [58887/22]

\*140. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a schedule of payments made to barristers by the Chief State Solicitors Office in each of the years 2012 to 2021 and to date in 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [58994/22]

\*141. To ask the Taoiseach the number of access officers who are employed in his Department, responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Department's services, as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; and the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service. — Pauline Tully. [59300/22]

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

\*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on reducing the cost of work permit renewals in view of the cost-of-living crisis. — Pa Daly. [59359/22]

\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment Ireland's position on the proposed new EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence directive (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [58692/22]

\*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of negotiations in relation to the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive; if he plans to ensure, as part of the Directive, that companies and financial institutions, including asset managers and institutional investors, will be held responsible for violations of human rights and environmental standards along their entire value chain; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [58696/22]

\*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is concerned by the planned departure of an organisation (details supplied) from Ireland; if he has assessed, along with the IDA, the impact that the organisation's planned departure will have on the perception of Ireland's attractiveness for regulated entities seeking to establish a presence in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [58751/22]

\*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Ireland voted to exclude financial institutions, investments and funds from the EU Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive; the reason for supporting their exclusion from the EU directive; and his views on whether such a move further damages EU efforts to clean up its value chains from environmental and human rights abuses. — Louise O'Reilly. [58780/22]

\*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the implementation of an employment regulation order for security workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [58831/22]

\*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59289/22]

\*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employers who have received a fine not exceeding €5,000 as per the Protection of Employment Act 1977 for failing to consult with employees' representatives or for failing to provide certain information to employees' representatives when proposing collective redundancy in each of the years 2011 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [59345/22]

\*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employers who have received a fine not exceeding €5,000 as per the Protection of Employment Act 1977 for failing to notify the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment of their intention to create collective redundancies in each of the years 2011 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [59346/22]

\*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of employers who have received a fine not exceeding €250,000 as per the Protection of Employment Act 1977 for affecting a collective redundancy prior to the expiry of the 30-day period following notification to the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment in each of the years 2011 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [59347/22]

\*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current staffing levels at Enterprise Ireland; and the offices, either head office or regional offices, where these staff are located in tabular form. — Louise O'Reilly. [59548/22]

\*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in his Department, including the cost of private cleaning in his Department, the cost of private security in his Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to his Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and



the number of private security personnel supplied to his Department on foot of these contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59730/22]

\*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in his Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59765/22]

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

\*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if any review of EPA operations has been conducted with a view to improving the efficiency of the organisation; his views on whether the EPA would be able to carry out its duties more efficiently if all of its functions were in the one department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [59496/22]

\*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which the electricity credit will be applied to units in student accommodation to ensure that students benefit from this financial support; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [58760/22]

\*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that he has allowed and given prospecting licences in a number of counties; the rationale for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58774/22]

\*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he granted prospecting licences in several counties (details supplied) respectively; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58775/22]

\*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that he is taking to resolve the situation where tenants of a social housing trust (details supplied) who are heated by a district heating system are being charged higher than normal energy costs due to their being treated as commercial rather than domestic consumers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [58776/22]

\*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has visited two locations (details supplied) and witnessed the destruction and damage caused at these locations following mining; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58779/22]

\*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he is in favour of mining in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58781/22]

\*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when he will take action to ensure that apartment renters in district energy complexes can pay residential gas rates instead of more expensive commercial gas rates; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [58866/22]

\*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the implementation of section 14(7) of the Circular Economy and Miscellaneous

Provisions Act 2022, which states that the Minister shall prepare a report examining the way that single-use packaging used in the sale of fruit and vegetables can be reduced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [58897/22]

\*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the options available to persons living in areas where there is no competition for waste collection; if the local authority will assume responsibility for waste collection; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [58917/22]

\*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will intervene on behalf of residents at a location (details supplied) who are being charged unaffordable amounts in their bills due to being part of a district heating scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [58920/22]

\*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that the financial supports for HubController, which had been financially supported by the SSEI, have been removed, given that the service can improve energy efficiency and reduce usage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [58928/22]

\*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will confirm that he will publish the national hydrogen strategy before the end of 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [58947/22]

\*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if coal sourced in Columbia is for sale in this country; if this product is legal in this State; if not, the efforts that are being made to stop this product being on sale; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [59027/22]

\*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action that the Commission for the Regulation of Utilities proposes to take against gas companies which disconnect a vulnerable customer, (details supplied), given the moratorium on disconnections. — Paul Murphy. [59044/22]

\*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the position regarding the Government electricity credit for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59061/22]

\*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the SEAI better energy communities grant scheme funded by his Department will open for applications given that hospitality businesses need to carry out such work in the low season; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [59069/22]

\*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide the number of homes that have applied for the SEAI home insulation grant in Dublin per area code; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59083/22]

\*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the protections that are in place for district heating customers who pre-pay for gas in order to prevent any disconnection of service if they cannot pay their bills this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59100/22]



\*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59290/22]

\*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will increase the solar pv grant payment available for businesses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59336/22]

\*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider including sports clubs and associations in the grant scheme for the installation of solar panels, which currently only includes grants for domestic and commercial users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [59351/22]

\*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports that can be given to tenants in the case in which a landlord has not passed on electricity credits to them (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [59368/22]

\*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has engaged with the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland on benchmark pricing for retrofitting given that contractors are giving vastly different quotes; if he is taking steps to ensure that quotes given by SEAI-approved contractors are not inflated and are not higher than quotes given independent of the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [59404/22]

\*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are criteria that contractors must reach before becoming eligible for the one-stop scheme for retrofitting by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [59405/22]

\*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if there are mechanisms whereby contractors can be removed from the one-stop scheme for retrofitting by the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland if they are found to be abusing their position and prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [59406/22]

\*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to air quality issues in Ennis (details supplied); his plans to address these issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [59437/22]

\*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on urgent concerns relating to new additional energy related costs in relation to a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [59531/22]

\*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the rollout of the national broadband scheme. — Sorca Clarke. [59553/22]

\*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the legislation that governs district heating systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [59566/22]

\*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the statutory guidelines for local authority climate action plans, which will include the guidelines for the implementation of local authority decarbonising zones. — Holly Cairns. [59569/22]

\*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in his Department, including the cost of private cleaning in his Department, the cost of private security in his Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to his Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to his Department on foot of these contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59731/22]

\*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in his Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59766/22]

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

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport if any payment is outstanding or has been made by Transport Infrastructure Ireland to a company (details supplied) or any other entity in respect of any works carried out on or regarding the site located at No. 2 Grand Parade, Dublin 6, in preparation for the proposed Metrolink station and or metro rail line at Charlemont St; and if so, the amount. — Ivana Bacik. [58695/22]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport the percentage of west-bound flights from Dublin Airport which deviate from their designated flight path by turning south over Dublin 15. — Paul Donnelly. [58700/22]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving test slots available in each of the test centres in County Galway in tabular form; the reason for the reduced number of driving tests in Galway; the length of the waiting list for driving tests; the reason that the early-morning test slots have been removed; if additional staff have been hired to help clear the backlog; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [58725/22]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will address matters raised in correspondence (details supplied) regarding bus regularity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [58772/22]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 266 of 8 September 2022 supplied by the NTA (details supplied), if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there have been no improvements to the Number 76-bus route; and if he will pursue this issue with the NTA and ensure that the improvements promised are made. — Paul Murphy. [58855/22]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the opening of Kishogue train station; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [58856/22]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will ensure that a bus shelter is provided at the bus stop at Main Street, Ballynacargy, County Westmeath (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [58898/22]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport the options that are available to residents where Irish Rail is not complying with its noise mitigation policy when carrying out maintenance at night. — Louise O'Reilly. [58918/22]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans that he has to initiate domestic development and production of sustainable aviation fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [58948/22]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the deterioration in the service provided by the 726 bus to the airport (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [58954/22]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 65 of 19 October 2022, if he will re-engage with the NTA and Bus Éireann regarding the reliability of a bus route (details supplied), given that multiple persons have been in contact regarding this ongoing issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [58959/22]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of times that the coastguard helicopter has been deployed or dispatched to the Galway city and Galway bay area in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58996/22]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of the investments and service improvements that have been made on the Dublin-Waterford train line since 1 January 2020. — Kathleen Funchion. [59014/22]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on introducing a ban on car advertising and sponsorship. — Paul Murphy. [59049/22]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that are being taken to address the number of buses on McKee Avenue, Finglas, given that they are causing disruption to residents who cannot get out of their own homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59053/22]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will review the bus terminus in Finglas village for the N4 and N6 route, given that buses are piling up and blocking traffic in the village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59054/22]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider re-introducing the licensed haulage emergency support scheme for the months of November to April as a specific assist for the haulage industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59090/22]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons waiting for a driving test in the test centre in Skibbereen, County Cork; the average length of waiting time for a test by month from January to date in November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [59108/22]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if the RSA can guarantee a full five-day testing service in Skibbereen, County Cork; the reason that a resident tester has not been put in place despite a recruitment drive and the fact that more than 40 are employed in the country; the reason that instructors are informed third hand even though they pay an affiliation fee to the RSA every

second year (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [59179/22]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport when the State will ratify the 2012 Cape Town Agreement for Fishing Vessel Safety. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [59222/22]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland electric vehicles home charger grant was refused retrospectively in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [59261/22]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will reinstate the Dublin Bus Kilcock to Dublin service. — Catherine Murphy. [59265/22]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59302/22]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the way that he intends to classify electric scooters in relation to the use of footpaths, cycle lanes, speed limits and insurance obligations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [59311/22]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to issues with the reliability of the service provided by a company (details supplied); if his attention has been further drawn to reports that some of the buses operated by this company have not been wheelchair accessible for nearly a year; if his Department is engaging with the company to resolve these issues; if de-privatising these routes will be considered as a solution to this problem; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [59339/22]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the work being done by his Department to allow Leap cards to be saved to a digital wallet, and to expand on-board fare payment options to include contactless and smartphone payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [59352/22]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that he or his Department have not met a company (details supplied) in relation to emission reduction in fossil fuels of up to 20%, especially when the ILV Granuaile is using this organic product; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [59380/22]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department has researched a product (details supplied) which can be an additive to fuel that has a proven reduction in emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [59399/22]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been brought to products (details supplied); the ease of use of same and the benefits of reduction in fossil fuel emissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [59401/22]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration has been given to reimbursing persons over the age of 70 years who qualify for a free driving licence yet who are charged a fee of

approximately €60-€65 for attending their GP to complete the driving licence medical report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [59413/22]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will engage with TII regarding suggestions for an exit (details supplied) in Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [59464/22]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport his views on the repeated failures of Dublin Bus buses to turn up; if he agrees that driver shortages are the key factor driving it; and the action that he is taking to resolve it. — Paul Murphy. [59477/22]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of driving tests cancelled by the Road Safety Authority in the past six months in each county in tabular form; the number of driving tests cancelled by the Road Safety Authority that gave candidates less than 24 hours notification; if there is a channel for reimbursement of expenses for candidates whose driving tests have been cancelled at short notice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59506/22]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the actions that he has taken to improve waiting times for driving tests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59507/22]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will meet at an early date with a group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [59567/22]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in his Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59777/22]

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

\*224. To ask the Minister for Finance if consideration has been given to adopting climate change principles to deter carbon offshoring and thereby reduce global emissions in order to underpin trade and international relations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [58702/22]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [58720/22]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is concerned by the planned departure of an organisation (details supplied) from Ireland; if he has had any discussions with the Central Bank of Ireland in order to understand the reasons for the organisation’s decision to leave Ireland; if he has independently ascertained the extent to which regulatory demands drove that decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [58750/22]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Finance the estimated cost to the Exchequer of reducing VAT on household energy bills that is gas, electricity and home heating oil to 9% from beginning of January 2023 to the end of April 2023. — Kathleen Funchion. [59022/22]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are plans to introduce an exemption, a reduction or deferral of the rate of local property tax for those who are on long-term illness; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [59082/22]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Finance if the temporary business energy support scheme has been approved by the European Commission. — Louise O'Reilly. [59095/22]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Finance the way that businesses that have changed energy provider recently, and as a result have commenced new energy bills, will qualify for the temporary business energy support scheme given that there will be no continuity in their relevant energy bills. — Louise O'Reilly. [59096/22]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Finance if he recognises biofuels as a fossil fuel; if biofuels will be subjected to carbon tax or excise duty if they are used for home heating; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [59192/22]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that hydrotreated vegetable oil that is used in home heating is taxed as a road fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [59193/22]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59291/22]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Finance his plans regarding financial supports to the Irish magazine sector in view of the fact that VAT was abolished for Irish newspapers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [59310/22]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Finance if an organisation (details supplied) will qualify for the temporary business energy support scheme; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [59329/22]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if the NTMA, or the State in general, has any exposure to, or investments in crypto-assets; the safeguards that are in place to prevent such exposures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [59371/22]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that oil has been excluded from the temporary business energy support scheme. — Louise O'Reilly. [59439/22]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Finance the total value of payments made by the Central Bank to online companies for the delivery of scam messages and fraud awareness adverts in each of the years 2016 to 2021. — Pearse Doherty. [59534/22]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Finance when additional measures will be implemented to enable credit unions to provide an extended range of financial services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [59572/22]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in his Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59767/22]



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

\*241. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the current estimated cost of supporting Ukrainian refugees in Ireland, noting that Ireland has contributed over €20 million to humanitarian aid to Ukraine and has also committed the EU to almost €1 billion in further aid; and the financial support available to Ireland from the EU to reimburse the cost of supporting Ukrainian refugees in Ireland given that the EU has also committed to billions more in lethal military aid. — Joan Collins. [58924/22]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in his Department, including the cost of private cleaning in his Department, the cost of private security in his Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to his Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to his Department on foot of these contracts and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [58736/22]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [58758/22]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will confirm the timeline for making Government Departments and other public sector body websites digitally accessible to users with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [58785/22]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the level of increases that public sector pensioners will receive following the Government pay deal review; and if he will outline details of the lump-sum that will be backdated to February 2022 for public sector pensioners. — Alan Dillon. [58848/22]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that the recent increase of 1% effective from 1 October 2022 under the Building Momentum agreement due to retired civil servants who are on an off-point scale may not be paid until the end of Q1 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59058/22]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of vacancies there are currently at Administrative Officer grade; the number of appointments at this grade planned for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mick Barry. [59164/22]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW and An Garda Síochána have identified a site for the development of a new Garda station at Laytown, County Meath; if he will confirm when construction work on the site will commence under the relevant capital programme; the year in which the building will be completed; the estimated total cost of the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [59225/22]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59297/22]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in his Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59364/22]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the action that can be taken on the River Clodiagh which has been flooding in the Borrisoleigh area in recent weeks and causing damage to private property given that it clearly needs to be cleaned and maintained in order to resolve this ongoing issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59383/22]

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

\*252. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán a shonrú i dtaobh cé mhéad oifigeach pleanála teanga atá tar éis éirí as a bpost roimh dheireadh a dtéarma ó thosaigh na hoifigigh sin, cé mhéad limistéar pleanála teanga nach bhfuil oifigeach pleanála teanga fostaithe iontu faoi láthair, liosta a thabhairt de na ceantair sin nach bhfuil oifigeach pleanála teanga in oifig iontu faoi láthair, agus cur in iúl a thabhairt de na fáthanna gur éirigh oifigigh pleanála teanga as a bpost. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [58748/22]

\*253. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sé i gceist aici a chinntiú go dtabharfaidh athbhreithniú cuimsitheach Choimisiún na Meán aird ar na nithe sin a mhol sí a bheadh feiliúnach don athbhreithniú sin, le linn an phlé ar an mBille um Rialáil Sábháilteachta ar Líne agus na Meán, 2022, ag Céim an Choiste - go háirithe soláthar seirbhís náisiúnta raidió ar leith don aos óg, cuótaí i gcás úsáid na Gaeilge ar an teilifís agus ar an raidió, athbhreithniú straitéiseach ar chraolachán na Gaeilge, íosmheid 30 nóiméad de Ghaeilge ar an raidió agus ar an teilifís ó 9 go 5 idir Luan agus Aoine, cuótaí don cheol trí Ghaeilge ar an raidió, agus íosmhéid infheistíochta de 25% ag RTÉ i léiriúcháin neamhspleácha trí Ghaeilge - trí threoir shonrach a thabhairt don Choimisiún, an bhfuil sí den tuairim gur chóir go mbeadh an Coimisiún in ann neamhaird a thabhairt ar na nithe sin san athbhreithniú más mian leo, nó an bhfuil sí den tuairim gur chóir go mbeadh aon treoir don athbhreithniú cuimsitheach sin curtha go sonrach isteach sa Bhille ag Céim na Tuarascála chun a chinntiú go mbeidh siad san áireamh in athbhreithniú. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [58754/22]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding allocated annually for specific projects (details supplied) by county in each of the past ten years; the stage of development that the funded projects are currently at in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58814/22]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the progress of the night time economy pilot for the nine cities and towns announced in October 2022; and if she will provide a schedule for the expected progress in the delivery of these pilot schemes and the various supports, appointments and funding involved. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [58958/22]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will agree to her Department conducting a review of the agreement between France and audiovisual media service providers between the present date and the end of the year, seeking the advice of her French counterparts on the system in place there, and producing a report early in the New Year outlining the advantages and disadvantages of the agreement and the applicability of such a model in the Irish market. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [59057/22]



\*257. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing her Departments' services who are employed in her Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that her Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59301/22]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in her Department, including the cost of private cleaning in her Department, the cost of private security in her Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to her Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to her Department on foot of these contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59740/22]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in her Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59776/22]

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

\*260. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline any proposed changes to the process of voter registration; the details that are required on voter registration forms; and when these changes will come into force. — Chris Andrews. [58699/22]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if it is his intention that houses badly affected by the defective blocks issue in County Wexford will be included in the national redress scheme; if his attention has been drawn in particular to a badly-affected home (details supplied) in Ferns, County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [58731/22]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the National Parks and Wildlife Service is monitoring the number of cormorants on the river barrow and other waterway systems; if any relevant data on the number of cormorants on the river barrow and other waterway systems will be provided; the policies and procedures that the NPWS is using to monitor this invasive bird; if the NPWS control the number of cormorants on the inland waterway system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [58757/22]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the level of grant funding provided to Mayo County Council under measure 8 of the multi-annual rural water programme 2009-2021 for septic tanks and wells; the number of applicants who were in receipt of this funding; the average grant received; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [58783/22]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the proposed interim enforcement measures for short-term lettings; if he will provide an update on the proposed licensing system for short-term lettings; and the role, if any, for the RTB in the proposed Bord Fáilte licence. — Eoin Ó Broin. [58788/22]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the individual capital allocation to each of the housing programmes funded by his Department, including SHIP, CALF, CAS and so on; and the total spend for each of these programmes for each year from 2020 to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [58789/22]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on his Department's engagement with stakeholders involved in attempts to deliver cost rental homes in a location (details supplied). — Eoin Ó Broin. [58790/22]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will set out the LDA's affordable housing targets for 2022, including cost-rental and affordable purchase and their delivery to date. — Eoin Ó Broin. [58791/22]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he intends to publish the Q3 social housing output report. — Eoin Ó Broin. [58792/22]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of amendments that have been made to the Planning and Development Act 2000. — Thomas Gould. [58880/22]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times that the fire brigade has been called to incidents involving persons entering or attempting to enter the water in the River Corrib in Galway city in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58995/22]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of fire stations which have been closed in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022; and the locations of those fire stations. — Peadar Tóibín. [58997/22]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of times that fire brigades have been dispatched in each county in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [58998/22]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current salary scale of the chief executive officer in each local authority in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [59017/22]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans that he has to provide support to tenants of local authority housing in light of the cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [59026/22]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will initiate a campaign of awareness for homebuyers, solicitors and estate agents on the need for a structural test of second-hand homes that come on to the market for sale given the growing number of properties across the State with defective concrete blocks. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [59068/22]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the croí cónaithe vacant property refurbishment grant; the breakdown by county of the grant allocations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [59180/22]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on the immediate testing of foundations of homes (details supplied) in County Donegal to provide reassurance and certainty to affected homeowners that the remediation work is being carried out on fit-for-purpose foundations and that public funds are not at the risk of being wasted should the foundations degrade, post-remediation. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [59181/22]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a review of the current National Retained Firefighters' Association of Ireland model will take place (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [59195/22]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide additional resources to Wicklow County Council in order to provide for a full-time fire service for Bray town and its surrounds. — Catherine Murphy. [59197/22]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that are in place to support homeowners (details supplied) in County Wexford who are facing catastrophic damage to their home as a result of defective blocks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59198/22]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will extend gender quotas to local authority elections in line with the recommendations of the recent Women's Voices in the Council Chamber report. — Patrick Costello. [59241/22]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59295/22]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Housing his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [59344/22]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the review of the Building Regulations part B (Fire Safety) will be released for public consultation. — Francis Noel Duffy. [59415/22]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the details of part V of the Planning and Development Act 2000 whereby social housing tenants can purchase social housing units. — Francis Noel Duffy. [59416/22]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of persons currently waiting to be homed who have selected a location within the Dublin Fingal constituency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [59424/22]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant properties in need of repair under the remit of Fingal County Council within the Dublin Fingal constituency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [59425/22]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Council administration staff allocated to the housing department in Fingal County Council with responsibility

for the Dublin Fingal constituency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [59426/22]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if additional council administration staff have been allocated to the housing department with responsibility for the Dublin Fingal constituency due to the high level of contact from tenants and applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [59427/22]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing applicants receiving homeless HAP through Fingal County Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [59428/22]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of housing applicants and tenants who have declared themselves homeless to Fingal County Council in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [59429/22]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that successful applications under the croí cónaithe scheme are categorised by each local authority (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [59469/22]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 326 of 11 October 2022, the conservation measures that apply from the NPWS list of conservation objectives for the Boyne, Kells Blackwater SAC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [59494/22]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 416 of 8 November 2022, if under Article 6 of the Habitats Directive, that there is a requirement to produce management or conservation plans for SACs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [59495/22]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will identify the most suitable scheme available to assist a person in a situation (details supplied) in purchasing a home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [59508/22]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if planned reforms to planning laws will include measures to protect access to the countryside and to reform the law governing permissive routes and rights of way to protect public use of land for walkers. — Ivana Bacik. [59525/22]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he is satisfied that sections 206-207 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 transfer sufficient powers to the planning authorities to preserve existing public rights of way; and if he is satisfied that the provisions have been used to a sufficient degree for the public good. — Ivana Bacik. [59527/22]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to update the National Monuments Act 1930; his views on the need to create an enforcement mechanism to require the maintenance of national monuments and surrounding areas which are in private ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [59528/22]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if a process has been established for the development of the “new framework for joint co-operative policy making and

implementation” between his Department and the Department of Health in order to complete the outstanding actions from the joint policy statement on Housing Options for our Ageing Population; the timeline for completion of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59557/22]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in his Department, including the cost of private cleaning in his Department, the cost of private security in his Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to his Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to his Department on foot of these contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59735/22]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in his Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59771/22]

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

\*302. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of documents that his Department has authenticated, apostilled and legalised in each of the years 2017 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the amount that has been received in fees by his Department for these services in those years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [58691/22]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied), who was employed in his Department for over 30 years and who feels that their pension entitlements have not been accurately calculated; if all relevant increments in this case have been applied correctly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58726/22]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will clarify a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [58812/22]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a foreign birth register application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [58815/22]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the extent of the consular assistance that he and his officials have provided to the family of a person (details supplied); the representations or assurances that his consular officials have made or sought with their Indian counterparts, following the decision of the Indian courts to release the person accused of the person’s murder on bail, to attend their father’s funeral; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [58854/22]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of full-time staff by grade working in the Passport Office as of 1 January 2022 and 22 November 2022, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [59016/22]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the reason that his Department’s website was not updated until 7 October 2022 with information relating to the fact that travellers have been denied

entry to the USA under the ESTA visa waiver if they have visited Cuba since January 2021. — Paul Donnelly. [59034/22]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he has spoken with the South African ambassador to Ireland in the past six months. — Thomas Gould. [59074/22]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59292/22]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the length of time that it is currently taking for postal applications for passports to be processed; if the timeframe has increased or decreased in the past twelve months; if there are plans to reduce the processing time for these applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [59304/22]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the current number of staff in the Passport Service; the comparison figure in each of the past ten years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [59305/22]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the number of staff within the Passport Service who are assigned to specifically process postal applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [59307/22]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth registration application which was submitted on the 2 September 2021 by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [59419/22]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in his Department, including the cost of private cleaning in his Department, the cost of private security in his Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to his Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to his Department on foot of these contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59732/22]

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

\*316. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of Irish peacekeepers currently serving overseas. — Peadar Tóibín. [59002/22]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of new recruits to the Army in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [59003/22]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of persons who have retired from the Army in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [59004/22]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Defence the details of the planned upgrades that will be carried out to Defence Forces buildings in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [59076/22]



\*320. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59287/22]

\*321. To ask the Minister for Defence his views on the use of a facility (details supplied) in County Cork; if he will liaise with the relevant local authority in order to hand the facility over for community use given that it is currently unused and derelict; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [59441/22]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Defence the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in his Department, including the cost of private cleaning in his Department, the cost of private security in his Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to his Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to his Department on foot of these contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59728/22]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in his Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59763/22]

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

\*324. To ask the Minister for Education the guidelines for providing a secretarial allowance to principals who act as secretariat to the board of management at their school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [58690/22]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Education if he will examine access to an autism class in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [58694/22]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Education if serious consideration will be given to enabling a school (details supplied) which has had a delay in getting planning and the construction, to put prefabs in place in the meantime, in order that it can provide ASD classes, and also taking into account that there are over 20 children in the immediate locality who are now having to attend schools outside the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [58734/22]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the proposed reconfiguration of primary schools in Raheny. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [58763/22]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter (details supplied) regarding a school bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58784/22]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58794/22]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58795/22]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58796/22]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58798/22]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58799/22]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58800/22]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58801/22]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58802/22]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58805/22]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58806/22]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58807/22]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58808/22]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58809/22]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58810/22]



\*343. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58811/22]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 333 of 15 November 2022, if her attention has been drawn to requests to make deputy principals administrative in all special schools; if her Department will reconsider the requirement for more than 15 teachers to obtain an administrative deputy principal in order to facilitate the request; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [58852/22]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 513 of 15 November 2022, if her Department intends to allow special schools to avail of DEIS supports. — Eoin Ó Broin. [58853/22]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a school (details supplied) has had plans for special education classrooms rejected given that the school is unable to place a temporary room onsite until the plans are sanctioned; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [58858/22]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that a school (details supplied) is currently teaching SEN hours in a corridor under a stairwell which is proving very difficult for students who require movement breaks or are using specialist occupational therapy equipment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [58859/22]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Education if a school (details supplied) will be provided with a temporary SEN base until planning issues are resolved and approval is given for construction of special education classrooms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [58860/22]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of plans for special education classrooms in a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [58861/22]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress of a new school (details supplied) for Galway; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [58874/22]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application by a family (details supplied) under the school transport scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [58877/22]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Education if additional places will be offered to families that were unsuccessful in getting a place on the school transport scheme for a route (details supplied) that fulfil the eligibility criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [58878/22]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a permanent school building for a secondary school (details supplied); the stage that the tender is at; the estimated timeframe for the new school building from construction to completion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [58879/22]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Education the status of an application for a special needs' school transport grant (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [58912/22]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide the details for the reason that students (details supplied) are having to source and pay a psychologist to complete an assessment report in order to apply for the DARE scheme; and if there are plans to address the matter going forward; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [58965/22]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the work that is underway to improve pay for school caretakers; the stage that the process is at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [59047/22]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the emergency works application by a school (details supplied) to carry out urgent roof repairs. — Joe Flaherty. [59048/22]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building application (details supplied); if she will provide details of any engagement that her Department has had with the school in relation to the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [59060/22]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to review methods of assessment of special educational needs. — Ivana Bacik. [59097/22]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Education if she is satisfied that current additional needs' assessments accurately identify children with special educational needs; and if she is satisfied that special educational needs of girls are accurately identified, in particular. — Ivana Bacik. [59098/22]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Education when a child (details supplied) will have their taxi service to a special school reinstated. — Michael Creed. [59119/22]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list each provider by location in County Mayo in which children with special educational needs can access placements in Early Childhood Care and Education Programmes including the access and inclusion model; and the number of placements available in each setting in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [59188/22]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list each school by location in County Mayo in which children with special educational needs can access placements in an early intervention class attached to mainstream or special schools; and the number of placements available in each school in tabular form. — Alan Dillon. [59189/22]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Education if she will list each provider by location in County Mayo in which children with special educational needs can access placements in early intervention settings or early years settings in HSE funded service providers supported by HSE grant aid or HSE funded pre-school assistant in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [59190/22]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of a school transport grant application submitted on the 20 September 2022 in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [59196/22]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Education when a payment will be issued to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [59224/22]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Education the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing her Departments' services who are employed in her Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that her Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59288/22]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined. — Paul Donnelly. [59320/22]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Education if the correct pay scale will be applied to the salary of a teacher (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [59325/22]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the new build project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [59338/22]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional school transport tickets that have been issued in County Wexford following the additional funding provided in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59355/22]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Education the status of a school building project for a school (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [59386/22]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Education the steps that she is taking to address the lack of mixed primary schools in the Dublin 9 and Dublin 11 areas in view of the significant over-subscription of applicants for the 2023 junior infant intake in all existing mixed schools in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59387/22]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has received an application for a new school bus service in respect of a person (details supplied); if she will ensure a speedy and positive consideration of the application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59470/22]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Education if he will provide an update on the emergency works application from a school (details supplied) in respect of fencing needed to fence off a dangerous boundary area. — Joe Flaherty. [59490/22]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that school transport is provided to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59497/22]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Education if she will ensure that a person (details supplied) will be allocated school bus tickets as per previous years in line with Government commitments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59498/22]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a project (details supplied); the reason for the delay regarding the commencement of work on this school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [59523/22]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Education when she expects to receive the results of the review of the school transport system; when any recommendations will be implemented; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59532/22]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to waive the fees for school transport for the upcoming 2023-2024 school term and beyond; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59533/22]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to make any changes to the eligibility criteria for school transport, particularly in relation to giving consideration to feeder schools or catchment areas in addition to the current distance calculation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59535/22]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that she has to review the criteria of 12 words per minute in written dictation for access to a word processor for State exams; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [59555/22]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that she has to widen the criteria for additional time in State exams to include, for example, those who need additional processing time as well as those who are visually impaired; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [59556/22]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department plans to take ownership of a parish hall (details supplied); the type of management structure her Department plans to put in place for the hall; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59558/22]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Education the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in her Department, including the cost of private cleaning in her Department, the cost of private security in her Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to her Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to her Department on foot of these contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59729/22]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in her Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59764/22]

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

\*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide clarification on a matter in relation to a pension (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59412/22]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the gratuity payment to community employment supervisors who have applied has been awarded; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [59551/22]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of exceptional needs' payment application in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58693/22]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a PPSN application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [58701/22]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if fuel allowance will be approved for a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [58747/22]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [58761/22]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [58762/22]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied). — Michael McNamara. [58764/22]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for ANP and ENP by county in 2021 in total; and the number of applications awarded in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [58766/22]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for ANP and ENP by county to date in 2022; and the number of applications awarded in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [58767/22]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a breakdown the waiting times in weeks for all ANP and ENP applications for the year 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form, broken down per numbers of week per application. — Sean Sherlock. [58768/22]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to extending the free travel scheme to persons with epilepsy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [58773/22]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the various supports for persons with disabilities in Budget 2023; the way that this aligns with ongoing work on the Cost of Disability report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [58863/22]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that the fuel allowance was discontinued in the case of a person (details supplied); and if the income threshold for couples will be increased. — John McGuinness. [58864/22]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that foster parents and carers are not entitled to the State pension (contributory); if she is giving consideration to addressing this issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58871/22]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the maximum pension benefits including the increase for a qualified adult are now being paid in full to persons (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [58875/22]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the living alone allowance is being paid to a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [58876/22]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of working family payment applications that are in queue to be processed by her Department; if efforts are being made to clear the backlog for families that have applied; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [58881/22]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are being made available to community welfare officers in counties Cavan and Monaghan, given the increase in the additional needs' payment applications; the current turnaround times for applications to be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [58882/22]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount of overpayments of contributory and non-contributory old age pension paid to persons following their death in each of the years from 2010 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the total amount that has been written off in each of those years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [58901/22]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of an application by a person (details supplied); when the claim was received by her Department and when a decision issue on same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58913/22]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 614 of 5 July, 617 of 12 July, 1212 and 1259 of 26 July 2022, if she will provide an update on the status of the Navan Road social welfare office. — Joan Collins. [58925/22]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that persons on disability benefit were excluded from receiving the once-off payment of €500 cost-of-living measure announced in Budget 2023; if she will consider including them in this payment; the other benefits that recipients were excluded from; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [58946/22]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the estimated total amount in Euros which was allegedly taken in fraudulent or suspected fraudulent PUP claims and payments. — Peadar Tóibín. [58955/22]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department has conducted any investigations into alleged fraud in relation to the PUP; and if so, if she will share the details of such fraud. — Peadar Tóibín. [58956/22]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total amount of fraudulent PUP made to persons which have been recouped by the State; her views on a report (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [58957/22]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the State pension (non-contributory) for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59023/22]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the State pension (non-contributory) for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59025/22]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she has feedback on the number of applications online to complete application for the public services card result in failure; the number of follow-



up calls which are not reached within a reasonable period; and if steps can be taken to make this process simpler for people. — Richard Bruton. [59028/22]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons in County Clare in receipt of the fuel allowance at the end of 2020, at the end of 2021 and the figure as of November 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [59031/22]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Kerry is eligible for dental services under the treatment scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59059/22]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) has had their State pension (non-contributory) reduced; if this will be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [59062/22]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who received a grant from to purchase a hearing aid under her Department's medical appliances scheme in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [59075/22]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [59080/22]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is the option to engage with the Department through Irish under current legislation; and if so, if she will direct this Deputy to the relevant legal section. — Mairéad Farrell. [59104/22]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59107/22]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when ex-gratia payments to community employment supervisors are expected to be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [59118/22]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a review of a decision for the carer's support grant of a person (details supplied) will be decided; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59161/22]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a former CE supervisor (details supplied) who had to retire early in health grounds and whose sole income now is a disability payment is being advised that they will have to wait indefinitely for their entitled ex gratia payment as a retired CE supervisor and if this payment will be prioritised. — Robert Troy. [59191/22]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the percentage number of domiciliary care allowance applications that are approved on first application, appeal and any subsequent appeal; and the number of these that relate to children with autism. — Emer Higgins. [59194/22]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the long-term illness benefit is considered a qualifying payment for the fuel allowance and household benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59199/22]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that recipients of disability allowance, blind pension or invalidity pension who are on community employment schemes or undertaking further education and training have been excluded from the additional payment of €500; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59226/22]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for fuel allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59227/22]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the living alone allowance will be backdated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59234/22]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress that has been made to date on the determination of an application for an invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59277/22]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing her Departments' services who are employed in her Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that her Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59299/22]

\*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on whether Departmental guidelines were not intended to have the adverse consequences that have occurred in the case of a person (details supplied); if she will intervene in this case to ensure that they are not pursued by the debt management section of her Department. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [59303/22]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [59315/22]

\*435. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the proposal by an organisation (details supplied) for a free travel scheme for persons with epilepsy; and if further consideration has been given to the roll-out of the scheme. — Paul Donnelly. [59323/22]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an appeal by a person (details supplied) that was lodged in respect of a domiciliary care allowance will be accepted given the circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59324/22]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a community employment supervisor (details supplied) will receive their gratuity payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [59331/22]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her engagement with stakeholders regarding the provision of an occupational pension for community employment supervisors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [56442/22]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures that are being taken to ensure that the CE scheme is working optimally. — Emer Higgins. [53842/22]



\*440. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the breakdown of exceptional needs payments under the supplementary welfare allowance paid in October 2021 and October 2022; the total and individual value of each payment; and the total expenditure by category and month for October 2021 and October 2022, in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [59340/22]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which documentation, including medical evidence, has been furnished to her Department in connection with the disability allowance and or possible invalidity pension application in the name of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59349/22]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who has been living alone in Ireland for 19 years and who is in receipt of €215 per week in workman's compensation from the United States of America can receive the living alone allowance and fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [59350/22]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect a decision on a disability allowance to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [59372/22]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect a decision on a fuel allowance application to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [59373/22]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect a decision on a carers allowance application to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [59374/22]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect a decision on a carers allowance application to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [59375/22]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect a decision on a review of carers allowance application to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [59376/22]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect a decision on a review of carers allowance to be completed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [59377/22]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a disability allowance application will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59411/22]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59440/22]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for fuel allowance by persons (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59451/22]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive a response in relation of a carer's allowance application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [59454/22]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a substantive reply will issue to correspondence of 28 October 2022 with her office (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59457/22]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address the anomaly whereby participants on social schemes who are eligible for the Christmas bonus but happen to be in receipt of Illness benefit when the bonus is being paid out do not qualify for the bonus, even though they have not ceased participation on the social schemes and had they not fallen ill would have received an extra week payment on the social schemes; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [59462/22]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a disability allowance section 317 review (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [59467/22]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will be made on a disability allowance application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [59468/22]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the appeal submitted by this Deputy on behalf of a person (details supplied) will be expedited and approved given the exceptional circumstances of the case. — John McGuinness. [59471/22]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person applying for fuel allowance has to meet all four conditions in relation to who they reside with, or if satisfying any one out of the four conditions is sufficient in order to qualify; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59478/22]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) has been refused fuel allowance given that they only live with their spouse who is a person in receipt of carer's allowance as per the qualifying criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59479/22]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will request her officials to process the ex-gratia payment for retired CE supervisor (details supplied) who had to take early retirement on health grounds. — Robert Troy. [59481/22]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if consideration has been given to making the recent lump sum disability support payment an annual payment; considering commitments to addressing the additional cost of disability; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [59509/22]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the most recent figure for the number of carers in receipt of the carer's allowance excluding those on a half-rate carer's allowance; the number of carers who receive a reduced rate of carer's allowance due to means, categorised by recipients aged under 66 years caring for one person aged under 66 years caring for two or more persons, aged over 66 years caring for one person and aged over 66 years caring for

two or more people; the breakdown of these rates by the number of person's receiving a reduced rate carer's allowance payment under €100, between €100 and €150, €151 and €200, €201 and €251, €252 and €302, €303 and €353, €354 and €392, in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [59510/22]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide the most recent figure on the number of carers receiving a half-rate carer's allowance; the number of carers who receive a reduced rate of the half-rate carer's allowance due to means, categorised by recipients aged under 66 years caring for one person, aged under 66 years caring for two or more people, aged over 66 years caring for one person and aged over 66 years caring for two or more people; the breakdown of these rates by the number of person's receiving a carer's allowance payment under €100, between €100 and €120, €121 and €141, €142 and €162, €163 and €183, €184 and €196, in tabular form. — Marian Harkin. [59511/22]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which oral hearings in respect of appeals against disallowance for various payments are up-to-date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59538/22]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons currently in receipt of unemployment assistance on a short or long-term basis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59539/22]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which she and her Department continue to meet the requirements of persons with insufficient income to meet their ongoing requirements including cost-of-living requirements; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59540/22]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the degree to which social welfare appeals by applicants can be expedited in order to ensure that hardship does not occur; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59541/22]

\*468. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when the return of funeral and bereavement grant might be envisaged other than by way of the exceptional needs' payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59542/22]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which self-employed or other contributions in respect of State pension applications to her Department have been refused on the grounds of an insufficiency of contributions in each of the past five years to date; if any consideration has been given to the awarding of pensions in such cases on a pro-rata basis, in line with their actual level of contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59543/22]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of pension applications for the contributory-related State pension received in each of the past three years to date; the number granted, refused and or pending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59544/22]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of situations in respect of which applications for the State Pension (Contributory) were refused during the past five years to date due to insufficiency of contributions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59545/22]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which the waiting time for decision in respect of applications for various social welfare payments has been shortened; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59546/22]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the extent to which waiting times for payments in respect of means-tested applications compare with contribution related payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59547/22]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a carer's support grant and a respite grant has not been paid in the case of a person (details supplied) who had previously received same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59550/22]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if eligibility for a carer's allowance will be re-examined in the case of a person (details supplied) who had previously received same in view of Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59549/22]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the social welfare appeals office will confirm receipt of a domiciliary care allowance appeal by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [59562/22]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in her Department, including the cost of private cleaning in her Department, the cost of private security in her Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to her Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to her Department on foot of these contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59739/22]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in her Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59774/22]

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

\*479. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when assisted decision-making will become law and allow people to move on without the huge costs involved in ward of court; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [59442/22]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will report on the progress of the high-level proposals for a national centre for research and remembrance overseen by the Secretary General of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57560/22]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has availed of all of the accommodation offers that were made to his Department (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58713/22]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the attention of his Department has been drawn to complaints in relation to a situation (details supplied) regarding housing; the steps that are being taken to address this situation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58714/22]

\*483. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the monitoring mechanisms which are in place to ensure compliance with the Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021 is monitored; and if such monitoring will be the task of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [58717/22]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department maintains a list of all businesses required to report gender pay gap information under the Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021. — Ivana Bacik. [58718/22]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a register of employers who have not complied with the requirements of the Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021 will be made available on the Government's dedicated website. — Ivana Bacik. [58719/22]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Burke. [58759/22]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider extending the closing date for the building block improvement grant scheduled for Friday 25 November 2022 (details supplied); if he will acknowledge this difficulty and grant an extension for submission of required paperwork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [58769/22]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will extend the deadline for the building block improvement grant programme, in light of the difficulties in getting the necessary reports back on time that many institutions are experiencing (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [58778/22]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the progress being made in relation to the provision of part-time and wrap-around childcare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [58793/22]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the sanctions that are in place or those that he intends to put in place with respect to professionals who have been informed of current or historical child abuse allegations and who do not report same to relevant authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [58857/22]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the centralised website portal will include overall breakdowns and averages of the gender pay gap across all of those required to report in relation to gender pay gap reporting. — Louise O'Reilly. [58904/22]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the centralised website portal will include breakdowns and averages of the gender pay gap for those required to report to be presented, for example, by sector, occupation, and income decile. — Louise O'Reilly. [58905/22]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [58906/22]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a matter (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [58907/22]

\*495. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the resources from the Government that will be provided to develop the reporting website for gender pay gap reporting. — Louise O'Reilly. [58908/22]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the way in which compliance with the Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021 will be monitored; if the reporting will be monitored by his Department and or if a separate body will be established. — Louise O'Reilly. [58909/22]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department has a complete list of all businesses required to report, in order to enable them to track compliance. — Louise O'Reilly. [58910/22]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there will be a register of employers that have not complied with the requirements in relation to gender pay gap reporting. — Louise O'Reilly. [58911/22]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of times emergency services were called to incidents in direct provision centres in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58993/22]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the provision of communal space for an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59089/22]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a service provider (details supplied) will receive payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [59102/22]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of agency staff that have been converted to WTE Tusla employees in 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [59138/22]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the transition year programme administered by Tusla for the purposes of encouraging young persons to consider a career in the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [59139/22]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on Tusla's social care and social work graduate campaigns. — Kathleen Funchion. [59140/22]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a breakdown by county of the number of persons currently in the International Protection Accommodation Service; the number who have applied in the past three months; the number who applied between three and six months ago; the number who applied six to twelve months ago; the number who applied more than twelve months ago; their country of origin; the number who have been granted leave to remain; and the number who are still awaiting a decision in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [59141/22]



\*506. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payment will issue to a company (details supplied) that has been providing accommodation for Ukrainian refugees since August 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [59167/22]

\*507. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the centralised online reporting system that he announced in September (details supplied) will include overall breakdowns and averages of the gender pay gap for all employers included in the scheme, as required by the Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021; if it will include breakdowns or averages of the GPG for employers who are not required to report under the scheme; if it will provide a summary list by employer of the size of the gender pay gap by each of the different measures on which businesses are required to report; if it will provide a summary in order to track of the size of the gender pay gap of each employer over time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [59270/22]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the resources that are being made available by his Department to develop the centralised online reporting system announced in September under the Gender Pay Gap Information Act 2021; his views on the way that compliance with the Act will be monitored; if this will be carried out by his Department or by another body; if his Department will keep a complete list of all businesses required to report on their gender pay gap under the Act; if his Department will maintain a register of employers that have not complied with their responsibilities and requirements under the Act; if such a register will be made available publicly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Imelda Munster. [59271/22]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider supporting the after-school education support programme in the North Wall area of Dublin by allowing it to use and awarding it tenancy of the vacant North Wall community training centre on St. Lawrence Place in order take in more students given that the area is experiencing a sudden increase in population. — Gary Gannon. [59279/22]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59286/22]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if an application has been received or made regarding the establishment of a direct provision centre or accommodation centre for international protection applicants or beneficiaries of the Temporary Protection Directive in Cadamstown, County Offaly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [59314/22]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has plans to review the operations and workings of the core funding model and ECCE funding to childcare providers, especially in relation to the current cost-of-living crisis impact on smaller and local community providers, specifically if he has considered any increases or additional supports in funding to small providers who may be struggling to stay in business in the current climate; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [59361/22]



\*513. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will re-examine the position of providers who have not signed up to the core funding model in view of the current cost-of-living crisis and the difficulties faced by small providers of childcare services, and specifically the possibility of revisiting the issues around higher capitation and the PSP for those services not currently engaged in the core funding model; if his Department has met or will meet with representatives of small providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [59362/22]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 102 of 17 November 2022, if the mentioned training has been provided within temporary IPAS-contracted properties such as hotels or guesthouses. — Pa Daly. [59363/22]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is intended for Ireland to ratify International Labour Organisation Convention 156 on work life balance. — Ivana Bacik. [59365/22]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when it is intended for Ireland to ratify International Labour Organisation Convention 183 on maternity care. — Ivana Bacik. [59366/22]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he plans to meet with an organisation (details supplied) regarding the issues of capitation and core funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59367/22]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of hotels that the State is currently utilising to accommodate Ukrainians and other international refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [59381/22]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps being taken to improve creche and childcare provision in the Dublin 9 and 11 areas given the current shortage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59388/22]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a substantive reply will issue to correspondence of 26 September 2022 with his office (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59455/22]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when payments to service providers (details supplied) will issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [59488/22]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will clarify the situation regarding a location (details supplied) for accommodation of persons seeking international protection. — Michael Creed. [59519/22]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of hotels or accommodation centres housing Ukrainian refugees that have not been paid or have outstanding payments pending from his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59530/22]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider increasing the rates of pay for foster carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [59217/22]

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

\*525. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that students who have to repeat a year during their degree course will not be able to avail of the reduced registration fees when doing so; the rationale for discriminating against repeat students like this who already face the added expenses involved in having to repeat such years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [58752/22]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on concerns raised (details supplied); if he will arrange for the appropriate officials to progress a meeting request in respect of the role of Personal Assistants who are contracted through ETBs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O’Dowd. [58770/22]

\*527. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if students studying graduate entry medicine at University College Dublin can apply and avail of scholarships; if not, the reason therefore; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59084/22]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will review SUSI grant eligibility criteria for those studying graduate entry medicine to ensure that students can apply and avail of this grant and are not ineligible due to their course being viewed as not progressing on the National Framework of Qualifications due to the fact that the entry level for this course is level 8 and the qualification on successfully completing this course is also at level 8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59085/22]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if there is any further education funding that a person (details supplied) can access. — Joan Collins. [59099/22]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 108 of 19 May 2022, if she will provide an update on a joint proposal (details supplied) aimed at resolving these outstanding issues for adult education tutors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [59162/22]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students enrolled in level 5 pre-law courses in each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59168/22]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who were accepted onto undergraduate law courses following the completion of a level 5 pre-law course in each year since 2016; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59169/22]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide information on the anticipated increased administrative burden on SUSI in order

to process the €500 fee reduction for the 2023-2024 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59170/22]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the working group will be established to examine the issues in relation to the legislative process, transitional arrangements and establishment of the new agency in advance of the publication of the research Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59174/22]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when the research Bill will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59175/22]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of bundle 1 of the Higher Education Public Private Partnership Programme particularly in relation to the status of each project; if it has reached its financial closure; if construction has commenced; the total life-time cost and annual cost to the State of each of the six projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59176/22]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students enrolled in level 5 pre-nursing courses in the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59177/22]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who were accepted onto undergraduate nursing courses following the completion of a level 5 pre-nursing course in 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [59178/22]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59293/22]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will outline the process to obtain the €1,000 refund for college fees as recently announced in Budget 2023; if he will consider matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [59337/22]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide an update and the date on which all Science Foundation Ireland and the Irish Research Council PhDs will receive the promised Q4 €500 payment as specified in Budget 2023 (details supplied); if this date is not in Q4 of 2022 as promised; the reason that led to it being delayed; the reason that this information was not communicated sooner; the accountability mechanisms that exist within these organisations to ensure that these payments are provided; if the request for clarification from an organisation was received; when it will receive a response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59463/22]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students with a disability who have begun third level education by county in the academic year 2022-2023, in tabular form. — Sorca Clarke. [59554/22]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in his Department, including the cost of private cleaning in his Department, the cost of private security in his Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to his Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to his Department on foot of these contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59733/22]

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

\*544. To ask the Minister for Justice if the adjudication of residency status and citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied) will be expedited given the severe condition of their health and lack of housing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58705/22]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an application as part of the recent undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58706/22]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will engage with the charity regulator to establish if an organisation (details supplied) has made an application to be registered as a charity; if no such application has been made, the action that her Department proposes to take in the case in which the organisation is claiming to be a registered charity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [58716/22]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 103 of 9 November 2022, the options now available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58721/22]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of convictions under the Harassment, Harmful Communications and Related Offences Act 2020 since it came into force. — Pa Daly. [58749/22]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Justice if copies of reports, prepared pursuant to the family law area, are being routinely made available to all parties to the relevant proceedings, without exception, with particular reference to ensuring due process and fair procedures and the ability to challenge inaccuracies contained in same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [58753/22]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the deployment of body cameras for An Garda Síochána. — Jim O'Callaghan. [58850/22]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Justice if new legislation is necessary in order to provide body cameras to members of An Garda Síochána. — Jim O'Callaghan. [58851/22]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Justice number of drug dealing convictions under mandatory minimum sentencing provisions for procession of drugs over a value of €12,500 as set out in section 27 of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1977 (as amended by the Criminal Justice Acts 1999, 2006 and 2007) during the years 2011 to 2016. — Joan Collins. [58919/22]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to amend and commence section 30 of the Data Protection Act 2018 to prevent the targeting of children in online advertising, particularly in the area of unhealthy food marketing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [58922/22]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that gardaí were called to scenes and incidents in emergency departments in the State in each of the past five years by county in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [58949/22]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of persons who have been fined for breaching Covid-19 travel restrictions since the start of the pandemic by county. — Peadar Tóibín. [58950/22]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Justice the total amount in Euro that was collected in fines which were issued for breaches of Covid-19 restrictions in each county since the start of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [58951/22]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of persons that were arrested for suspected fraud in the State in each of the past ten years to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58952/22]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of murders or suspected murders which took place in the State in each of the past ten years to date in 2022; and the breakdown by county in 2021 and 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58953/22]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that gardaí have been called to incidents in domestic violence shelters in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58960/22]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that gardaí have been called to incidents in direct provision centres in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58961/22]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times the Garda armed response unit has been dispatched in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58962/22]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that gardaí have been called to incidents in homeless shelters in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58963/22]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that gardaí have been called to incidents involving persons entering or seeking to enter the river Corrib in Galway city in each of the past five years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58964/22]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fatal road traffic collisions in each of the years from 2020 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of drivers involved per year; the number of cases 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. [58967/22]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount in monetary value of drugs seized by gardaí in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [59000/22]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Justice the details of the way that the Garda vetting system functions; the length of time that the system goes back; and if the history of a person who was arrested but was not charged shows up on the system. — Peadar Tóibín. [59001/22]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Justice the amount transferred from the Criminal Assets Bureau to the public purse in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [59011/22]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of times that gardaí have been called to incidents involving persons entering or seeking to enter the river Shannon in Limerick city in each of the past five years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [59013/22]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of public order offences reported to gardaí within Kilkenny and Carlow Garda division in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [59018/22]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Justice if a new recruitment campaign for psychologists to join the Irish Prison Service will be launched early in 2023. — Kathleen Funchion. [59019/22]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Justice the bilateral meetings she has had with her EU counterparts to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Kathleen Funchion. [59020/22]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Justice the current status of Garda Síochána (Powers) Bill; and when the Bill will move to the next stage. — Kathleen Funchion. [59021/22]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will instruct the Irish Prison Service to release the report into the death of a person (details supplied) to the Cork city Coroner. — Thomas Gould. [59042/22]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Justice the process by which a family can gain access to the Inspector's Report into a death in prison. — Thomas Gould. [59043/22]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for certificates of personal fitness from remote operators and terrestrial bookmakers not ordinarily resident in the State made in the past five years, broken down by company name and year in tabular form; the number of successful applicants and the number of those refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [59066/22]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for certificates of personal fitness from remote operators and terrestrial bookmakers who are resident in the State made in the past seven years, broken down by company name and year in tabular form; the number of successful applicants; the number of those refused; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [59067/22]

\*577. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new unmarked Garda vans attached to the fleet in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the number of unmarked vans withdrawn from the fleet during same period. — Thomas Gould. [59073/22]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Justice if she influenced the decision to rename GSOC the Office of the Police Ombudsman; her views on whether, 100 years after the formation of An Garda Síochána, the decision to delete the word gardaí from the new Ombudsman's Office is a retrograde step in terms of heritage and the Irish language. — Peadar Tóibín. [59081/22]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Justice the policy for family members to provide clothes to persons in prison; if they can be hand-delivered; if there will be any changes in this policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [59105/22]



\*580. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the current situation for spent convictions for insurance related driving offences; if she has any plans for further reform in this area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [59120/22]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide the terms of reference in respect of a review of reports of Dóchas conducted by a person (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [59263/22]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 165 and 166 of 25 May 2022, if any persons are now the subject of Garda and or internal IPS investigations arising from issues highlighted in the original unpublished reports regarding Dóchas prison staff and inmates. — Catherine Murphy. [59264/22]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing her Departments' services who are employed in her Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that her Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59296/22]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of convictions for assault on a garda in each of the past five years; and is she plans to bring forward legislation in regard to stronger maximum sentences and penalties for those found guilty of assaulting members of An Garda Síochána. — Noel Grealish. [59335/22]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Justice if the recruitment campaign for the additional Data Protection Commissioner posts will be advertised outside of the State or just within the State; when it is intended to be advertised; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [59357/22]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date with the undocumented persons scheme, including a breakdown of those who have applied and have received a decision under both strands; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [59358/22]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on reducing the cost of GNIB cards in view of the cost-of-living crisis. — Pa Daly. [59359/22]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Justice if Irish citizens with family members in Russia are still able to bring family members from Russia to Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [59360/22]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are currently any plans to fund a new domestic violence refuge in the area of County Laois to help deal with the significant pressures on the current services provided in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [59384/22]

\*590. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are currently any plans to fund a new domestic violence refuge in the area of County Offaly to help deal with the significant pressures on the current services provided in the area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [59385/22]



\*591. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of occasions that the single person committee of inquiry advised to disclose partial disclosure or full disclosure, respectively, since September 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [59395/22]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Justice when it became a requirement to send original passport documents with performance C visa applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59407/22]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason that it became a requirement to send original passport documents with performance C visa applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59408/22]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of performance C visa applications processed, disaggregated by decision to grant or refuse in each of the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59409/22]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Justice the average length of time to process a performance C visa application in each of the years 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59410/22]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Justice if the new Bill to tackle hate crime and hate speech includes provisions to protect members of the LGBTQ+ community given the rise in homophobic attacks recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Francis Noel Duffy. [59417/22]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Justice when a substantive reply will issue to correspondence of 26 October 2022 with her office (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59456/22]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Justice if any visa or travel documents are required for a Ukrainian refugee to return to Ireland following a visit to the UK; the terms of any visa; the cost of any visa; the number of days the person can stay outside Ireland and still return without issue (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59465/22]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Justice the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in her Department, including the cost of private cleaning in her Department, the cost of private security in her Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to her Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to her Department on foot of these contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59736/22]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in her Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59772/22]

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

\*601. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [59418/22]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Health the status of pay restoration for persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [59480/22]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients who have been treated for cataracts at Nenagh Hospital in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; the number waiting for cataract treatment in County Tipperary; the number of patients from each county being treated for cataracts at Nenagh Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [58697/22]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 760 of 1 March 2022, if he accepts that it is now impossible for medical card holders to find a dentist who will treat them in County Wexford; if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied) who has contacted all eight dental practices in the county that accept medical card patients and has been informed that they are not accepting new patients; the steps that he intends to take to address this urgent matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [58703/22]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in relation to the expansion of the heel prick test for babies, in view of the fact that up to 40 medical conditions can be identified using this test in some European countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [58722/22]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of recommendations set out in the MacCraith Review of the Cervical Check Screening Programme that have been implemented; if he will provide details of the recommendations which have not been implemented; the timescale for when all of the recommendations of the report will be fully in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [58723/22]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reconsider his Department's policy to supporting HSE employees with long-Covid; if he will ensure that payment continues for an advanced nurse practitioner (details supplied) whose salary is due to conclude on 28 November 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [58732/22]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58733/22]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the awarding of a radiology contract specifically a DEXA scanner to a company (details supplied); if a tendering process was required for the award; the date that this agreement was signed; the total cost of the agreement on a yearly basis; the timeline for when the agreement will finish; and if local DEXA scan providers that were contracted before Covid-19 will be in a position to tender for the service into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [58735/22]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Health if a review of the boarding out model of care has been carried out recently; if so, if it comprised a review of the financial supports available to those providing this service; the findings of this review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [58743/22]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to take any measures to increase awareness of developmental coordination disorder, commonly known as dyspraxia, among medical and nursing staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [58744/22]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated full-year cost to increase awareness of developmental coordination disorder, commonly known as dyspraxia, and to fund research in this area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [58745/22]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Health the services and or supports that are available to children with developmental coordination disorder, commonly known as dyspraxia; if there are plans to increase current supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [58746/22]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Health if workers in Section 39 organisations, who provided day services throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, will receive the Covid recognition payment that has and is still to be paid to healthcare workers who worked at that time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [58755/22]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Health if workers in Section 39 organisations will qualify for the proposed building momentum increases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [58756/22]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied) who was referred in 2019 to the University Hospital Limerick for a tonsillectomy and is yet to receive an appointment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [58765/22]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Health when cleaners that worked at UHL will receive their pandemic bonus payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [58771/22]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have been on a waiting list for emergency neurosurgery in each of the past five years; the length of time that people are waiting on average; the longest wait for emergency neurosurgery in each of the past five years; the number of beds which exist for neurosurgery patients in the whole country; and the number of neurosurgery operations that have been carried out in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [58782/22]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of an outpatient clinic appointment in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Sean Sherlock. [58813/22]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in respect of the permitted duties of home helps; and if he will make available the guidelines that are provided to staff who are providing home care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [58816/22]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed breakdown of dental treatments that are covered under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [58817/22]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Health if dental treatments under the Northern Ireland planned healthcare scheme have to be carried out in an acute hospital setting, as opposed to a dental clinic, in order to qualify for reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [58818/22]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the public inquiry into nursing home deaths during Covid-19. — Thomas Gould. [58827/22]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Health the last date that he met with bereaved families of those who died in nursing homes during the Covid-19 pandemic. — Thomas Gould. [58828/22]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with the bereaved families of residents of a nursing home (details supplied). — Thomas Gould. [58829/22]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a breakdown of persons who are waiting to be seen in the national gender service by CHO, LHO and age group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [58840/22]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the name and contact details of the relevant officials within his Department and the HSE that can be contacted by a company to propose solutions to the urgent home care assistant shortages being seen across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [58841/22]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect to receive an appointment for an ASD assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [58842/22]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Health if funding is in place for children's non-complex needs ASD assessments through the children's disability network service at St. Davnet's Complex in Rooskey, County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [58843/22]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) who contracted long-Covid during their work as a nurse in Cavan General Hospital will continue be provided with special leave with pay; if cases of HSE employers deeming those suffering with long-Covid as fit-for-work have been drawn to his attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [58844/22]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Health if it is the case that lucentis, a drug for macular degeneration, is available to patients with private health insurance, but not to those on the general medical scheme; the reason that this is the case; if the position will be reviewed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [58845/22]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline workforce planning details to provide full restoration of day care services at the Sacred Heart Hospital in Castlebar to pre-pandemic levels when fully re-opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [58847/22]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the situation with respect to the registration and regulation of psychologists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [58862/22]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a tracheostomy nurse was not made available to a person (details supplied) for post-operative care; in the event that none was available, the reason that a bespoke training programme to train an existing member of staff in tracheostomy care was not provided.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [58865/22]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 489 of 20 September 2022, if mental health treatment will be put in place for a person (details supplied) in Dublin 9; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58872/22]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the establishment of five specialist menopause clinics, following the opening of one such clinic in the National Maternity Hospital earlier in 2022; if the locations have been chosen for the two specialist menopause clinics announced in April 2022 to support the eastern seaboard and to ensure that there is a clinic in each maternity network; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [58873/22]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Health the date ranges from 1 March 2020 to date that licenced premises were legally prohibited from opening as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Carol Nolan. [58899/22]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Health the date ranges from 1 March 2020 to date that gatherings for public worship and religious services were prohibited as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. — Carol Nolan. [58900/22]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm whether any capital funding or supports have been contributed to the construction or maintenance of the primary care centre on the Navan Road; and if he can confirm any ongoing supports currently available to the centre. — Joan Collins. [58914/22]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the details of the results of the HSE investigation into the recreational use of nitrous oxide canisters by young people; the programmes that are currently available to tackle the issue; and the measures that are being considered to ban the sale or use of these canisters. — Joan Collins. [58916/22]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the public health obesity bill, as committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [58921/22]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the latest edition of the code of standards for advertising and marketing communications has had the desired effect when it comes to the marketing of unhealthy food to children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [58923/22]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Health if there is a process through which individuals can seek funding from the HSE in order to be reimbursed, having obtained surgeries or other medical treatments privately in Ireland due to HSE waiting lists; and if so, if he will outline the application process for same. — Eoin Ó Broin. [58926/22]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to an offer by a private consultant surgeon (details supplied) to assist with surgeries at a hospital due to lengthy waiting lists; and the reason that the offer was not accepted. — Eoin Ó Broin. [58927/22]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify a matter (details supplied) in relation to costs for nursing homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [58933/22]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Health the total budget per month and the amount spent per year on paediatric aids and appliances by an organisation (details supplied) in CHO5, in 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [58938/22]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for aids and appliances for those under 18 years of age in CHO5 which covers south Tipperary; the length of time that they have been waiting; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [58939/22]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Health if the Government plans to include the coverage of prescribed high doses of vitamin B2 under the national medical card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [58940/22]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been allocated to University Hospital Kerry under the winter plan; the way that this compares to other hospitals in the South/South West Hospital Group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [58945/22]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have begun chemotherapy treatment in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58977/22]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new persons added to the CAMHS waiting list in each of the past five years. — Peadar Tóibín. [58978/22]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are currently on the CAMHS waiting list by county; the longest length of time that a person has been left waiting; and the average waiting time currently. — Peadar Tóibín. [58979/22]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who have died while they were on the CAMHS waiting list in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58980/22]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that CAMHS refuses to accept referrals for children who have been known to use drugs or alcohol; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [58981/22]

\*655. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that ambulances were dispatched in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58982/22]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that ambulances were dispatched in each county in 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [58983/22]

\*657. To ask the Minister for Health the current average wait time for an ambulance in each county. — Peadar Tóibín. [58984/22]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health the number persons who have retired from the National Ambulance Service in each of the past five years and to date in 2022; and the number of new persons employed by the National Ambulance Service in each of the past five years and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Peadar Tóibín. [58985/22]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that he has met with the CEO of an organisation (details supplied) since he took office; and the dates on which these meetings took place. — Peadar Tóibín. [58986/22]



\*660. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons who died from suspected or confirmed Covid-19 in nursing homes in the State since the start of the pandemic. — Peadar Tóibín. [58987/22]

\*661. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of persons in the country currently in receipt of home help excluding family carers. — Peadar Tóibín. [58988/22]

\*662. To ask the Minister for Health the average amount that is paid by the State to homecare agencies for one hour of care to one individual care recipient. — Peadar Tóibín. [58989/22]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that ambulance drivers have reported being assaulted while on active duty in the State in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. — Peadar Tóibín. [58990/22]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons or families who have taken cases and issued letters of claim against the State in relation to the death of their loved one from Covid-19 in hospitals or nursing homes in the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [58991/22]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Health the total cost to date of the cyber-attack on the HSE; the projected estimated total cost of rectifying the damage done by the attack; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [58992/22]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Health if he outline where a person (details supplied) is on the waiting list for occupational therapy, speech and language therapy and psychology; when services will be supplied for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [59005/22]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time midwives working in the maternity unit of St. Luke's General Hospital, Kilkenny in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and if this number will be further increased. — Kathleen Funchion. [59015/22]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address waiting times for children seeking to undergo an ADHD assessment, in particular in CHO 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [59024/22]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update when the report on the audit into CAMHS by the HSE will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [59032/22]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update when the report on the audit into CAMHS by the Mental Health Commission will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [59033/22]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a proposal for a Section 38 hospital on a council-owned site in Limerick; the engagements that he has had with a private healthcare provider (details supplied) regarding this proposal; his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59035/22]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a full list of all publicly-funded hospitals, by model and hospital group. — Róisín Shortall. [59036/22]



\*673. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements that he has had with the Dental Council of Ireland in relation to Ukrainian dentists now living in Ireland; the steps being taken to accelerate the registration of Ukrainian dentists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59037/22]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to establish a special Oireachtas committee to examine voluntary assisted dying; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59039/22]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Health the supports in place for a person (details supplied) who needs a medical procedure, given that services are currently not provided in Ireland. — Robert Troy. [59045/22]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Health when the Covid-19 vaccine for babies and children under five years will be made available in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [59050/22]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant neurosurgeons attached to Cork University Hospital in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the hours per week that these consultants are based in the hospital. — Thomas Gould. [59070/22]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated cost to increase the number of number of higher specialist training posts by 3%; the estimated number of additional posts that would result; and the extra workforce requirements incurred by same. — Thomas Gould. [59071/22]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Health the amount raised by charges in minor injuries units by unit in the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Thomas Gould. [59072/22]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of PET CT scanners that are available in Ireland in HSE and non-HSE hospitals; the name of each hospital; the number of scanners in each in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59086/22]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that his Department has made to identify the infrastructural requirements for rolling out radioligand therapy in Ireland including the identification of radioligand therapy centres and the provision of specialised training to staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59087/22]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients treated with lutathera in Ireland and under the HSE's treatment abroad scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59088/22]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department intends on making a submission indicating Ireland's interest in participating in the EU4Health Joint Action for Diabetes and Cardiovascular Disease (CVD), in order that Ireland can have access to part of the €53 million of funding that is available for these policy areas through this programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59091/22]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Health when the consultation process will commence regarding the €10 million in funding allocated in Budget 2023 towards publicly funded IVF treatment; when full details of the scheme will be announced and made available; the way that this scheme will work

in tandem with the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022 when enacted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59092/22]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time that it will take to establish the new assisted human reproduction regulatory authority once the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022 is enacted by both Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59093/22]

\*686. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) from County Donegal can expect to receive an appointment date from a hospital in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [59122/22]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Health the total estimated monthly budget and annual expenditure on paediatric aids and appliances by the resource allocation groups in CHO3 per RAG group for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [59124/22]

\*688. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be called for pain injections. — Robert Troy. [59137/22]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Health if urgent home care will be provided for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [59163/22]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for aids and appliances for those under 18 years of age in each health area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [59171/22]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Health if the purchase of a house for use as a 24-hour staffed mental health facility in Midleton, County Cork has been completed by the HSE; if he will provide its exact location in Midleton; the total cost of the house; if it will require planning permission and adaptations or further works for use as a mental health facility and, if so, the budget for same; if it will include ‘continuing care’ placements or if it will function instead as a ‘high support hostel’; the number of residents the facility will accommodate; the staffing levels for the service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [59221/22]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Health the measures and additional supports that the HSE is putting in place to assist GP practices and others across County Donegal with supporting Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [59223/22]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) has not received their frontline worker payments. — Niamh Smyth. [59262/22]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Health the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments’ services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59294/22]

\*695. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being taken to increase the numbers of dentists accepting medical card patients in Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59322/22]

\*696. To ask the Minister for Health when sacituzumab-govitecan will be approved for use by the HSE to urgently assist patients with cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59319/22]

\*697. To ask the Minister for Health if new development funding for mental health will be released by the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform in order that funding can be used for new clinical programmes in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [59321/22]

\*698. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) will be allowed to remain with the same service in the Tralee area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [59326/22]

\*699. To ask the Minister for Health if he will support the ability of the Tallaght University Hospital neurofibromatosis clinic to continue to accept referrals for new patients; if he will ensure that the clinic has adequate staffing resources; if he will take steps to address the lack of diagnostic equipment at the neurofibromatosis clinic in Tallaght University Hospital; if he will address concerns in relation to the absence of a paediatric dermatologist, a paediatric neurologist and the unavailability of an optical coherence tomography machine in the ophthalmology department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [59327/22]

\*700. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to concerns within the ophthalmology sector regarding the viability of providing services to medical card holders; if any negotiations are ongoing with respect to the reimbursement rate under the community ophthalmic services medical treatment scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [59332/22]

\*701. To ask the Minister for Health his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [59348/22]

\*702. To ask the Minister for Health the date that the pay increase, as discussed by Government and unions, will be implemented in relation to HSE staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [59353/22]

\*703. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [59354/22]

\*704. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [59356/22]

\*705. To ask the Minister for Health the way that inheritance that has been disclaimed by an applicant for the fair deal scheme is treated; if this can be disregarded and not treated as an asset for the purposes of a fair deal scheme means assessment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [59382/22]

\*706. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on phase two of plans to review the nursing home regulatory model, which was due to commence in quarter three of 2022 as per the Fourth Progress Report on the Implementation of the Covid-19 Nursing Homes Expert Panel Recommendations; if this process has commenced; the status of HIQA's international evidence review of nursing home regulatory models; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59389/22]

\*707. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card eligibility reviews carried out on persons over 70 years of age in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [59390/22]

\*708. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical card eligibility reviews carried out on persons under 70 years of age each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [59391/22]

\*709. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP card eligibility reviews carried out on persons over 70 years of age in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [59392/22]

\*710. To ask the Minister for Health the number of GP card eligibility reviews carried out on persons under 70 years of age in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [59393/22]

\*711. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the long wait times facing attendees of Tallaght University Hospital's accident and emergency department; and his views on the actions being taken to alleviate this pressure. — Francis Noel Duffy. [59414/22]

\*712. To ask the Minister for Health the position of Ireland in relation to a World Health Organisation proposal for a pandemic treaty; if he will advocate to bring about a people-centred legal instrument with commitments and practical mechanisms for pandemic prevention, preparedness, response and recovery based on human rights equity and principles; if the issues of innovation and equitable access to vaccines, diagnostics and treatments, sharing data and technology, building resilient health systems, transparency and financing pandemic preparedness and response, will be addressed in this treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [59420/22]

\*713. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the roll-out of the front-line pandemic bonus payment still outstanding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [59421/22]

\*714. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the medical card appeal of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [59430/22]

\*715. To ask the Minister for Health the number of the regional fertility hubs that are fully operational in November 2022; the number of patients who have been seen in each hub in the first nine months of 2022; the level of treatment that is provided by each hub; the number of staff in each hub in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59431/22]

\*716. To ask the Minister for Health the level of expansion that he expects from each of the regional fertility hubs in 2023, 2024 and 2025; the level of staff that each hub will have; the number of patients each hub will treat; the fertility services that each will provide in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59432/22]

\*717. To ask the Minister for Health the discussions that have taken place with private fertility treatment providers and his Department with regards to the roll-out of publicly funded IVF treatment in Ireland in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59433/22]

\*718. To ask the Minister for Health the consultation that has taken place with stakeholders with regard to the roll-out of publicly funded IVF treatment in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59434/22]

\*719. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients that access fertility treatment in Ireland each year; if the budget allocated for 2023 is adequate to address that need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59435/22]

\*720. To ask the Minister for Health when he envisages that Ireland will have a fully-funded public fertility treatment system; the expected cost and timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [59436/22]

\*721. To ask the Minister for Health the avenues open to a child (details supplied) to get expensive dental treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [59466/22]

\*722. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [59473/22]

\*723. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a child (details supplied) under the care of Portlinc University Hospitals cardiology and paediatric teams is now classed as a new patient following their automatic transfer to adult services in the same hospital following their sixteenth birthday; if his attention has been drawn to reports that following this transfer, their care has effectively ceased despite their immediate and ongoing clinical need including the twice yearly appointments with their consultant to monitor their symptoms and medication, and that the wait time for their next appointment will be in excess of three years. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59474/22]

\*724. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 719 11 October 2022, what qualifies as a meaningful contact; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [59489/22]

\*725. To ask the Minister for Health if he will review the contents of correspondence submitted (details supplied); and if he will provide an update on proposals to address concerns outlined. — Robert Troy. [59492/22]

\*726. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct the HSE to pay the Special Leave With Pay for Covid-19 to staff as agreed earlier this year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59493/22]

\*727. To ask the Minister for Health when the commitment in Project Ireland 2040 for a new cancer centre at University Hospital, Galway will be progressed; the current status of the project; the present timeline for completion; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [59499/22]

\*728. To ask the Minister for Health the date on which he received the working group review of accident and emergency and acute services at Our Lady's Hospital, Navan; the meetings or discussions he has held regarding this review since receiving it, and attendance at same; the date on which the review will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [59500/22]

\*729. To ask the Minister for Health the average daily running cost of an in-patient hospital bed in a model 1, 2, 3 and model 4 hospital respectively based on data from the HSE Healthcare Pricing Office; the total number across the acute hospital beds in each category concerned; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [59502/22]

\*730. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons availing of private health insurance by age group (details supplied). — Jim O'Callaghan. [59503/22]

\*731. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will be transferred from Sligo University Hospital to Beaumont Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [59504/22]

\*732. To ask the Minister for Health the average daily cost of a nursing home bed under the NTPF in the public and private sector respectively, inclusive of patient charges; the average cost to the Exchequer of a private nursing home bed contracted to the NTPF; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [59505/22]

\*733. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements that will be in place, if any, to offer significantly reduced or free car parking in the National Children's Hospital for families bringing children to hospital for frequent or prolonged stays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59512/22]

\*734. To ask the Minister for Health if a ban on flavours, other than tobacco, will be included in the Public Health (Tobacco and Nicotine Inhaling Products) Bill 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59513/22]

\*735. To ask the Minister for Health when the National Skin Cancer Prevention Plan for 2023 onwards will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59514/22]

\*736. To ask the Minister for Health the arrangements in place for persons who are living with and beyond cancer, whose fertility has been impacted by their treatment, to ensure that they will have access to publicly funded fertility treatments, such as IVF, as announced in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59515/22]

\*737. To ask the Minister for Health the number of annual inpatient cases that attended the Mater Hospital for cancer services in the years 2019 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59516/22]

\*738. To ask the Minister for Health the number of annual inpatient cases that attended Beaumont Hospital for cancer services in the years 2019 to 2021, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59517/22]

\*739. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for the delay in processing funding for nursing home support scheme applications following the award of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [59521/22]

\*740. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) can expect a hospital appointment. — Barry Cowen. [59522/22]



\*741. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to improve the approach to women's healthcare in GP practices, particularly training in respect of menopause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59559/22]

\*742. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of the population with private health insurance; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59560/22]

\*743. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the quality assurance process in the Coombe Women and Infants University Hospital in respect of laboratory services for cervical screening; the engagements that he has had with the hospital regarding the issue of non-compliance, as referred to in Review of the Implementation of Recommendations of the Scoping Inquiry into the CervicalCheck Screening Programme (details supplied); the current non-compliance issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59563/22]

\*744. To ask the Minister for Health the engagements that he has had with the Medical Council regarding recommendation 33 of the Scoping Inquiry into the CervicalCheck Screening Programme (details supplied), published in September 2018; the reason that this recommendation has not been implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59564/22]

\*745. To ask the Minister for Health if he will investigate claims that clinicians were refusing to treat patients with any association to a group (details supplied) as outlined in the Review of the Implementation of Recommendations of the Scoping Inquiry into the CervicalCheck Screening Programme; if he will immediately engage with the Medical Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [59565/22]

\*746. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the number of home help staff currently available to work in each area of CHO4, including a breakdown of the numbers employed on a full-time or part-time basis. — Holly Cairns. [59570/22]

\*747. To ask the Minister for Health when the review of the Health Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act 2018 will be published. — Holly Cairns. [59571/22]

\*748. To ask the Minister for Health the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in his Department, including the cost of private cleaning in his Department, the cost of private security in his Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to his Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to his Department on foot of these contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59734/22]

\*749. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in his Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59770/22]

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

\*750. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if previous forestry can be used for the new ACRES scheme (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58698/22]



\*751. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the estimated cost of each action in the case of a non-coursing greyhound; if the fees for each respective transaction are paid to an organisation (details supplied); the estimated cost of registering a stud greyhound annually; obtaining a mating certificate; registering a litter of pups; tattooing and microchipping a dog; obtaining a naming form from the organisation; naming a non-coursing greyhound; and the estimated cost of getting the markings put on a non-coursing dog's identity book passport. — Neasa Hourigan. [58707/22]

\*752. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department considers that the 10% of all prize money given directly to greyhound breeders by Rásaíocht Con Éireann a form of State subsidisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [58708/22]

\*753. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds microchipped in each of the years 2015 to 2021. — Neasa Hourigan. [58709/22]

\*754. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds named in each of the years 2015 to 2021, inclusive. — Neasa Hourigan. [58710/22]

\*755. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown by status for example, racing, injured, exported, deceased and so on, of the 23,760 non-coursing greyhounds subject to traceability on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann traceability system in each month from January to December 2021. — Neasa Hourigan. [58711/22]

\*756. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a breakdown based on year of microchipping for the 23,760 non-coursing greyhounds subject to traceability on the Rásaíocht Con Éireann traceability system from January to December 2021. — Neasa Hourigan. [58712/22]

\*757. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the overhead and margin percentage used by the Forest Service of his Department in the afforestation grant rates for the next forestry programme as recently published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [58728/22]

\*758. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date that he expects to publish his forestry licencing plan for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Shanahan. [58729/22]

\*759. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the attention of the Forestry Division within his Department has been drawn to reports that the devastating Ash dieback disease *chalara fraxinea*, was present in Europe and moving westward towards Ireland in the years previous to its outbreak in Ireland in 2011; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58737/22]

\*760. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the proposed grant rates in the next forestry programme will cover 100% of the costs involved in preparing and developing afforestation sites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58738/22]

\*761. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will include members of an organisation (details supplied) in any stakeholder group or forum being set up to implement

the CAP strategic plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58739/22]

\*762. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail the mechanism and calculations, per forest type, in which the Forest Service of his Department calculated the afforestation grant rates as recently published for the next forestry programme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58740/22]

\*763. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department provides supporting or operational funds to assist forestry industry representation groups; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58741/22]

\*764. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there will be any change to the grants for the construction of forest roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [58742/22]

\*765. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm the financial contribution made by an organisation (details supplied) to the redevelopment of a racecourse, given that the organisation has received a share of the new development and the use of public funds for the project; if the site was the only contribution made by the organisation; the value that was put on the site; the person who valued the site; if he will provide a list, if more than one valuation was carried out; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [58787/22]

\*766. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when farmers will be eligible to apply for the new suckler cow scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [58821/22]

\*767. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reference year for the new suckler cow scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [58822/22]

\*768. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there is a penalty if the number of suckler cows drops during any given year on the suckler cow scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [58823/22]

\*769. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason for the number of entitlements increasing from 35 to 44 on the Doon commonage, located in the electoral division of Clogheen; the proof that exists for further support; the reason that the entitlements increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [58824/22]

\*770. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will request HSI to outline the rationale for the severance pay and costs within Horse Sport Ireland (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [58826/22]

\*771. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the details of all of the support schemes in the next forestry programme will be announced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58832/22]

\*772. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date that he expects to issue financial approvals for afforestation in the next forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58833/22]

\*773. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm the principal of the afforestation grant rate providing for all costs associated with afforestation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58834/22]

\*774. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of an appeal in the case of persons (details supplied); if the matter will be expedited and a positive decision issued based on the comprehensive submission made by the applicants; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [58846/22]

\*775. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Woodland Environmental Fund will continue in the next forestry programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [58869/22]

\*776. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the Forestry Service of his Department will achieve all of the targets for his forestry licencing plan for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [58870/22]

\*777. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that there are over 30 cases waiting for arbitration (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [58999/22]

\*778. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a farmer qualifies under the forgotten farmer scheme initiative, the benefits that will be accrued by those farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59030/22]

\*779. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the State-owned forestry company Coillte is partnering in a joint venture with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59064/22]

\*780. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if Coillte is headhunting foresters from the private sector to service new initiatives in conjunction with UK-based institutional investment funds for the purchase of land for afforestation in Ireland; if this is in line with Government policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59065/22]

\*781. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of non-coursing greyhounds that were microchipped and tattooed in Ireland from 2010 to 2021 and to date 2022, as recorded and maintained by an organisation (details supplied). — Neasa Hourigan. [59103/22]

\*782. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of entitlements in the national reserve for young farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [59106/22]

\*783. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an appeal in relation to a decision made under the BEEP scheme in the name of a person (details supplied) will be expedited and approved based on the exceptional circumstances of the case and the hardship being experienced by the appellant; the reason that the person was informed by a Department official prior to submitting the appeal that the appeal was unlikely to succeed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [59121/22]

\*784. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a parcel of land that has never drawn down entitlements can now establish entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59165/22]

\*785. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the classification of a parcel of land (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59166/22]

\*786. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who afforested land in each of the years 2014 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the number of hectares planted; the total number of persons who afforested land; the total hectares planted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59185/22]

\*787. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a person (details supplied) received severance-related remuneration upon their resignation from an organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59186/22]

\*788. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the current number of hectares of afforestation in the State; the percentage of land cover that this comprises; if these figures are inclusive of forestry impacted by ash dieback; the total number of hectares impacted by ash dieback within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Matt Carthy. [59187/22]

\*789. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will divert attention from Coillte to private foresters for the remainder of 2022, given that the target number of Coillte felling licences stated in the forestry licensing plan for 2022 of 1530 has now been exceeded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [59230/22]

\*790. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will achieve the issuing of target number of private felling licences as set out in his Department's forestry licensing plan 2022, given that his Department has only issued 78% of the target number of licences to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [59231/22]

\*791. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will achieve the issuing of target number of forest road licences as set out in the forestry licensing plan 2022, given that his Department has only issued 79% of the target number of licences to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [59232/22]

\*792. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department will achieve the issuing of target number of afforestation licences as set out in the forestry licensing plan 2022, given that his Department has only issued 61% of the target number of licences to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [59233/22]

\*793. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing his Departments' services who are employed in his Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that his Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59285/22]

\*794. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason his Department introduced a quota management system for the hook and line mackerel fishery with just under 180 tonnes of the 400-tonne quota being caught during the 2022 season compared to the 1200 tonnes

landed in 2021; the way he intends to resolve this unviable system that is impacted local coastal fishing communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [59378/22]

\*795. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry. — Brendan Griffin. [59453/22]

\*796. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a substantive reply will issue to correspondence of 4 November 2022 with his office (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [59458/22]

\*797. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to the concerns of some retired Coillte staff (details supplied) regarding the lack of increase in pension levels since 2007; if he has any plans to engage with this cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [59476/22]

\*798. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the effects that the continued shortage of peat is having on the mushroom and horticulture sectors; and the measures that his Department is implementing to support these sectors. — Sorca Clarke. [59552/22]

\*799. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine that status of an organisation's (details supplied) application for producer organisation status. — Holly Cairns. [59568/22]

\*800. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in his Department, including the cost of private cleaning in his Department, the cost of private security in his Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to his Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to his Department on foot of these contracts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59727/22]

\*801. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in his Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59761/22]

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

\*802. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she plans to take into public ownership parts of the countryside and mountainous areas which are not in regular private use to facilitate public recreational use of such lands. — Ivana Bacik. [59526/22]

\*803. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the position regarding a project (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [58825/22]

\*804. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if funding will be made available to an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [59077/22]

\*805. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the options open to, and the correct procedures for, a charity (details supplied) to obtain State funding for the purchase of a new

ambulance to be used for the benefit of the community; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [59182/22]

\*806. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of access officers responsible for providing or arranging for and co-ordinating assistance and guidance to people with disabilities accessing her Departments' services who are employed in her Department as required by section 26 (2) of the Disability Act 2005; the way that her Department makes its customers aware of this service; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [59298/22]

\*807. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will review the eligibility criteria for the community and voluntary sector energy support scheme to include organisations that are receiving minimum part funding from the HSE and are struggling financially to maintain vital services to older and vulnerable persons in rural areas (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [59312/22]

\*808. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if an organisation (details supplied) will qualify for the community and voluntary energy support scheme; if not, the reason thereof; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [59328/22]

\*809. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will confirm receipt of an application under the community centre investment fund from an organisation (details supplied); the status of this application; and when funding will be distributed to these category 3 applicants. — Michael Creed. [59518/22]

\*810. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the names of all companies supplying private security and cleaning services in her Department, including the cost of private cleaning in her Department, the cost of private security in her Department; the number of private cleaners supplied to her Department to provide these duties as part of these contracts, and the number of private security personnel supplied to her Department on foot of these contracts; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [59738/22]

\*811. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a schedule of the employment status in the civil service of each civilian driver who has been replaced by an official Garda driver in her Ministerial driver corps; if VER payments have issued; and if any cases have been presented to the WRC to date on foot of the changes. — Catherine Murphy. [59773/22]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY,  
FOR ORAL ANSWER ON WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER, 2022**

**Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.**

1. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the social partners. — Ivana Bacik. [58891/22]

2. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the social partners. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59156/22]



3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [58944/22]

4. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59157/22]

5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Transport will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59252/22]

6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Transport will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [59255/22]

7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Transport will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [59258/22]

8. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the French President, Emmanuel Macron. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59484/22]

9. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with President Macron on 24 November 2022. — Seán Haughey. [59491/22]