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### CEISTEANNA AR SONRAÍODH UAIN DÓIBH OUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

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

- 1. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on any plans her Department has to remedy the crisis in Garda retention. Martin Kenny. [60923/22]
- 2. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will support an alteration to the policy in relation to the arming of gardaí; if she will support more gardaí being armed with firearms or tasers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mick Barry. [60564/22]
- 3. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the establishment of the independent parole board. Martin Kenny. [60925/22]
- 4. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason that only 92 new members started in Templemore this week; if issues relating to pay conditions, pension, paperwork, roster issues and anti-social working hours are impacting the recruitment process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Peter Fitzpatrick. [60622/22]
- 5. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have arrived in Ireland to date under the Afghan Admissions Programme; her plans to ensure that all 500 places will be filled on the programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [60481/22]

## CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

- 6. To ask the Minister for Justice the plans there are to roll-out restorative programmes through the court system. Brian Stanley. [60546/22]
- 7. To ask the Minister for Justice when GSOC will publish its investigation report into the killing of a person (details supplied) by gardaí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [60573/22]
- 8. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the increased supports for domestic, sexual and gender-based violence services in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [60237/22]

- 9. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the current waiting times for family law hearings at the Dublin Circuit Court. Seán Haughey. [60503/22]
- 10. To ask the Minister for Justice the Government's strategy on step-down accommodation in cases in which a person leaves a domestic violence refuge; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [56990/22]
- 11. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department owns the Courthouse on Church Street, Kanturk, which has stood unused for many years; the plans for the building, given that both the Courthouse and the attached Bridewell, which bares writing and graffiti from the War of Independence and the Civil War, are monuments of historical significance. Michael Moynihan. [60593/22]
- 12. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which current reforms of the family law courts might entail protection for mothers in relation to section 47 reports/parental alienation issues; if it is expected to ensure that ample opportunity is given to ensure the protection of children in such circumstances and prevention of any action which might result in psychological harm and ongoing trauma; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60531/22]
- 13. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the Drugs Related Intimidation Reporting Programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [60618/22]
- 14. To ask the Minister for Justice when bodycams will be introduced, and training provided to members in using these body cams in view of the recent assault on members of An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Peter Fitzpatrick. [60623/22]
- 15. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to recent comments from the Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment suggesting that more gardaí may be armed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [60569/22]
- 16. To ask the Minister for Justice if occupiers' liability insurance legislation will come before the Houses of the Oireachtas before the end of 2022. Matt Shanahan. [53879/22]
- 17. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the impact to date of new approaches to crime in areas of high incidence of crime and high risk of young people being recruited into a life of crime and if there are lessons for the future. Richard Bruton. [60453/22]
- 18. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has discussed the issue of an equal allocation of refugees and asylum seekers across all European countries, per capita of existing populations, with her fellow European Ministers. Danny Healy-Rae. [58198/22]
- 19. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda members in County Louth who are CBD2 trained; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Peter Fitzpatrick. [60625/22]
- 20. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has concluded her deliberations in relation to the report into the death of a person (details supplied) and if she will publish this report. Matt Carthy. [60567/22]

- 21. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the work that her Department has done on the appropriate levels of sentencing as embodied in our laws and in the practice of the Courts; and if she will outline the changes that are needed and anticipated. Richard Bruton. [60452/22]
- 22. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí that have been recruited to date in 2022. Willie O'Dea. [60500/22]
- 23. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the new powers that gardaí will have following the implementation of the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill; the way the Bill will help An Garda Síochána engage with State agencies to ensure community safety in local communities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60497/22]
- 24. To ask the Minister for Justice her plans to tackle the rise in anti-social behaviour in our capital city; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [60629/22]
- 25. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has collated any figures regarding the number of reports made to gardaí of incidents where scramblers and quads have been reported as posing a danger to the public and if she can make them available. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [60510/22]
- 26. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí assigned to the Carlow district. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [60555/22]
- 27. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has had talks with the union representing Civil Service workers in the gardaí regarding proposed changes under the Policing, Security and Community Safety Bill. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [60511/22]
- 28. To ask the Minister for Justice if any consideration or discussion has taken place with her or with her Department in relation to arming uniformed members of an Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [60518/22]
- 29. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the range of powers that gardaí have when investigating online hate speech, incitement to hate, online threats and intimidation; if she will outline any plans to enhance those powers for gardaí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [60617/22]
- 30. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the Carlow District; and the way that this compares to the numbers in June 2020. Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [60554/22]
- 31. To ask the Minister for Justice in view of the publication of the review of the atypical work permit scheme for non-EEA fishers and resulting improved permit system that should accrue to those fishers who are currently documented in the atypical scheme and to those non-EEA fishers who may be employed in the future, if she will also consider offering to those migrant fishers who fell out of the atypical scheme for various reasons but who continue to be employed in the State on an undocumented basis a path to regularise their status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mick Barry. [60565/22]
- 32. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will increase maximum sentences for assaults on gardaí; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [60557/22]

- 33. To ask the Minister for Justice the steps she intends taking to tackle overcrowding in our female prisons in Dublin and Limerick; if it is intended to provide an open centre with addiction support services for those for whom such a centre would be more appropriate than a conventional prison; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [60517/22]
- 34. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 40 of 20 October 2022, the status of the independent review of part IV of the Criminal Law (Sexual Offences) Act 2017; if the review is on track to be completed by the end of 2022; when the review will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [60479/22]
- 35. To ask the Minister for Justice the budgetary and human resources that are available to the prison education service; and if there are any plans to ensure educational supports are available to prisoners during the summer. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [60512/22]
- 36. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the Bandon, Bantry and Clonakilty districts. Christopher O'Sullivan. [60513/22]
- 37. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the scheme to regularise undocumented persons; if she will consider adjustments to the scheme to ensure those such as fishers who were in the atypical scheme can have a pathway to regularisation; if she will support other initiatives to allow those who are undocumented access to regularisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mick Barry. [60566/22]
- 38. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of refugee spaces for victims/survivors of domestic violence/gender-based violence currently being funded by her Department in each county. Holly Cairns. [60307/22]
- 39. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí assigned to the Dublin districts that have retired to date in 2022. Willie O'Dea. [60501/22]
- 40. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda members trained in using lights and sirens in County Louth; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Peter Fitzpatrick. [60627/22]
- 41. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí in Cork currently; the number considered a complete cohort; and the plans she has to resolve this. Thomas Gould. [60535/22]
- 42. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the ongoing efforts to enable the rollout of CCTV systems for An Garda Síochána in urban areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. James O'Connor. [60619/22]
- 43. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the main benchmarks achieved by the Private Security Authority in 2021; her future plans, if any, for the authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [60515/22]
- 44. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of knife assaults recorded in each of the Dublin Garda divisions to date in 2022. Seán Haughey. [60504/22]
- 45. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will clarify the position of those workers, many of whom are presently working in sectors suffering chronic shortages of staff, who are presently in

the state on a G1 graduate visa, when their visa has or is due to expire and where their job would ordinarily require the position to be advertised and filled in line with the labour market needs test; if such workers remain in their employment; if their visa can be extended; if she will examine such extensions beyond the present time limits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [60610/22]

- 46. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has engaged with the Garda Commissionerin preparation for the introduction of the power to seize scramblers and quads under the Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2022. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [60509/22]
- 47. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has met with the Garda Representative Association over concerns regarding changes in rostering. Peadar Tóibín. [60309/22]
- 48. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide her response to the annual report from an organisation (details supplied). Holly Cairns. [60306/22]
- 49. To ask the Minister for Justice if there is an update on the progress of the opening of a Garda station at Northern Cross, Dublin 17. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [60508/22]
- 50. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will clarify the outcome of her meeting with the family of a person (details supplied); if she has considered their demand for an independent public inquiry into their death; if she can report on the status of the scoping inquiry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [60611/22]
- 51. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on progress to date on implementing the Gerian Report by the Drogheda Implementation Board; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [60454/22]
- 52. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí assigned to the Bandon, Bantry and Clonakilty districts. Christopher O'Sullivan. [60514/22]
- 53. To ask the Minister for Justice if all sections of all acts passed in the past ten years have been commenced; the number of sections that are outstanding and the number of acts that have review periods; if the reviews have taken place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [60612/22]
- 54. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of efforts to tackle crime as detailed in the Justice Plan for 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Alan Farrell. [60238/22]
- 55. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the outcomes of her Department's Resource Efficiency Action Plan; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [60516/22]
- 56. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will meet with the Safer Meath Campaign at a public meeting on the growing concerns regarding crime and anti-social behaviour in County Meath. Peadar Tóibín. [60308/22]
- 57. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which she and her colleagues at international level remain focused on the need to ensure the cut-off of the illegal supply of drugs, thereby putting the drug barons out of business; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60532/22]

- 58. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is satisfied that the timelines on the Irish Immigration Service website on processing times for applications are accurate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Aindrias Moynihan. [60533/22]
- 59. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the steps being taken by her Department to promote and to support the reduction of reoffending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [60359/22]
- 60. To ask the Minister for Justice if she intends to establish an independent public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) as previously agreed by both Houses of the Oireachtas. Matt Carthy. [60568/22]
- 61. To ask the Minister for Justice to provide an update on the progress made with regard to the establishment of the Gambling Regulatory Authority; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60498/22]
- 62. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of convictions for dangerous dog offences/dog attacks over the past five years; the number of court orders issued for dogs to be destroyed as a result of such incidents. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60381/22]
- 63. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the intentions of the Rural Safety Plan 2022-2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ciarán Cannon. [60602/22]
- 64. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the number of domestic violence refuge spaces to date in 2022; if she will provide an update on the number of domestic violence refuge spaces made available since government formation to date; if she will provide an update on the work underway to secure a domestic violence refuge in Dún Laoghaire; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [60360/22]
- 65. To ask the Minister for Justice when gardaí can expect to have body worn cameras; the benefits she expects this development to bring; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [60556/22]
- 66. To ask the Minister for Justice if mandatory sentencing will be introduced on persons who assault or attack emergency service members; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Peter Fitzpatrick. [60624/22]
- 67. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the interdepartmental group of the implementation bodies for the new DSGBV strategy; the membership of same; the terms of reference of same; the dates of all meetings held to-date by the group; the date of the next meeting; if minutes are taken and published in respect of the meetings of the group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [60480/22]
- 68. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications the Garda recruitment competition 2022 received; and the number of these applicants that are currently progressing through the recruitment process. Cathal Crowe. [60505/22]
- 69. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of county registrars serving to date; the number of vacancies that exist to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [60538/22]

- 70. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the progress of the Community Safety Innovation Fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Neale Richmond. [60605/22]
- 71. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the deployment of body cameras for An Garda Síochána; if new legislation is necessary to provide for them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60380/22]
- 72. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí that retired from the force to date in 2022. Cathal Crowe. [60506/22]
- 73. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions she has taken and plans to take in response to the substantial shortcomings found on handling of 999 calls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [60572/22]
- 74. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will indicate her support for a public inquiry into the killing of a person (details supplied) almost two years ago; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gino Kenny. [60571/22]

## CEISTEANNA LE HAGHAIDH FREAGRAÍ SCRÍOFA QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER

Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.

- \*75. To ask the Taoiseach the contracts that have been granted without having to go to public tender; the companies that were granted these contracts and the nature of work involved; the qualifying criteria that was applied to any company awarded such a contract in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022. Paul Kehoe. [60092/22]
- \*76. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of the National Security Strategy. Louise O'Reilly. [60484/22]
- \*77. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement. Mairéad Farrell. [60737/22]

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

- \*78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the proportion of business insurance injury claims that have been settled through Public Injuries Assessment Board (PIAB) to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [60177/22]
- \*79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he expects legislative changes to be enacted on the level of duty of care requirement under personal injury claims; when he anticipates that psychological damages claims will be included as part of PIABs remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [60178/22]
- \*80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the most recent data on the level of IDA supported jobs by county in tabular form; and the number

- of additional jobs created in each county since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60286/22]
- \*81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the most recent data on the level of Enterprise Ireland supported jobs by county in tabular form; and the number of additional jobs created in each county since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60287/22]
- \*82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide details of the number of persons employed in all bodies/agencies under his remit, including the number of persons who have full or part- time permanent contracts; the number of persons on temporary contracts; and the number of persons who have had their contracts terminated. Holly Cairns. [60366/22]
- \*83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide the unemployment figures for County Clare including a comparison with the figures nationally; the actions he will take to further create jobs in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McNamara. [60455/22]
- \*84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide the list of existing strategies that fall under his Department; the status of implementation of each strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60482/22]
- \*85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of Ireland's Industry 4.0 Strategy 2020-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60483/22]
- \*86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of the National AI Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60486/22]
- \*87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of the National Digital Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60487/22]
- \*88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of the National Smart Specialisation Strategy for Innovation 2022-2027; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60489/22]
- \*89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of the National Space Strategy for Enterprise 2019-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60490/22]
- \*90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of the Trade and Investment Strategy 2022-2026; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60491/22]
- \*91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of the National Remote Work Strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60492/22]

- \*92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of the Regional Enterprise Plans to 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60493/22]
- \*93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of his Department's People Strategy 2021-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60494/22]
- \*94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of his Department's ICT Strategy 2020-2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60495/22]
- \*95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the efforts that are being made to capture the job opportunities associated with the move to electric vehicles and in particular the specific opportunities associated with battery manufacture for these vehicles; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Creed. [60636/22]
- \*96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current staffing levels at Enterprise Ireland's overseas offices and where these staff are located in tabular form. Louise O'Reilly. [60655/22]
- \*97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current staffing levels at IDA Ireland's overseas offices and where these staff are located in tabular form.

  Louise O'Reilly. [60656/22]
- \*98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a list of business support schemes funded by his Department; the amount of funding allocated for each scheme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60657/22]
- \*99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has been contacted or engaged by a company (details supplied) in respect of job losses at the company; if so, the nature of those discussions; and if he is satisfied that the company has complied with communication protocols in respect of redundancies. Catherine Murphy. [60716/22]
- \*100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60738/22]
- \*101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will approve a work permit (details supplied). Michael Creed. [60749/22]
- \*102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will approve a work permit (details supplied). Michael Creed. [60750/22]
- \*103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on a policy issue raised by constituents regarding the new corporate sustainability due diligence directive (details supplied); if he will provide an update on his plans, if any, to seek a strengthening of this directive to ensure it applies to a wider range of companies and their overseas values chains;

if issues regarding climate and justice are addressed; if obligations for companies in the financial sector are strengthened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [60789/22]

\*104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 160, 161, 163, 164 and 166 of 1 December 2022, the position of the person, who having secured full-time employment while on a G1 graduate visa, has now been informed they must fulfil the labour market needs test to secure a work permit which was not originally required when they applied for and secured the position; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61037/22]

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

- \*105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the total number of broadband connection points installed in each county; and the total number installed in schools by NBI in each county in tabular form. Cathal Crowe. [60264/22]
- \*106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when reliable broadband connectivity will be installed in east Mayo (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [60502/22]
- \*107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the SEAI are currently advertising on e-tenders for contractors to carry out works under the better energy warmer homes scheme, due to the present 27-month delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

  Thomas Pringle. [60682/22]
- \*108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the specific additional actions in addition to those included in the Climate Action Plan 2021, that he is planning in order to achieve the newly announced target of 5GW of installed solar power capacity by 2025 (details supplied); the amount of this new capacity that will be delivered by homes, businesses, community buildings, farm buildings and commercial solar farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Darren O'Rourke. [60182/22]
- \*109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the incentives that are in place to encourage persons to transfer to more sustainable sources of home heating such as biofuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [60202/22]
- \*110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if enabling legislation will be required to implement the provisions of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1854 including the temporary solidarity contribution on fossil fuel production and refining; if any analysis has been carried out on the impact of such a levy on strategically important facilities for Ireland's energy security such as a facility (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Sean Sherlock. [60213/22]
- \*111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the National Oil Reserve Agency requires any conditionality on workers' rights, terms and conditions when awarding contracts for the storage of oil; if it requires a permanent staffing presence at storage sites with sufficient maintenance and safety skills; if he is concerned at proposals to make permanent staff at Whiddy Island redundant; if he has met with an organisation (details supplied) on this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Sean Sherlock. [60214/22]

- \*112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications in view of action 22.5 in the Housing for All Updated Action Plan published in November 2022 the action that he will take to address the ongoing ESB utilities delays for new builds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [60245/22]
- \*113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on whether a ban on advertising and sponsorships by fossil fuel companies would be a good policy decision; and if not, the reason for same. Eoin Ó Broin. [60275/22]
- \*114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department is considering further support payments to households in order to assist in meeting increased fuel costs. Eoin Ó Broin. [60322/22]
- \*115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration will be given to allowing households transfer the €200 electricity credit payment onto their fuel accounts in order to assist in meeting fuel costs. Eoin Ó Broin. [60323/22]
- \*116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason a person (details supplied) was ruled ineligible for the warmer homes scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60330/22]
- \*117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that a person (details supplied) can take in respect of works carried out under the better energy warmer schemes that negatively affected the property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60331/22]
- \*118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered supports to encourage the switching from oil to gas for heating purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [60363/22]
- \*119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will engage with Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland in order to expedite a grant for a person (details supplied) considering the difficult circumstances that they find themselves in without heating and no boiler; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60417/22]
- \*120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if consideration will be given to allowing the €200 electricity credits to be used towards a person's gas bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60477/22]
- \*121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of the National Cyber Security Strategy 2019-2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60485/22]
- \*122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason for the exclusion of glass bottles in the recently announced deposit return scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [60562/22]
- \*123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of new smart meters that have had to be replaced due to being faulty since the beginning of the programme; the number of customers that have been charged €400 for requesting a meter check; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [60563/22]

- \*124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if extenuating priority consideration can be given to applicants for the one stop shop full grant house BER improvement scheme in cases in which a person is terminally ill and requires their home to be made warmer and more comfortable for health reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [60588/22]
- \*125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the timeline for when the review of the security of energy supply of Ireland's electricity and natural gas systems and the recommendations originating from the same will be brought to Government for its consideration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [60757/22]
- \*126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated cost of installing solar PV panels in every domestic house in the country; the estimated surplus energy these panels would generate for the grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [60961/22]
- \*127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to establish an Ombudsman for the Post Office network, considering the vital role that post offices play across the country particularly in rural areas (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60995/22]
- \*128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans for a disconnection moratorium for all low-income households in respect of the energy crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [61045/22]
- \*129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he plans to establish a just transition commission to guide and implement a carbon neutral transition to meet Ireland's energy targets, build public support for climate action with targeted anti-poverty and proequality measures similar to Just Transition Scotland; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

  Violet-Anne Wynne. [61046/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

- \*130. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and or his officials have engaged with the insurance providers in respect of the insurability of electric bikes and electric scooters; if he will provide the outcome of those engagements; if he has offered direction to the Revenue Commissioners in respect of certain categories of personal e-transport; and the way in which it should proceed with its role in relation to those modes. Catherine Murphy. [60959/22]
- \*131. To ask the Minister for Transport the measures that are in place to regulate and monitor the composition of aviation fuel sold in Ireland in order to calculate more accurately the contribution of aviation to climate change. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [60164/22]
- \*132. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that real-time passenger information and automatic vehicle location is available for Bus Eíreann services but not for private bus operators operating in Galway city and nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [60169/22]
- \*133. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason there has been a 20% reduction in fares for Bus Éireann, but not for private bus companies given that private bus operators often provide

services where there is no Bus Éireann service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [60170/22]

- \*134. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will extend the active travel scheme to include active travel measures to be carried out at schools located in rural areas which do not have a reduced speed limit but would benefit enormously if they could qualify for the scheme. Seán Canney. [60189/22]
- \*135. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated number of passengers in each of Ireland's regional airports in each of the years from 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and the estimated value in each year of the contribution that each airport makes to the economy in terms of tourist revenue and jobs supported in tabular form. Cathal Crowe. [60224/22]
- \*136. To ask the Minister for Transport when it is expected to facilitate an appointment for a driving test in the case of a person (details supplied) who is seeking employment and requires their full licence for employment purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60277/22]
- \*137. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount of funding allocated for the maintenance of regional and local roads by local authority, since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60288/22]
- \*138. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount of funding allocated for the development of new walking and cycling infrastructure by local authority, since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60289/22]
- \*139. To ask the Minister for Transport the total amount of funding allocated for the development Greenway projects by local authority, since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60290/22]
- \*140. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are issues relating to the number of airport police or gardaí deployed at Dublin Airport; and if he will explain the reason there were no police or Garda personnel available to provide assistance at the airport on a specific date (details supplied). Eoin Ó Broin. [60310/22]
- \*141. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure the provision of a bus service to enable young people in Beara, County Cork access day services in Bantry, County Cork. Holly Cairns. [60371/22]
- \*142. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of his engagement with LocalLink concerning the provision of a bus service to enable young persons in Beara, County Cork access day services in Bantry, County Cork. Holly Cairns. [60376/22]
- \*143. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps he is taking to ensure that a driving test centre in Skiberreen will have two full-time equivalent testers working from January 2023. Holly Cairns. [60378/22]
- \*144. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of testers working in each driving test centre, including a breakdown of the number workers that are on full-time or part-time contracts. Holly Cairns. [60379/22]

- \*145. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of bus stations in County Tipperary that are included in the Public Transport Accessibly Programme; the type of works planned; and the dates for completion for these works. Alan Kelly. [60395/22]
- \*146. To ask the Minister for Transport the locations in 2023 when new park and ride facilities will come into service in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [60396/22]
- \*147. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can provide an update concerning the design and environmental evaluation of the N24 road improvement scheme between Cahir and Pallasgreen in County Tipperary; if the design will consider the construction of a 2+2 lane dual carriageway for the N24 road improvement scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [60410/22]
- \*148. To ask the Minister for Transport if assistance will be provided in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); if a driving test will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Collins. [60427/22]
- \*149. To ask the Minister for Transport the balance that will be funded by the Department of Transport for the non-national road element of the R407 Sallins Bypass and Osberstown Interchange in 2023 and 2024 (details supplied). Catherine Murphy. [60444/22]
- \*150. To ask the Minister for Transport if consideration will be given to the introduction of the licensed haulage emergency support scheme for the months of November to April as a specific support to the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ruairí Ó Murchú. [60553/22]
- \*151. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the Dublin Airport Authority have been issued with a warning letter by the planning department of Fingal County Council in relation to many issues being caused to residents (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe O'Brien. [60607/22]
- \*152. To ask the Minister for Transport the licence that is required in order to drive an e-bike on public roads; the training that will be required prior to obtaining a licence; the speed restrictions and age restrictions if any that will apply for ebikes to be used on public roads; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [60668/22]
- \*153. To ask the Minister for Transport if clarification will be provided on the regulation of e-bikes (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Anne Rabbitte. [60712/22]
- \*154. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the widespread concerns in relation to the delivery of a public service (details supplied); the measures that will be implemented to improve this service considerably at an early date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Smith. [60729/22]
- \*155. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60739/22]
- \*156. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to reduce public transport fares; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Haughey. [60767/22]

- \*157. To ask the Minister for Transport further to parliamentary Question No. 221 of 29 November 2022, the number of new permanent driver testers that have been allocated within counties Cavan and Monaghan respectively since the review carried out by the RSA earlier this year; the number of new permanent driver testers that are planned to be allocated within the counties by Q1 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [60769/22]
- \*158. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of revenue that was collected from private toll operators throughout the country in each of the past five years and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [60824/22]
- \*159. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vehicles that passed through the toll on the M4 between junction 8 and junction 10 in each of the past five years and to date in 2022, by vehicle type; the amount of profit that was generated by the toll operator in each of the past five years and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [60825/22]
- \*160. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of vehicles that passed through the toll on the M3 between junction 5 and junction 6 and also between junction 9 and junction 10 over each of the past five years and to date in 2022; the breakdown of vehicles by type; the profit generated by the toll operator over each of the past five years and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [60826/22]
- \*161. To ask the Minister for Transport if advice or assistance will be provided in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Collins. [60855/22]
- \*162. To ask the Minister for Transport in view of the extraordinarily long wait times for NCT tests, for example currently six months in the Kells, County Meath test centre and over five months in the Mullingar, County Westmeath test centre, if he will either put in place the resources to reduce these wait times to the original target of 25 days; if he will introduce temporary emergency legislation to allow for this extended testing wait time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Johnny Guirke. [60910/22]
- \*163. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will urgently review an application by a person (details supplied) waiting on a driving test for work purposes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [60957/22]
- \*164. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will expedite a driving test appointment for a person (details supplied). Robert Troy. [60958/22]
- \*165. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and or his officials have engaged with the insurance providers in respect of the insurability of electric bikes and electric scooters in the context of theft of vehicle and personal injury to owners and 3rd parties; if he will provide the outcome of those engagements; and if he will provide an update in respect of his engagements with the Revenue Commissioners in respect of certain categories of personal e-transport. Catherine Murphy. [60960/22]
- \*166. To ask the Minister for Transport the Government body that is responsible for the maintenance of public rights of way not created under the Planning and Development Act 2000. Ivana Bacik. [60988/22]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Transport the role of his Department in the Transport Working Group review of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme; if he can provide an update on when its proposals will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [61007/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

- \*168. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on the adequacy of the disabled drivers and disabled passenger scheme in particular. Ivana Bacik. [61005/22]
- \*169. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that the Action Plan on Insurance Reform has been so successful in reducing motor insurance premiums but premiums for business insurance, which includes employers and public liability, continue to rise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [60173/22]
- \*170. To ask the Minister for Finance the impact of the personal injuries guidelines on awards granted by PIAB; the way that the guidelines have impacted awards granted through the courts; the number and percentage of cases which are settled outside the courts but which still go through a solicitor rather than PIAB; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [60174/22]
- \*171. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that up to 16 providers are competing in the motor insurance market, but there is far less competition in the business liability insurance sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [60175/22]
- \*172. To ask the Minister for Finance the proportion of motor insurance injury claims that have been settled through PIAB to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [60176/22]
- \*173. To ask the Minister for Finance if biofuels used in home heating are subject to carbon tax; if biofuels used in home heating are subject to excise duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [60201/22]
- \*174. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has given any consideration to extending the 9% tourism VAT rate beyond 2025, in respect of the deepening cost-of-living crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60334/22]
- \*175. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking to ensure that once a flood relief scheme is officially complete that insurers cannot refuse to provide flood insurance or charge reasonable rates for same. Holly Cairns. [60367/22]
- \*176. To ask the Minister for Finance the steps he is taking in response to a mortgage services provider (details supplied) increasing standard variable rates on some loans to 6.5%. Holly Cairns. [60368/22]
- \*177. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the definition applied by the Revenue Commissioners in the context of categorising persons as self-employed and or as contractors. Catherine Murphy. [60384/22]

- \*178. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the definition applied by the Revenue Commissioners in the context of categorising persons as an employee. Catherine Murphy. [60385/22]
- \*179. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will clarify the hierarchy of adjudications in situations in which the Revenue Commissioners rule that a person is an employee following WRC cases in which a person has been determined to be self-employed (details supplied). Catherine Murphy. [60386/22]
- \*180. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will report on the Primary Medical Certificate Board; the number of applications that are waiting to be processed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [60413/22]
- \*181. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on the recruitment of the Primary Medical Certificates Appeals Board since the Boards resignation in 2021; the proposals that are being made to address the backlog in appeals made to the Primary Medical Certificates Appeals Board by people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [60439/22]
- \*182. To ask the Minister for Finance when a review of the primary medical certificate scheme will be concluded; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [60708/22]
- \*183. To ask the Minister for Finance if he is satisfied with the manner in which the State Claims Agency deals with claims for compensation arising from damage to private property by State actors; if he is also satisfied that all relevant State actors respond in a timely fashion to the State Claims Agency thereby enabling it to finalise individual claims; the way that eligibility for compensation is determined in cases where property is damaged by State actors where no questions arise regarding the bona fides of the property owner or his compliance with the law; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Creed. [60748/22]
- \*184. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the State Claims Agency does not maintain data on confidentiality/non-disclosure agreements as a result of legal settlement in respect of actions; the reason therefor; if it is intended that such information will be captured; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [60753/22]
- \*185. To ask the Minister for Finance the average wage, the average industrial wage, and the average public sector wage for each year from 1997 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [60755/22]
- \*186. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60770/22]
- \*187. To ask the Minister for Finance when the transfer of deposits account holders took place (details supplied); the person or body that approved same; and when this occurred. Patrick Costello. [60823/22]
- \*188. To ask the Minister for Finance if the National Asset Residential Property Services has been transferred to the LDA; if so, when this transfer happened; the number of residential units held by NARPS on transfer; the value of these properties; and the number of these properties currently in social housing leasing arrangements. Eoin Ó Broin. [60939/22]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an update on his Department's progress reviewing the disabled drivers and disabled passenger scheme as part of the Mid-Term Review of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy 2017-2021. — Ivana Bacik. [61004/22]

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

- \*190. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans that the ESB, the Office of Public Works and Waterways Ireland have in place to prepare for floods along the River Shannon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [61041/22]
- \*191. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the €7 million allocated to remove pinch points on the River Shannon between Athlone and Meelick has been drawn down; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [61043/22]
- \*192. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if any properties owned or managed by the Office of Public Works have been designated or refurbished as accommodation centres for those seeking international protection or to accommodate beneficiaries of temporary protection; if so, the location and details relating to same; the costs associated with the refurbishment of each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [60154/22]
- \*193. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if work on land belonging to a person (details supplied) will be facilitated during the winter months rather than having to wait until the summer months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [60208/22]
- \*194. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total allocation of European Regional Development Funds (ERDF) for Ireland for 2021-2027; the amount of funding allocated to each NUTS 2 region; the criteria used to decide the amount allocated to each region; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60272/22]
- \*195. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the flood relief scheme in Skibbereen, County Cork will be officially completed. Holly Cairns. [60375/22]
- \*196. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60742/22]
- \*197. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the basic salaries for TDs and Senators for each year from 1997 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [60754/22]
- \*198. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the sick leave entitlements of public servants who get long-Covid and if he plans to extend the leave period of support in light of the long-lasting effects which have been documented. Richard Bruton. [60850/22]

- Chun an Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán: To the Minister for Tourism, Culture; Arts; Gaeltacht; Sport and Media.
- \*199. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total amount of funds allocated per county to applicants under the under the Sports Capital and Equipment Programme since 27 June 2020, by county in tabular form. Jim O'Callaghan. [60280/22]
- \*200. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the total amount of funds allocated per county to applicants under the under the Covid-19 Sports Club Resilience Fund since 27 June 2020, by county in tabular form. Jim O'Callaghan. [60281/22]
- \*201. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the most recent data on the level of Údarás na Gaeltachta supported jobs by county respectively in tabular form; the number of additional jobs created since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60282/22]
- \*202. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the WTE staff by job title working in the marketing department of the National Concert Hall as of 29 November 2022; the WTE staff vacancies by job title currently in this department; and when these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [60405/22]
- \*203. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the next appointment to the Board of Failte Ireland is due to take place; the procedure for the appointment process; and the criteria employed as part of such appointments. Alan Kelly. [60406/22]
- \*204. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will report on the progress or otherwise in the implementation of the 20-Year Strategy for the Irish Language 2010-2030 in the context of business and enterprise; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Louise O'Reilly. [60496/22]
- \*205. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a response will issue to a query raised by a person (details supplied) regarding access to an artefact in the National Museum of Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Joe Carey. [60604/22]
- \*206. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media her plans regarding financial supports to the Irish magazine sector in view of the fact that VAT was abolished for Irish newspapers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Steven Matthews. [60637/22]
- \*207. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under her Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60740/22]
- \*208. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she intends providing Exchequer or licence funding to commercial radio stations that provide a designated amount of national and local news, current affairs coverage and live sport to help them fulfil their vital public service broadcasting role; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [60954/22]

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

- \*209. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding and or grant assistance that may be available for the restoration, renovation and or refurbishments of churches and cathedrals; if he will outline the qualifying criteria and application process for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dara Calleary. [60764/22]
- \*210. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the plans that each local authority along the River Shannon has in place to prepare for flooding along the course of the river; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [61042/22]
- \*211. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department will increase the funding allocation for Tipperary County Council housing adaptation grants to allow the council to proceed with the upgrading of double-glazing windows and doors that are in poor condition under the HOP scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mattie McGrath. [60233/22]
- \*212. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the incomplete and missing records of asset declaration for county councillors on a number of local authority websites; if he will instruct local authorities to publish, as soon as practicable, all asset declarations which they have on file, noting where files are missing where appropriate; if he will commit to ensuring that all local authorities make complete versions of these records available online for the public to inspect in an accessible manner; if he will consider setting up a centralised database for same on his Department's website to ensure consistency in reporting and transparency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [60269/22]
- \*213. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will reply to a letter from persons (details supplied) considering matters within his ministerial remit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McNamara. [60271/22]
- \*214. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of commencement notices for new residential homes received; number of new housing completions and new planning permissions granted by county since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60292/22]
- \*215. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of new local authority homes added to the social housing stock by county since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60293/22]
- \*216. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of local authority homes that have been brought back into use under the Voids programme by county since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60294/22]
- \*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total amount of funding allocated to local authorities for the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund; the list of towns in each county that have been allocated funding and the project title by county since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60295/22]

- \*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the sites on the derelict register in County Clare; the levies collected on same, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60341/22]
- \*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage to provide a full list of all available supports for first-time buyers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60342/22]
- \*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will outline the marine and commercial activities prohibited or restricted in marine special areas of conservation.

  Holly Cairns. [60373/22]
- \*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide details on the number of foreshore licences granted monthly between the period 1 January 2019 and 31 October 2022 including the average waiting time for applications. Holly Cairns. [60374/22]
- \*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of full-time staff vacancies by job title in the Office of the Planning Regulator as of 29 November 2022; and when these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [60394/22]
- \*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his Department's total current spend on schemes (details supplied) in 2021 and 2022 (to date), in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60429/22]
- \*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Croí Cónaithe applications received as of 31 October 2022, by county. Joe Flaherty. [60433/22]
- \*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of affordable housing schemes launched as of 31 October 2022. Joe Flaherty. [60434/22]
- \*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide funding for a municipal wastewater treatment plant for Abbeyknockmoy, County Galway to allow the proper development of the village; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [60446/22]
- \*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when meetings will resume between his Department and FACE Ireland which previously occurred every quarter. Sorca Clarke. [60469/22]
- \*228. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the inspector's report into (details supplied), its finances and structures which found amongst other discrepancies that funding was not ring-fenced for its intended purpose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Sorca Clarke. [60470/22]
- \*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has engaged with (details supplied) following the publication of the report by the inspector on behalf of the charity's regulator; if he is satisfied that the correct processes, procedures and financial plans are in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Sorca Clarke. [60471/22]

- \*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the additional gross and net annual cost to the state of every €1,000 increase to the social housing eligibility income thresholds up to €10,000 in tabular form. Eoin Ó Broin. [60520/22]
- \*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated additional annual expenditure that would be required from the Exchequer on the housing assistance payment by increases to the income eligibility thresholds for social housing in €1,000 increments from €1,000 to €10,000 respectively; and the number of additional households that it is estimated would become eligible for HAP as a consequence of the same increases in tabular form. Eoin Ó Broin. [60521/22]
- \*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average HAP payment per recipient funded by the Exchequer; and the average cost to the State per recipient net of differential rents. Eoin Ó Broin. [60522/22]
- \*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the gross and net average cost to the State per HAP recipient. Eoin Ó Broin. [60523/22]
- \*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the average differential rent paid in the State. Eoin Ó Broin. [60524/22]
- \*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of additional persons that became eligible for HAP in counties Carlow, Clare, Laois, Westmeath and Galway as a result of the decision in September 2022 to increase the social housing eligibility income thresholds by €5,000; and the percentage increase to the number of HAP recipients prior to the move that this equates to in tabular form. Eoin Ó Broin. [60525/22]
- \*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated additional annual gross and net cost to the State of the decision in September 2022 to increase the social housing eligibility income thresholds by €5,000 in counties Carlow, Clare, Laois, Westmeath and Galway. Eoin Ó Broin. [60529/22]
- \*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Heritage when the National Landscape Strategy 2015-2025 (action No. 3) guidelines are to be published for local landscape character assessments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Josepha Madigan. [60632/22]
- \*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will change the criteria for the croí cónaithe scheme to include houses which have a functioning septic tank built to the standards prevailing when the house was constructed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [60635/22]
- \*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has any plans to allow Peace Commissioners to sign and witness affidavits for social housing applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [60702/22]
- \*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated number of additional households that would become eligible for social housing supports if the band 3 threshold was further revised from €30,000 to €35,000; and the estimated cost of supports for them. Eoin Ó Broin. [60722/22]

- \*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the estimated additional gross and net cost of social housing supports for the 16,000 additional households that will become eligible as a result of the decision announced on 29 November 2022 to increase the baseline thresholds; the breakdown of the cost estimate; and the estimated projected number of these 16,000 households that will be eligible for HAP due to shortage of social housing. Eoin Ó Broin. [60723/22]
- \*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the review of social housing income eligibility or his Department otherwise considered changes to the treatment of family income supplement or the income of adult children who are unable to leave the family home due to the housing crisis; if so, the changes considered; the estimated numbers impacted by; and the estimated cost of the changes. Eoin Ó Broin. [60724/22]
- \*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60735/22]
- \*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason that persons applying for social housing or a social housing transfer due to a disability or medical grounds must provide medical references from two separate healthcare professionals when completing the HMD form 1; if he is aware that persons applying for other State supports due to disability or medical grounds are required to provide just one medical reference; and if he is aware of the difficulties arising from this procedure for vulnerable and elderly people. Mary Lou McDonald. [60760/22]
- \*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if restoration of diocesan cathedral projects is eligible for application to the build heritage scheme and or the heritage investment scheme; if he will outline the application criteria and process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Dara Calleary. [60765/22]
- \*246. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when a project (details supplied) will be completed and opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [60858/22]
- \*247. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the inquiry that was initiated in 2019 into (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60926/22]
- \*248. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he can advise if the improvement works in lieu of social housing scheme will be reopened to new applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niall Collins. [60929/22]
- \*249. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the means test for housing aid for older people, which is calculated through total household income, will be reviewed with regards to adult children moving home with elderly parents to care for them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [60951/22]
- \*250. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the role of his Department in maintaining public rights of way for the purpose of recreational walkers.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ivana Bacik. [60987/22]

- \*251. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his attention has been drawn to the rising number of elderly people living on the brink of homelessness (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gary Gannon. [61011/22]
- \*252. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ringfence some social housing for persons coming out of care (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gary Gannon. [61012/22]
- \*253. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on ensuring that all marine protected areas only begin 500 meters offshore. Holly Cairns. [61014/22]
- \*254. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on introducing regulations concerning the use of rock-breaking equipment. Holly Cairns. [61015/22]
- \*255. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will establish as a priority the Traveller accommodation authority and oversee national delivery to address supply, chronic overcrowding, and inadequate accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [61044/22]

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

- \*256. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when an application for a foreign birth registration will be processed (details supplied); the reason for the delay in processing the application; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [60217/22]
- \*257. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of Ireland's relationship with Nicaragua; if there is regular contact with officials from that country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [60247/22]
- \*258. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the dates in 2022 on which the Irish Consul General and or Vice Consul General in Chicago visited Detroit in the State of Michigan; and the purpose of each visit in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [60392/22]
- \*259. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the dates in 2022 on which the Irish Consul General and or Vice Consul General in Atlanta visited Miami; and the purpose of each visit in tabular form.

  Alan Kelly. [60393/22]
- \*260. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 302 of 29 November 2022, if he will provide a sectoral breakdown as between pharmaceutical, financial services, aircraft leasing, migration/work permits, interstate adoptions, miscellaneous notarial certs and so on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [60664/22]
- \*261. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the proposed reopening of the Irish Embassy in Tehran in 2023; his views that this should be deferred in light of recent events in Iran and until the completion of a special investigation by the UN; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60745/22]
- \*262. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60771/22]

- \*263. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide details of the panel that makes the decisions regarding the Presidential Distinguished Service Awards and the criteria on which nominees are judged. Eoin Ó Broin. [60842/22]
- \*264. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if there is a timeframe on posthumous nominations regarding the Presidential Distinguished Service Awards; if so, if this impacts the assessment of a nomination; if posthumous nominations can be resubmitted if unsuccessful; and the way posthumous nominations are assessed against nominations of individuals who are alive. Eoin Ó Broin. [60843/22]
- \*265. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth's registration by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [60981/22]
- \*266. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth's registration by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [60982/22]
- \*267. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs Affairs the status of a foreign birth's registration by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [60983/22]
- \*268. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of a foreign birth's registration by a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [60984/22]
- \*269. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs when the competition for the new roster for election monitoring will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60996/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

- \*270. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will consider allowing all members of the Defence Forces both veterans and serving member to purchase the Michael Collins commemorative medal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Lahart. [60223/22]
- \*271. To ask the Minister for Defence the number of vacant emergency medical technicians, paramedics and advanced paramedics currently in the Defence Forces medical corps; and when these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [60404/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

- \*272. To ask the Minister for Education if any consideration is being given at Government level to seizure of archival material held by a Religious Order (details supplied) in respect of ongoing investigations into allegations of child sexual abuse. Michael Creed. [60799/22]
- \*273. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the concerns raised by organisations (details supplied) in respect of the effect of a lack of housing on the delivery of education services.

  Ivana Bacik. [60149/22]

- \*274. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the shortage of teaching staff in Ireland.

  Ivana Bacik. [60150/22]
- \*275. To ask the Minister for Education her views on the effect on teaching recruitment of the criteria of the Department of Enterprise Trade and Employment in respect of employment permits for non-EEA nationals; her views on the online advertising requirement for vacant education posts required by the Employment Permits Act 2006; and if she has made representations to the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment on the matter. Ivana Bacik. [60151/22]
- \*276. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration has been given to providing different levels for Leaving Certificate students similar to the three levels provided Junior Certificate; the mechanisms that are available to ensure that students of all abilities can obtain a Leaving Certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [60186/22]
- \*277. To ask the Minister for Education the number of 5th class places that are currently available in primary schools in an area (details supplied). Eoin Ó Broin. [60190/22]
- \*278. To ask the Minister for Education the available supports related to school transport for students who cannot obtain a school place in their locality during the school year and must continue to travel to schools a distance away from their home. Eoin Ó Broin. [60191/22]
- \*279. To ask the Minister for Education the current status of an application by a school (details supplied) to relocate to a new site at Kilcornan, Clarinbridge, County Galway; when a decision is likely to be reached on this application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [60215/22]
- \*280. To ask the Minister for Education the steps she intends to take to ensure that substitute teachers are available for national schools in the Dublin area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60244/22]
- \*281. To ask the Minister for Education when assistive technology which was approved for a child (details supplied) will be issued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [60252/22]
- \*282. To ask the Minister for Education if handover of a road to Donegal County Council could be arranged so as it can be properly maintained (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [60296/22]
- \*283. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional SNAs hired since 27 June 2020, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60297/22]
- \*284. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional special class places since 27 June 2020, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60298/22]
- \*285. To ask the Minister for Education the number of additional teachers since 27 June 2020, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60299/22]

- \*286. To ask the Minister for Education the details of the expenditure on new school buildings and refurbishment of existing buildings since 27 June 2020, by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60300/22]
- \*287. To ask the Minister for Education the scenario with respect to the school transport scheme where the children attend a gaelscoil which is not inside their catchment boundary area; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60340/22]
- \*288. To ask the Minister for Education if she plans to introduce increased training for teachers to promote awareness of dyspraxia in the classroom; if she plans to increase supports for dyspraxia pupils; and her views on the need to transition to an evidence-of-need approach to the allocation of accommodations from the evidence-of-deficit approach which is currently in place. Ivana Bacik. [60388/22]
- \*289. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children now enrolled in a college (details supplied) following a section 29 appeal whereby they could not secure a place in a school in Mullingar due to oversubscription. Sorca Clarke. [60431/22]
- \*290. To ask the Minister for Education when a local school place will be facilitated in the case of a student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60442/22]
- \*291. To ask the Minister for Education the way that the Equal Status Acts 2000-2004 is being implemented in schools and other educational centres, particularly in relation to their admission policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60457/22]
- \*292. To ask the Minister for Education the provisions her Department has in place to educate students on safe internet use, particularly with regards to social media platforms and the prevalence of online bullying through these platforms; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60458/22]
- \*293. To ask the Minister for Education if consideration will be given to a review of the present format for the Leaving Certificate course, whereby traditionally the Leaving Certificate has been applied through rote learning, taking into account that the 2020 Leaving Certificate was carried out on a predicted grades basis as a result of the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60460/22]
- \*294. To ask the Minister for Education if a school place can be facilitated for a pupil (details supplied) whose family now face the prospect of having three children in three different schools, if her case can be reviewed as a matter of urgency; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

  Bernard J. Durkan. [60461/22]
- \*295. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be provided to children in (details supplied) County Mayo in view of the fact that these children have not been able to attend school in the absence of school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [60464/22]
- \*296. To ask the Minister for Education the supports and resources that are available to children with dyspraxia in primary schools in counties Longford and Westmeath. Sorca Clarke. [60473/22]

- \*297. To ask the Minister for Education the supports and resources that are available to children with dyspraxia in secondary schools in counties Longford and Westmeath. Sorca Clarke. [60474/22]
- \*298. To ask the Minister for Education if she will establish a multi-agency, specialist working group to examine and propose a process for assessing school placement breakdowns, both before and after they happen, given the complex needs involved, physical, neurological and intellectual and the innate vulnerability of the children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60574/22]
- \*299. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will examine the situation in cases in which disciplinary action is taken against children for behaviours caused by their conditions, when they have no control over these behaviours and therefore have no intention to disturb or offend; her views on whether these disciplinary measures are fair or equitable in such circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60575/22]
- \*300. To ask the Minister for Education if an audit has been carried out or will be undertaken on restraint, seclusion, isolation, punishment and other invasive physical actions taken under the broad heading 'necessary actions' given such actions would be deemed unacceptable in the mainstream school system; if such an audit will be undertaken each year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60576/22]
- \*301. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has considered instances in which the isolation of a child in a locked room makes that holding place essentially a cell for that child who is also innately vulnerable due to their disabilities (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60577/22]
- \*302. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has any plans to remove and forbid 'prone restraint' as a common or daily practice in the matter of children with vulnerability and disability; if an audit has been undertaken on its use or will be instigated; if a report is required on each incident of use of this extreme intervention in the matter of a child; if not, in the interest of child welfare and protection, if such a report should and will be required; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60578/22]
- \*303. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will instigate an independent, expert review of physical actions such as restraint, seclusion, isolation and prone restraint taken against children in special education; if so, if a report of its findings and conclusions will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60579/22]
- \*304. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department is satisfied that the treatment of children with special-education needs is as humane, compassionate and equitable as possible, in keeping with international best practice in 21st century models and as that of children in the mainstream school system, and upholding the norms of health and safety for children; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60580/22]
- \*305. To ask the Minister for Education the channels of co-operation and communication that exist between her Department and Tusla in the matter of physical actions and disciplines taken by teachers and other staff working with children with special educational needs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60581/22]

- \*306. To ask the Minister for Education if actions such as suspensions, exclusions, isolations, restraint and prone restraint appear in inspection reports; if not, if they will appear in reports as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60582/22]
- \*307. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine current recruitment and training processes of boards of management involved with children with special educational needs, to ensure the members recruited have the expertise sufficient to their duties and responsibilities to this vulnerable cohort particularly in their capacity to act with fairness, impartiality, inclusivity and in the best interest of the child and its privacy, dignity and educational rights; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60583/22]
- \*308. To ask the Minister for Education if the term 'school refusal' will be removed and replaced with the more appropriate 'school-based anxiety', thereby removing a narrative of intent and blame from children and families and recognising the mental health challenges faced by many children struggling to attend school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60585/22]
- \*309. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will establish a school return pathway that is psychology-led and trauma-informed, geared around the needs of each individual child; if so, if such a pathway and return will be guaranteed by her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Réada Cronin. [60586/22]
- \*310. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the planned extension to a school (details supplied) to provide capacity for 1,300 pupils and a four classroom SEN base; the indicative timeline for this project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Joe O'Brien. [60630/22]
- \*311. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for the recommendation from her Department to remove the school site objective on the phase 3 Golden Ridge site in Rush, County Dublin as part of its submission to the draft Fingal County Council Development Plan 2023-2027. Joe O'Brien. [60634/22]
- \*312. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [60660/22]
- \*313. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to the fact that secondary schools in Clondalkin, Dublin 22 are already operating waiting lists for the 2023-2024 school year, that numbers on these lists are significant; if her Department intends to provide increased resources in order for secondary schools in the area to increase their intake; and if there are other actions her Department is considering in order to ensure enough school places for young people in the area. Eoin Ó Broin. [60661/22]
- \*314. To ask the Minister for Education if there is a shortfall of approximately 90 school places between the number of 6th class school places and 1st year school places across schools in the Clondalkin area. Eoin Ó Broin. [60662/22]
- \*315. To ask the Minister for Education when her Department will finalise an agreement for the provision of car parking for teachers and staff of a school (details supplied). Paul McAuliffe. [60701/22]
- \*316. To ask the Minister for Education the assistance that is available for a school (details supplied) which needs assistance to keep the school clean. Paul Murphy. [60717/22]

- \*317. To ask the Minister for Education if she will meet with an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [60718/22]
- \*318. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under her Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60732/22]
- \*319. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who applied for a bus ticket on 25 April 2022 for transport to school will receive this ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Fitzmaurice. [60761/22]
- \*320. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a matter in relation to EAL hours (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [60775/22]
- \*321. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a person eligible for school transport who applied on time and has not been provided with school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. James Browne. [60776/22]
- \*322. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a person eligible for school transport who applied on time and has not been provided with school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. James Browne. [60777/22]
- \*323. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a person eligible for school transport who applied on time and has not been provided with school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. James Browne. [60778/22]
- \*324. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a person eligible for school transport who applied on time and has not been provided with school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. James Browne. [60779/22]
- \*325. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a person eligible for school transport who applied on time and has not been provided with school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. James Browne. [60780/22]
- \*326. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding a person eligible for school transport who applied on time and has not been provided with school transport (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. James Browne. [60781/22]
- \*327. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the free primary book scheme that was announced as part of Budget 2023; the way and when the scheme will be rolled out; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60829/22]
- \*328. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address a matter (details supplied) regarding transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Collins. [60922/22]
- \*329. To ask the Minister for Education the Department's plans to accommodate increased student numbers in the event that a new school build (details supplied) will not be completed by September 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [60928/22]

- \*330. To ask the Minister for Education the financial supports, grants and otherwise that are available for afterschool's; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [60946/22]
- \*331. To ask the Minister for Education if she will write to the leaders of all religious orders which run and have run schools to remind them of their obligation to retain all records in relation to abuse allegations (details supplied). Gary Gannon. [61013/22]

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

- \*332. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to financially assist persons who have anaphylactic food allergies to support them to purchase foods that are safe for their consumption, in view of the cost-of-living crisis; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ivana Bacik. [60990/22]
- \*333. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will be issued with the carer's support lump sum that was issued recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60166/22]
- \*334. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any allowances or grace period will be made for persons who switched relevant payments shortly before the Budget 23 lump sums were issued given that many of these persons are still disproportionally affected by the current cost-of-living; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60167/22]
- \*335. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the grants or payments that can be made to a person (details supplied). Paul Murphy. [60188/22]
- \*336. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider, with the pensions changes being proposed, that the treatment benefit scheme be extended to all recipients of the State Pension (Contributory) regardless of all types of contributions paid; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [60194/22]
- \*337. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a fuel allowance application was refused in the case of a person (details supplied) can be reviewed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60195/22]
- \*338. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the Government is actively engaging with CE supervisors regarding pay and conditions; and if so, when is the process due to be completed. Brian Stanley. [60200/22]
- \*339. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will allow paid voluntary contributions to be reckonable for treatment benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [60209/22]
- \*340. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) has enough PRSI contributions to avail of the PRSI treatment benefit specifically free hearing aids; if there are any other benefits currently available that the person may not be availing of; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [60218/22]

- \*341. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports available for fuel allowance applicants who are marginally over the qualifying limit; if exceptions can be made for these people; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [60219/22]
- \*342. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if individuals who qualify for the living alone allowance can be considered for the fuel allowance if they are over the qualifying limit by the amount received in their living alone allowance; if exceptions can be made in these cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [60220/22]
- \*343. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will extend the age limit of a child for parents (details supplied) claiming job seekers transitional payment while the parent is in university; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [60231/22]
- \*344. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when, following a previous Labour Court finding, she intends to implement a mechanism to allow for wage increases to the said community employment supervisor category; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Johnny Guirke. [60241/22]
- \*345. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will support changes to the operation of community employment schemes to allow those who turn 66 years of age to remain on as participants in such schemes; if she will address concerns raised with me by a CE scheme supervisor around wages for the CE scheme and the material grant allocation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [60266/22]
- \*346. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there are any plans to extend the fuel allowance to persons on a scheme (details supplied). Louise O'Reilly. [60278/22]
- \*347. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that citizens information outreach programmes have ceased; and if she will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [60321/22]
- \*348. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when community employment ex-gratia payments are to be processed; and if it will be in 2022. Gary Gannon. [60357/22]
- \*349. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review the means testing system to qualify for carers allowance to consider applicants with income that can vary from year-to-year such as farmers or the self-employed. Holly Cairns. [60377/22]
- \*350. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of full-time community welfare officers based in County Tipperary in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022, in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [60391/22]
- \*351. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that scheduling changes were made in the community welfare service in Carrick-on-Suir in recent months, leaving no community welfare service available for walk-in and emergency cases; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

  Jackie Cahill. [60411/22]
- \*352. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are in place for long-term carers who do not currently qualify for the State pension in anticipation of the introduction of the enhanced State pension in January 2024; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [60423/22]

- \*353. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason a person (details supplied) living alone will not qualify for the living alone allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

  Pat Buckley. [60430/22]
- \*354. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the contributory pension application for a person (details supplied); when will a decision be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [60445/22]
- \*355. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a recent application for disability allowance will be reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60451/22]
- \*356. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she can set out his rationale for not providing persons in receipt of the State pension with the additional once off €500 payment. Catherine Murphy. [60467/22]
- \*357. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the State pension entitlements that exist for a person claiming refugee status here along with a dependent adult; if a husband and wife claiming refugee status are entitled to a full pension payment each; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [60475/22]
- \*358. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason those on illness benefit were not included in the recent cost of living payments; if consideration would be given to including them retrospectively; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60476/22]
- \*359. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork, who has been declined a Qualified Adult Dependent payment may be entitled to a State Pension (Contributory); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Creed. [60560/22]
- \*360. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the measures are in place to assist people who feel their pension was devalued by mismanagement through wind up, (details supplied). Emer Higgins. [60584/22]
- \*361. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider adapting the living-alone allowance criteria to allow a person to rent a room in their home to an international healthcare worker who has come to Ireland to work, without this impacting on their living alone allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [60608/22]
- \*362. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the criteria to qualify for the State pension provision for long-term carers which is due to be introduced from January 2024; and when the criteria will be published. Paul Murphy. [60631/22]
- \*363. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline the cost-of-living supports which are applicable for those in receipt of domiciliary care allowance. Robert Troy. [60666/22]
- \*364. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if all recipients of carers allowance will receive the cost-of-living top-up paid in November. Robert Troy. [60667/22]
- \*365. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she intends to reopen an in-person Citizens Information Board office in a location (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [60677/22]

- \*366. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her plans to include carer's benefit in the long-term payments included in bilateral social security agreements with certain countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [60710/22]
- \*367. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a breakdown of the waiting times in weeks for all ANP and ENP applications broken down per number of weeks per application for 2019, in tabular form. Sean Sherlock. [60715/22]
- \*368. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is a resource issue within her Department in relation to the processing of a disability allowance and invalidity allowance, given the delay in processing times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [60725/22]
- \*369. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding the status of the appeals process for cases (details supplied) with regard to disability allowance and invalidity allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [60726/22]
- \*370. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under her Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60734/22]
- \*371. 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. [60756/22]
- \*372. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a fuel allowance application will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; the reason for the delay; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [60785/22]
- \*373. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the processing times for fuel allowance applications by month for 2021 and 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [60786/22]
- \*374. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications received for each Intreo Office in County Donegal under the supplementary welfare additional needs payment to date in 2022; the number of applications approved and the number refused; and the current processing times in weeks in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [60787/22]
- \*375. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of staff allocated to community welfare sections in each Intro Office in County Donegal to process all supplementary welfare applications; if she is satisfied that sufficient staff are available to deal with the backlog; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [60788/22]
- \*376. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a decision will issue on a jobseeker's allowance application for a person in County Mayo (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [60827/22]
- \*377. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current status of the fuel allowance and living alone allowance for a person (details supplied); when a decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [60830/22]

- \*378. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that recipients of the  $\leq$ 500 lump sum payment for those in receipt of the disability support grant who are also recipients of the carer's support grant are not eligible for an additional  $\leq$ 500 lump sum payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Maurice Quinlivan. [60845/22]
- \*379. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of persons referred to JobPath since it was established; and the total number of referred twice, three times and four times in tabular form. Claire Kerrane. [60947/22]
- \*380. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total number of people who sourced employment while on JobPath and in tabular form, the total number of persons who sustained work for 13, 26, 39 and 52 weeks based on the number of persons who have completed JobPath to date that is, no longer engaged on JobPath in tabular form. Claire Kerrane. [60948/22]
- \*381. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total cost of JobPath since it was established.

  Claire Kerrane. [60949/22]
- \*382. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will be reviewing JobPath now that referrals have ended. Claire Kerrane. [60950/22]
- \*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the pay claim by community employment supervisors. Thomas Gould. [60978/22]
- \*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an exceptional needs' payment will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [60998/22]
- \*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a PPS number will issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [61017/22]
- \*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the payments that are available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61030/22]

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

- \*387. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the time limit for when a former nursing home can cease operation as a nursing home and commence operations as an accommodation centre for refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [60425/22]
- \*388. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a private nursing home, which ceased operations in October 2022 is sold if the new owner can immediately commence operations as a refugee accommodation centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [60426/22]
- \*389. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the work of the transport working group; when the review of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers scheme will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [60859/22]

- \*390. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide the details of any meetings or engagements that he or his staff or bodies under the aegis of his Department have had with organisations (details supplied) from 1 March 2021 to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Carol Nolan. [60155/22]
- \*391. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will intervene in the case of a childcare provider (details supplied) and its reopening support payment.

  Cathal Crowe. [60180/22]
- \*392. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports that are in place to support mothers of children under three years of age who cannot find childcare before they return to work after maternity leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Emer Higgins. [60193/22]
- \*393. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the Government's plans to ratify the Optional Protocol of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [60273/22]
- \*394. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will be in a position to aid a family resource centre (details supplied) with providing childcare for service users; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60335/22]
- \*395. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the services his Department provides for young people in each town in County Clare, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60337/22]
- \*396. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports he has made available for Family Resource Centres in 2022 and 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60338/22]
- \*397. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the one-off funding he has made available to Family Resource Centres for the upcoming year 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60339/22]
- \*398. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of hotel rooms which are currently being used to accommodate refugees from Ukraine and other jurisdictions by county in tabular form; the cost which has been incurred over the past 12 months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60362/22]
- \*399. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if annual rates of core funding for the childcare sector will increase in line with inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [60551/22]
- \*400. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a community preschool childcare facility (details supplied) can be included in the pilot hot meals to children in early learning and childcare settings scheme. Robert Troy. [60609/22]
- \*401. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has increased the renewed 2023 core funding provided by his Department to community development

- organisations in receipt of funding for the current and previous years to provide for increased operating costs arising from inflation, energy costs and related outgoings. Mary Lou McDonald. [60659/22]
- \*402. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60741/22]
- \*403. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when an application will be approved for an organisation (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [60746/22]
- \*404. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who have come through State care in each of the past ten years. Peadar Tóibín. [60811/22]
- \*405. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the longest length of time any child had to wait after being taken into the care of the State before being placed into foster care since 2017; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [60812/22]
- \*406. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons currently in direct provision; and the number who entered the system in each of the past ten years. Peadar Tóibín. [60813/22]
- \*407. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the supports or assistance programmes, services or phonelines available to persons who have qualified for refugee status to help them move out of direct provision centres. Peadar Tóibín. [60814/22]
- \*408. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of persons currently residing in direct provision centres in the State who have qualified for refugee status but continue to reside in direct provision centres. Peadar Tóibín. [60815/22]
- \*409. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who are currently in the care of the State but not in foster care or residential care. Peadar Tóibín. [60816/22]
- \*410. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children living in State care currently. Peadar Tóibín. [60817/22]
- \*411. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason that an official letter of qualification from a third level institution is no longer acceptable for eligibility for the graduate payment under core funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Sean Sherlock. [60940/22]
- \*412. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the reason no backdated payment is permitted between the time a childcare worker can prove completion of level 7 or level 8 qualification and the time that person graduates from the third level institution. Sean Sherlock. [60941/22]

- \*413. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the financial supports, grants and otherwise that are available for afterschool's; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [60945/22]
- \*414. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children in the care of TUSLA who currently require residential services and are receiving those services per local area. Martin Browne. [60955/22]
- \*415. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of children who are in the care of TUSLA who require residential services and are not receiving that service per local area; the reason they are not in receipt of residential services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [60956/22]
- \*416. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will reconsider his decision to cease funding for an initiative (details supplied) which serves Dublin 9 and Dublin 11 in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [60997/22]
- \*417. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on the adequacy of mobility supports for persons with a disability and on the adequacy of the disabled drivers and disabled passenger scheme in particular. Ivana Bacik. [61006/22]
- \*418. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of the implementation of the National Disability Inclusion Strategy. Ivana Bacik. [61008/22]
- \*419. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the number of notifications of alleged sex abuse since 2020 (details supplied) which are yet to be investigated in tabular form. Gary Gannon. [61009/22]
- \*420. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will consider increasing funding for a charity (details supplied) supporting adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse, after it had to close its waiting list for psychotherapy for four months of 2021 given that the waiting period went beyond one year. Gary Gannon. [61010/22]
- \*421. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the sites that have been identified for modular buildings in County Longford in order to accommodate those within the IPAS system. Joe Flaherty. [61018/22]
- \*422. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the work that has been carried out in terms of developing and planning sites identified for modular buildings in County Longford in order to accommodate those within the IPAS system. Joe Flaherty. [61019/22]
- \*423. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a decision will be taken on whether modular buildings will proceed on a site in Longford; and the location in which this will be in order to accommodate those within the IPAS system. Joe Flaherty. [61020/22]
- \*424. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will re-establish a timeline for ending direct provision and the introduction of a rights-based, non-profit approach to addressing the needs of those seeking asylum in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [61048/22]

- Chun an Aire Breisoideachais agus Ardoideachais, Taighde, Nuálaíochta agus Eolaíochta: To the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research; Innovation and Science.
- \*425. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to regulate English language schools and the employment of staff in same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Stanton. [60784/22]
- \*426. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will address a matter regarding a person who is having difficulty gaining apprenticeship college placement closer to their place of residence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [60221/22]
- \*427. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of part-time undergraduate and postgraduate students in public institutes of higher education each year since 2011 including the 2022/2023 academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [60227/22]
- \*428. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of part-time undergraduates and postgraduate students in each public institute of higher education each year since 2011 including the 2022/2023 academic year in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [60228/22]
- \*429. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of part-time third level students by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [60229/22]
- \*430. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of guidance counsellors employed directly by each ETB; the number contracted in each year since 2016, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [60230/22]
- \*431. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the circumstances in which a student would not benefit from the €1,000 student contribution reduction announced in Budget 23; the criteria that a student must meet in order to benefit from the reduction; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60251/22]
- \*432. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if the case of a person (details supplied) has been brought to her attention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cormac Devlin. [60270/22]
- \*433. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the supports his Department has in place in respect of further education and training centres under the auspices of Limerick and Clare Education and Training Board in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60336/22]
- \*434. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he has plans to promote awareness of dyspraxia in further and higher education institutions; if he plans to increase supports for dyspraxia students and apprentices; and his views on the need to transition to an evidence-of-need approach to the allocation of accommodations from the evidence-of-deficit approach which is currently in place. Ivana Bacik. [60389/22]

- \*435. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he expects the election of the University of Limerick Governing Authority to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60420/22]
- \*436. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when he expects the election of the NUI Senate to take place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60421/22]
- \*437. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of apprenticeships that have been approved for the year ending 31 December 2019, 31 December 2020, 31 December 2021 and to the 30 November 2022, if he is satisfied that sufficient opportunities are available for people to take up apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60678/22]
- \*438. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the new action his Department taking to entice students to take up apprenticeships; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60679/22]
- \*439. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the actions his Department is taking to entice those who are unemployed to enter the education system and upskill in order to pursue employment thereafter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60680/22]
- \*440. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science 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. [60719/22]
- \*441. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the quotas for nursing students in both the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 academic years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [60728/22]
- \*442. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60736/22]
- \*443. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 525 of 29 November 2022, if there are plans to allow students who have to repeat a year apply to the student assistance fund for help to cover fees in view of their exclusion from the reduced registration fees (details supplied; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [60766/22]
- \*444. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of SUSI applications that were rejected on the basis that the pandemic unemployment payment brought their income over the threshold in each of the past 12 months. Peadar Tóibín. [60818/22]

- \*445. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of SUSI applications that were rejected in each of the past five years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60819/22]
- \*446. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who had their SUSI grant funding withdrawn from them mid-academic year in each of the past five years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60820/22]
- \*447. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who applied for SUSI by county in each of the past five years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60821/22]
- \*448. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of students who qualified for a SUSI grant by county in each of the past five years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60822/22]
- \*449. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that in cases in which an applicant is assessed as a dependant applicant upon entry to the SUSI processing system, they are unable to be assessed correctly if their circumstances have changed and they can prove these changes (details supplied). Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [60835/22]
- \*450. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 801 of 8 November 2022, when funding will be phased in for graduate entry medicine and if a reduction of student contribution fees is expected by September 2023. Marian Harkin. [60930/22]
- \*451. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 801 of 8 November 2022, if extra Government funding for universities, such as University College Dublin, will be ringfenced to ensure lower student contribution fees going forward. Marian Harkin. [60931/22]

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

- \*452. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the funding provision for youth diversion programmes. Martin Kenny. [60924/22]
- \*453. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will review the decision on an application for a holiday visa by a person (details supplied). Michael Creed. [60158/22]
- \*454. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an application for citizenship in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60196/22]
- \*455. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will expedite a holiday visa application for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Creed. [60249/22]
- \*456. To ask the Minister for Justice the residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60274/22]

- \*457. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of the number of additional gardaí hired since 27 June 2020, by county in tabular form. Jim O'Callaghan. [60283/22]
- \*458. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide a breakdown of the details of all new Garda stations built or existing stations refurbished since 27 June 2020, on a divisional basis in tabular form. Jim O'Callaghan. [60284/22]
- \*459. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a breakdown of investment in court houses since 27 June 2020, by county in tabular form. Jim O'Callaghan. [60285/22]
- \*460. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of adult caution notifications issued to persons by An Garda Síochána in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the Act used to apply the caution. Catherine Murphy. [60304/22]
- \*461. To ask the Minister for Justice if her attention has been drawn to the fact that Ireland is an outlier in Europe in relation to Colombian nationals requiring a short-stay visa to travel to Ireland, unlike the rest of the EU and the UK; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Gary Gannon. [60356/22]
- \*462. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of inspections carried out by gardaí within the Tipperary division on pubs, clubs, nightclubs and so on to ensure full compliance with alcohol licensing legislation in 2021 and to-date in 2022; the percentage of premises that were in breach of the legislation; and the frequency with which inspections are carried out. Alan Kelly. [60397/22]
- \*463. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of new vehicles that have been assigned to Garda armed support units in 2021 and to-date in 2022; and the number of those vehicles that were withdrawn from the Garda armed support unit during same period. Alan Kelly. [60398/22]
- \*464. To ask the Minister for Justice the estimated cost in 2023 if 175 new recruit prison officers were recruited into the Irish Prison Service. Alan Kelly. [60399/22]
- \*465. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will assist a person (details supplied) to retrieve certificates that were surrendered to the International Protection Office and International Protection Accommodation Services when they were interviewed on arrival into the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [60407/22]
- \*466. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons that have arrived in Ireland seeking asylum without the necessary travel documents such as a passport each year for the past ten years; the process when this occurs; and the number of asylum seekers that the State has repatriated as a result of not having the necessary travel documents. Peadar Tóibín. [60422/22]
- \*467. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who have been recruited to An Garda Síochána through the Gaeilge stream during the most recent recruitment campaign. Jim O'Callaghan. [60589/22]
- \*468. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of members currently in An Garda Síochána; and the number of members in An Garda Síochána on 27 June 2020. Jim O'Callaghan. [60590/22]
- \*469. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update from the Courts Service on the progress of the e-probate project under the Courts Modernisation Programme. Cian O'Callaghan. [60633/22]

- \*470. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department will undertake a comprehensive review of economic crime, financial fraud and scamming given the increased prevalence of economic crime arising online and through digital technology, and its growing threat to consumers; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Brian Stanley. [47355/22]
- \*471. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will review the area of politically-exposed persons, as set out in the Criminal Justice (Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing) Act 2010; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [55647/22]
- \*472. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will now initiate a public inquiry into the death of a person (details supplied) as instructed by the Dáil on the 14 June 2018 in view of the completion of the scoping exercise. Mary Lou McDonald. [60658/22]
- \*473. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will expand the responsibility of the role of Peace Commissioner and grant permission to sign and witness affidavits for social housing applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Paul McAuliffe. [60703/22]
- \*474. To ask the Minister for Justice the average waiting times for decisions for paper and digital visa applications by type in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60704/22]
- \*475. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of paper and digital visa applications of each type that have been processed to date in 2022, by month in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60705/22]
- \*476. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of paper and digital visa applications of each type that have been received to date in 2022, by month in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60706/22]
- \*477. To ask the Minister for Justice if it is intended that Ireland would join the European Public Prosecution Office; if it is desirable that all EU Member States be subject to the same office and system of protection of European taxpayers' money; and if she will make a statement on the matter.

  Brendan Howlin. [60714/22]
- \*478. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions her that her Department has taken to address the issues outlined in the formal notice of infringement procedures (INFR(2019) 2235 in relation to Ireland's failure to properly transpose Directive 2011/93/EU; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [60720/22]
- \*479. To ask the Minister for Justice if her Department has reservations regarding the scope of data collection associated with the provisions contained in the EU proposed CSA Regulation 2022/0155 CSAR; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [60721/22]
- \*480. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedure to be followed to update stamp 3 to stamp 4 in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60751/22]
- \*481. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for asylum in Ireland that have been refused for each of the past ten years in real numbers and as the percentage of the total number of applicants. Peadar Tóibín. [60762/22]

- \*482. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under her Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60772/22]
- \*483. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of semi-automatic centre fire rifles that have been licensed by An Garda Síochána in each of the years since 2015 and to date in 2022; if she has plans to adjust this date; if she will instruct her Department to consult with persons who own such firearms before signing off on such legislation via an appointed group; and if the State will compensate Irish citizens for their loss of property given that this proposal will affect persons who have invested large sums in these firearms in some cases (details supplied). Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [60797/22]
- \*484. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration has been given to reforming probate laws as they currently stand with a view to making the probate process more efficient; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Denise Mitchell. [60838/22]
- \*485. To ask the Minister for Justice if she has received a notification or any other such correspondence from the Garda Commissioner in relation to the location of the Criminal Assets Bureau to Heuston Station; and if such correspondence refers to any measure by An Garda Síochána to reduce the capability of CAB to be able to carry out its core functions due to a reduced number of staff who may be redeployed elsewhere. Sean Sherlock. [60905/22]
- \*486. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which she together with the international community continue to converge on the illegal drug barons with a view to limiting their influence on people of all ages with particular reference to young people; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60962/22]
- \*487. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which plans are in hand to increase recruitment to An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60963/22]
- \*488. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of An Garda Síochána; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60964/22]
- \*489. To ask the Minister for Justice the current strength of An Garda Síochána by gender; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60965/22]
- \*490. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which adequate resources continue to be made available to An Garda Síochána to sustain the battle against drug barons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60966/22]
- \*491. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which the revised bail laws are successfully preventing crimes while the accused is on bail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60968/22]
- \*492. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of crimes if any committed by accused persons while on bail; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60969/22]
- \*493. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of crimes committed by those while on bail over the past years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60970/22]

- \*494. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners currently on educational or rehabilitative courses while in prison; the extent to which the numbers have remained consistent over the past three years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60971/22]
- \*495. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of prisoners on remand currently; the extent to which this number has fluctuated over the past two years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60972/22]
- \*496. To ask the Minister for Justice the total number of persons currently in prison for serious crimes, less serious crimes or what are deemed to be minor offences; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60974/22]
- \*497. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of mothers who have been detained in a prison cell while the determination of their family law cases is being pursued; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60975/22]
- \*498. To ask the Minister for Justice the extent to which rehabilitation and education continues to be offered to first-time offenders in prison; the number of such persons currently accessing such courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60977/22]
- \*499. To ask the Minister for Justice her views on the need to provide for orderly and lawful methods of ensuring public access to recreational lands that are held in private ownership; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Ivana Bacik. [60989/22]
- \*500. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the introduction and implementation of the new Prison Service complaints policy; and if she will provide a copy of same. Catherine Murphy. [61031/22]
- \*501. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of complaints under each category heading made by prisoners in 2019 and to date in 2022; the details of the outcomes upheld, not upheld, not proven, terminated, incomplete or withdrawn; the length of time it took to complete and communicate the outcomes of complaints to prisoners by the prison name in the breakdown of categories in which the complaints were filed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Murphy. [61032/22]
- \*502. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of complaints made by prisoners in 2019 and to date in 2022; the details of the outcomes upheld, not upheld, not proven, terminated, incomplete or withdrawn; and the length of time that it took to complete and communicate the outcomes of complaints to prisoners. Catherine Murphy. [61033/22]
- \*503. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of complaints made by prisoner officers against prisoners and persons on remand in 2019 and to date in 2022; the details of the outcomes upheld, not upheld, not proven, terminated, incomplete or withdrawn; and the length of time that it took to complete and communicate the outcomes of complaints to prisoner officers. Catherine Murphy. [61034/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

- \*504. To ask the Minister for Health if he has given consideration to banning or limiting the advertisement of junk food on State-owned transport, buildings and amenities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60333/22]
- \*505. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 808 of 29 November 2022, if further details of the schemes (details supplied) referred to in the response will be provided.

  Marian Harkin. [60992/22]
- \*506. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a recently published report from the Health Research Board, National Drug Treatment Reporting System: 2015-2021 Drug Treatment Data, showing rapidly increasing drug use in Ireland; and if he will consider a different legal approach based on decriminalisation. Gino Kenny. [61089/22]
- \*507. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a recently published report from the Health Research Board, National Drug Treatment Reporting System: 2015-2021 Drug Treatment Data, showing rapidly increasing drug use in Ireland; and if he will consider a different legal approach based on decriminalisation. Gino Kenny. [60570/22]
- \*508. To ask the Minister for Health if an update will be provided in relation to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cormac Devlin. [60146/22]
- \*509. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that are being taken to ensure that the persons who used the Dunkineely general practice will be affected as little as possible given its closure; and if he will ensure that there is sufficient cover in the region. Pearse Doherty. [60147/22]
- \*510. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ambulances that have brought patients with Meath addresses to the accident and emergency department of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda, in each of the past five years; the number of ambulances that have brought patients with a Meath address to the accident and emergency department of Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in each of the past five years; the number of patients that have attended the accident and emergency department of Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda in each of the past five years and the number of these that where brought by ambulance; the number of patients that have attended the accident and emergency department Our Lady's Hospital, Navan in each of the past five years; and the number of these that were brought by ambulance. Peadar Tóibín. [60148/22]
- \*511. To ask the Minister for Health if a community neuro-rehabilitation team will be provided in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. David Cullinane. [60152/22]
- \*512. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made in establishing dedicated community neuro-rehabilitation teams for each CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

  David Cullinane. [60153/22]
- \*513. To ask the Minister for Health the timeline for the establishment of the commission to examine care and supports for older people committed to in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [60156/22]
- \*514. To ask the Minister for Health if he will instruct his Department to set up a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO7 given that only 15% of persons have access to community

- neuro-rehabilitation teams; if will he ensure that his Department delivers a team for each CHO area as promised (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Murphy. [60161/22]
- \*515. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions that are in place for the establishment of a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Verona Murphy. [60162/22]
- \*516. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE plans to establish a community neurorehabilitation team in CHO8 area; if so, if he will provide a timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [60163/22]
- \*517. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that the Government is taking for immunocompromised persons who continue to cocoon to avoid Covid-19; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Chris Andrews. [60165/22]
- \*518. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO2 and in each CHO area in which a neuro-rehabilitation team has yet to be established; the date by which each neuro-rehabilitation team will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Catherine Connolly. [60171/22]
- \*519. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in respect of the appointment of a replacement GP for the GP who has tendered their resignation in Blarney, County Cork; the action that his Department and the HSE are taking to recruit additional GPs for areas of growing population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60172/22]
- \*520. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure the replacement of a general practitioner service in Cork (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60187/22]
- \*521. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the talks held with an organisation (details supplied) regarding medical card holders and their access to dental care; his views on the actions taken by his Department to ensure these persons get medical cover under the scheme. Peadar Tóibín. [60192/22]
- \*522. To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken by his Department and the HSE relative to a complaint made by the family of a person (details supplied); if a comprehensive response to each of the issues raised will be provided to the family; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John McGuinness. [60197/22]
- \*523. To ask the Minister for Health if a child (details supplied) will be provided with respite care as a matter of urgency; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [60198/22]
- \*524. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will be provided a consultation appointment with a paediatrician at Cavan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [60199/22]
- \*525. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite beds available in counties Monaghan and Cavan for children with disabilities; the proposals to increase these numbers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [60203/22]

- \*526. To ask the Minister for Health the number of his proposals that will provide respite care facilities for children with disabilities in County Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [60204/22]
- \*527. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria outlined in the statement of purpose for children to be approved for respite care in counties Cavan and Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [60205/22]
- \*528. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria outlined in the statement of purpose for children to be approved for respite care in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

  Matt Carthy. [60206/22]
- \*529. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria outlined in the statement of purpose for children to be approved for respite care in counties Sligo and Leitrim; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [60207/22]
- \*530. To ask the Minister for Health the criteria outlined in the statement of purpose for children to be approved for respite care in counties Louth and Meath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [60210/22]
- \*531. To ask the Minister for Health the number of respite care places for children with disabilities in each county or for the lowest available geographic unit; the number on waiting lists for same in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Matt Carthy. [60211/22]
- \*532. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a child (details supplied) who following presentation at University Hospital Limerick was referred to Temple Street Hospital and has yet to receive correspondence from the Hospital regarding an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Maurice Quinlivan. [60212/22]
- \*533. To ask the Minister for Health the location of the existing community neuro-rehabilitation teams; the staffing complement of each team; the timeline for establishing a community neuro-rehabilitation team in each CHO, by CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [60216/22]
- \*534. To ask the Minister for Health the way that children of same-sex couples who were conceived outside a donor assisted human reproduction facility can gain a full legal relationship with both of their parents; if the Health (Assisted Human Reproduction) Bill 2022 will amend the Children and Family Relationships Act 2015 to extend its application to donor-conceived children who have been conceived outside of a donor assisted human reproduction facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. John Lahart. [60222/22]
- \*535. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that long-term illnesses such as Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis are not included in the long-term illness scheme; if he will review this practice; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pearse Doherty. [60225/22]
- \*536. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a wage enhancement claim lodged by a pharmacist (details supplied) working at UL Nenagh Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [60226/22]
- \*537. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that support workers at University Hospital Limerick who are designated as cleaners and laundry workers were not included in a staff evaluation

- process and were refused a salary raise that was subsequently granted to other HSE support staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [60232/22]
- \*538. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reopen the Mater Private Hospital to HSE patients given the backlog of critical cancer surgeries (details supplied). Marian Harkin. [60242/22]
- \*539. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the lack of access to community neuro-rehabilitation teams in CHO 8 which impacts those living with neurological conditions within the Louth and east Meath constituency (details supplied); his plans, if any, for a community neuro-rehabilitation team to be set up in CHO 8; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [60243/22]
- \*540. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children under the age of 18 years with an intellectual, physical or sensory disability, currently referred and waiting to be seen by HSE who are yet to receive an initial contact; and the length of time that they have been waiting for the initial contact according to CHO in tabular form. Mattie McGrath. [60246/22]
- \*541. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a plan (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Noel Grealish. [60248/22]
- \*542. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for a public menopause clinic, by wait time and clinic in tabular form. Róisín Shortall. [60268/22]
- \*543. To ask the Minister for Health if homecare support can be provided in the case of the daughter of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60279/22]
- \*544. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline any plans to establish a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO7; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that only 15% of persons have access to community neuro-rehabilitation teams and that despite the promise of a team for each CHO area, only two have been delivered; if his attention has been further drawn to the fact that these teams reduce the average length of stay in hospital which could result in saving over 42,000 bed days each year; when CHO7 will have a team in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bríd Smith. [60301/22]
- \*545. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons currently in prison, who have been referred for treatment to the Central Mental Hospital, Portrane; the longest length of time that a person has been on the list waiting for a transfer; the reason for the delay in these transfers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [60302/22]
- \*546. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) will be admitted to the Central Mental Hospital, Portrane; the reason for the delay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [60303/22]
- \*547. To ask the Minister for Health when persons living in south Tipperary will have access to community neuro-rehabilitation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter.

  Alan Kelly. [60305/22]
- \*548. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional hospital beds, excluding critical care beds provided for each public/voluntary hospital since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60311/22]

- \*549. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional critical care beds for each public/voluntary hospital since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60312/22]
- \*550. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional consultants, registrars and SHO's in WTE terms appointed for each public/voluntary hospital since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60313/22]
- \*551. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional nursing and midwifery staff in WTE terms appointed for each public/voluntary hospital since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60314/22]
- \*552. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional health and social care professional staff in WTE terms appointed for each public/voluntary hospital since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60315/22]
- \*553. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional consultants, registrars and SHO's in WTE terms appointed for each local health office area since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60316/22]
- \*554. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional nursing and midwifery staff in WTE terms appointed for each local health office area since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60317/22]
- \*555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional health and social care professional staff in WTE terms appointed for each local health office area since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jim O'Callaghan. [60318/22]
- \*556. To ask the Minister for Health if person who has an active GMS card and is receiving cancer treatment are required to pay for regular bloods at their GP clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [60320/22]
- \*557. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community healthcare networks in each CHO, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60324/22]
- \*558. To ask the Minister for Health the population covered by each community healthcare network in CHO3 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60325/22]
- \*559. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community healthcare networks where a GP lead is in place in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60326/22]
- \*560. To ask the Minister for Health the number of filled positions and vacancies in each primary care team in CHO3 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60327/22]
- \*561. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant positions in the west Clare primary care team; the length of time that these have been vacant; the length of time they have been

- advertised for, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60328/22]
- \*562. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the shortage of HSE home care provision in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60329/22]
- \*563. To ask the Minister for Health the average wait time for an assessment of need by county, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60343/22]
- \*564. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons waiting on assessment of needs in County Clare, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60344/22]
- \*565. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage spending of the National Treatment Purchase Fund by hospital, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60345/22]
- \*566. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons and length of time waiting on assessments of need in County Clare, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

  Violet-Anne Wynne. [60346/22]
- \*567. To ask the Minister for Health the current position in respect of the provision of CAMHS dietician specialist services in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [60347/22]
- \*568. To ask the Minister for Health the length of time that a gender identity development service (details supplied) has been paid to run clinics for Irish children at Crumlin children's hospital; the amount that was paid for this service through the EU treatment abroad scheme; if the Department or the HSE made the EU aware of its use of the TAS scheme to pay for the service to run clinics in Crumlin children's hospital; if the EU was satisfied with this use of the TAS; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [60352/22]
- \*569. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that nurses in hospitals have been told that they are not getting premium pay for nurses for Christmas. Peadar Tóibín. [60353/22]
- \*570. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women and babies who have been discharged into the care of homeless services from maternity hospitals in the past three months; and the number who have been discharged in need of emergency accommodation but with no accommodation to go to. Duncan Smith. [60354/22]
- \*571. To ask the Minister for Health if there are figures from the maternity hospitals on the number of additional night's stay that were necessary for women and children in maternity hospitals due to the mother and child having no accommodation to go to. Duncan Smith. [60355/22]
- \*572. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to improve the working conditions faced by occupational therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Gary Gannon. [60358/22]
- \*573. To ask the Minister for Health if he will immediately work with the HSE in CHO4 to put in place a plan to ensure that none of the acute mental health unit beds in Bantry General Hospital are closed. Holly Cairns. [60369/22]

- \*574. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 322 of 10 November 2022 (details supplied), the service developments that took place between 8 June and 15 June 2017 such that a permanent contract senior psychologist post in the North Cork / North Lee Older Adult Mental Health Services was, after being accepted on those advertised terms, changed within that seven day period to a permanent contract senior psychologist post in the general Adult Mental Health North Lee Services, and was not advertised to eligible candidates on those changed terms; the basis in employment law that such a rapid restructuring of a HSE post can be sanctioned after it had been advertised and filled on different terms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Holly Cairns. [60370/22]
- \*575. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he is taking to assist an organisation (details supplied) searching for suitable housing for assisted living for disabled adults. Holly Cairns. [60372/22]
- \*576. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the implementation of the McHugh report in relation to student nurses and midwives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Steven Matthews. [60382/22]
- \*577. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to correspondence (details supplied) in relation to supports for persons living with neurological conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [60383/22]
- \*578. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a fair deal application (details supplied). Robert Troy. [60387/22]
- \*579. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to make more timely dyspraxia assessment services. Ivana Bacik. [60390/22]
- \*580. To ask the Minister for Health the staffing budget allocation to Tipperary University Hospital in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022, in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [60400/22]
- \*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE consultant otolaryngologists attached to University Hospital Limerick in 2021 and to-date in 2022, in tabular form. Alan Kelly. [60401/22]
- \*582. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE CNM3 senior orthopaedic nurses at University Hospital Limerick in 2020, 2021 and to-date in 2022, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. Alan Kelly. [60402/22]
- \*583. To ask the Minister for Health the hospitals in which fluorescence microscopy and threomboelastography are available for diagnostics and treatment. Alan Kelly. [60403/22]
- \*584. To ask the Minister for Health if respite services have been discontinued temporarily at Ennistymon Community Hospital, County Clare; if so, the plans that are in place to have the services fully restored given that the respite and short stay beds provide a lifeline for families and their loved ones; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McNamara. [60409/22]
- \*585. To ask the Minister for Health further to the response to Parliamentary Question No. 736 of 22 November 2022, if clarification and advice will be provided in relation to a case where a complaint has been made (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Griffin. [60412/22]

- \*586. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that nurses are being told by management in Navan Hospital to get patients out of the emergency department (details supplied). Peadar Tóibín. [60414/22]
- \*587. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the HSE is pushing ahead with the official bypass of ambulances with patients of the accident and emergency department in Navan Hospital given that over 100,000 patients have been without a bed to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60415/22]
- \*588. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the HSE is pushing ahead with closure of the accident and emergency department in Navan Hospital given that it is being opposed by the senior medics and clinicians in Drogheda Hospital, when the HSEs own data systems indicate that up to 45 patients could be forced to go to Drogheda Hospital each day, when the absence of an ICU in Navan will mean that the medical assessment unit will not be able to accept any patient who could potentially deteriorate. Peadar Tóibín. [60416/22]
- \*589. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware that housekeeping/domestics/cleaners nationally did not get awarded the job evaluation by the HSE; the reason for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Healy-Rae. [60418/22]
- \*590. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a person (details supplied) is waiting for an appeal of a special pandemic recognition award; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niamh Smyth. [60419/22]
- \*591. To ask the Minister for Health the number of mental health peer support workers to be recruited by CHO area including trainee staff; the current number of peer support workers employed by the HSE by CHO area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [60424/22]
- \*592. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 524 and 525 of 15 November 2022, the reason that a response has not been issued by the Health Service Executive; and the date on which a response will issue. Peadar Tóibín. [60432/22]
- \*593. To ask the Minister for Health if section 38 healthcare employees who worked exclusively for a day service (details supplied) with residential day service users and onsite in Covid-19 exposed healthcare environments, will receive the  $\leq 1,000$  pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Lowry. [60435/22]
- \*594. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of CHO areas that have community neuro-rehabilitation teams in place in tabular form; the date of establishment of the team; the WTE resources assigned for each; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [60436/22]
- \*595. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that he has had and the efforts that have been made to ensure that medical card or GP visit card holders are not to be charged for phlebotomy services; and the person or body that a patient in County Wexford should contact if they have been charged for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [60437/22]
- \*596. To ask the Minister for Health if a response will issue to correspondence (details supplied) regarding the McHugh Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [60443/22]

- \*597. To ask the Minister for Health the steps he will take to address the lack of dentists accepting medical card holders in County Kerry. Pa Daly. [60447/22]
- \*598. To ask the Minister for Health the way that a medical card holder (details supplied) should avail of dental care. Pa Daly. [60448/22]
- \*599. To ask the Minister for Health the number of incidences of coercive abortion which have been reported to sexual assault treatment units since 1 January 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Collins. [60449/22]
- \*600. To ask the Minister for Health if a permanent registrar will be appointed to the renal unit at Mayo University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [60450/22]
- \*601. To ask the Minister for Health if a PIN nursing registration number can be expedited for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McNamara. [60462/22]
- \*602. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to provide funding to a foundation (details supplied) a charity that provides financial assistance directly to parents of children with life-limiting or chronic complex care needs across Ireland, to help with the non-medical expenses related to caring for their child; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [60463/22]
- \*603. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that many persons who provide essential work as hygiene cleaners, domestic staff, laundry workers, housekeeping staff, across our public hospitals and care homes believe that they should be in a higher band regarding the national pay scale agreement; if he will review the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Willie O'Dea. [60466/22]
- \*604. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set up a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO-2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [60468/22]
- \*605. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who are awaiting an assessment for dyspraxia by county in tabular form. Sorca Clarke. [60472/22]
- \*606. To ask the Minister for Health his Department's position on the establishment of a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Josepha Madigan. [60478/22]
- \*607. To ask the Minister for Health when speech and language therapy sessions will be provided in the name of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60507/22]
- \*608. To ask the Minister for Health the reason two hospitals in a group were approved funding (details supplied) but one hospital was left out; the reason that patients in one county are being afforded a different level of care compared with the similar model 3 hospitals in the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Ring. [60530/22]
- \*609. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the planned establishment of a community neuro-rehabilitation team for CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Joe O'Brien. [60548/22]

- \*610. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a campaign by an alliance of organisations (details supplied) that is seeking an increase in the legal age of sale of all forms of tobacco, including e-cigarettes, from 18 to 21 years, commonly known as tobacco 21; if he is in favour of Ireland introducing tobacco 21 as a policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

  Colm Burke. [60549/22]
- \*611. To ask the Minister for Health if he is concerned over the rise of disposable e-cigarette use among adolescents; if his Department has a plan to counter this trend; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60550/22]
- \*612. To ask the Minister for Health when a care plan will be implemented for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Boyd Barrett. [60552/22]
- \*613. To ask the Minister for Health if a person (details supplied) is entitled to a reimbursement for the costs incurred with a private medical procedure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael Creed. [60561/22]
- \*614. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the protected disclosures reported to the HSE regarding concerns raised about the individualised services provide by an organisation (details supplied) in Mayo; his plan of action to investigate same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [60591/22]
- \*615. To ask the Minister for Health if only eight of the individualised services are HIQA designated centres and forty-two are unregulated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Rose Conway-Walsh. [60592/22]
- \*616. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the creation of a national medicines reserve facility in Ireland specifically to help during a public health emergency, in particular taking into account the current risk of medicine shortages and supply disruptions and the way that this negatively impacts on patient health; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60596/22]
- \*617. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department will engage with the largest group of suppliers of medicines to the HSE and patients directly (details supplied) to review the pricing and procurement policies in order to protect patient access to high quality affordable treatment and to help mitigate the risk of medicine shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60597/22]
- \*618. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the putting in place of a mechanism within the framework agreements on Pricing and Supply of Medicines 2021-2025 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60598/22]
- \*619. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to the extension of the 0% VAT rate that currently applies to certain oral medicines to non-oral medicines, including injections, infusions, liniments, ointments and transdermal patches, which would be in line with the Programme for Government commitment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60599/22]
- \*620. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that only 15% of patients have access to community neuro-rehabilitation teams (details supplied); if steps will

be taken in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [60600/22]

- \*621. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale behind the need for cariban to be initially prescribed by a consultant obstetrician for hyperemesis gravidarum sufferers in order for them to be able to avail of the drug reimbursement scheme as committed to in Budget 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [60638/22]
- \*622. To ask the Minister for Health if consultant obstetricians were consulted before the decision to make them the initial prescribers for cariban was made; if any concerns raised as to the impact that this decision would have on waiting lists to see consultant obstetricians; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [60639/22]
- \*623. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE intends to provide for a system which ensures that hyperemesis gravidarum sufferers who are less than 12 weeks pregnant have access to a consultant obstetrician before the traditional 14-week first appointment with a consultant obstetrician; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jennifer Whitmore. [60640/22]
- \*624. To ask the Minister for Health the number of women and babies who have been discharged into the care of homeless services from maternity hospitals in the past three months; the number that have been discharged from hospital in need of emergency accommodation but with no accommodation to go to; and the number of requests that have been received from social workers in maternity hospitals asking for emergency accommodation support for mothers and babies. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [60641/22]
- \*625. To ask the Minister for Health if there are figures from the maternity hospitals on the number of additional nights that was it necessary for women and new-born children to stay in maternity hospitals due to the mother and child having no accommodation to go to. Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [60642/22]
- \*626. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been allocated to Mayo University Hospital under the winter plan; the way that this compares to other hospitals in the West/North West Hospital Group (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [60643/22]
- \*627. To ask the Minister for Health the amount that has been allocated to a hospital (details supplied) for the CT scanner replacement project; the status of the CT installation process outlining; and when the new CT scanner will be operational. Alan Dillon. [60644/22]
- \*628. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that HIQA has not inspected a nursing unit (details supplied) following a request to do so by the provider who requires additional bed capacity to meet growing demands in the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [60645/22]
- \*629. To ask the Minister for Health the details of the formal capital investment proposal submitted for the provision of single room en-suite bed capacity at a hospital (details supplied) and a timeline for completion of this project. Alan Dillon. [60646/22]
- \*630. To ask the Minister for Health the number of acute inpatient beds on wards A, B and C at a hospital (details supplied); the number of beds in these wards currently not in use and closed; the

- reason that these beds are not in use; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [60647/22]
- \*631. To ask the Minister for Health if the planned expansion of the footprint of the emergency department at a hospital (details supplied) through the addition of seven treatment bays in the new modular build outlined in HIQAs report has been completed; if not, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [60648/22]
- \*632. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department and the HSE are satisfied that corrective actions to non-compliant findings and HIQA key recommendations have been implemented following HIQA's inspection on 29 September 2020 with the subsequent report published on 17 December 2020 for a hospital (details supplied); and if he will provide an update on the HSE's ongoing work to improve and maintain infection prevention and control measures in community and acute healthcare setting at this hospital. Alan Dillon. [60649/22]
- \*633. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE will outline the precise work completed on project review 1 tasks for a hospital (details supplied); if the HSE has submitted the preliminary business case and brief and project cost estimate to his Department for technical review. Alan Dillon. [60650/22]
- \*634. To ask the Minister for Health if the preliminary design stage 1 report has been approved; when the HSE expects approval of scheme design for a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [60651/22]
- \*635. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the design team appointed through the procurement process for a hospital (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [60652/22]
- \*636. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 1661 of 8 September 2022, the progress that has been made with prospective developers on the provision of the primary care centre scheduled for an area (details supplied); the timeline for delivery of this centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Alan Dillon. [60653/22]
- \*637. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons invited by the National Screening Service to partake in BreastCheck, CervicalCheck and BowelScreen in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; and the percentage of invitees accepted their invitation in tabular form. Neasa Hourigan. [60670/22]
- \*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of breast cancers that were detected by the National Screening Service in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022 through BreastCheck in tabular form. Neasa Hourigan. [60671/22]
- \*639. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pre-cancers and cancers that were detected by the National Screening Service in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022 through CervicalCheck in tabular form. Neasa Hourigan. [60672/22]
- \*640. To ask the Minister for Health the number of pre-cancers and cancers that were detected by the National Screening Service in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022 through BowelScreen in tabular form. Neasa Hourigan. [60673/22]

- \*641. To ask the Minister for Health the overall national radiology waiting lists by hospital and scan type, that is, ultrasounds, CT scans and MRIs in tabular form. Neasa Hourigan. [60674/22]
- \*642. To ask the Minister for Health the number of MRI and CT scan machines by hospital; and the number that are operational, non-operational and broken respectively in tabular form. Neasa Hourigan. [60675/22]
- \*643. To ask the Minister for Health the current number of radiologists and radiology technicians working in Ireland, per head of population. Neasa Hourigan. [60676/22]
- \*644. To ask the Minister for Health the status of plans to build a new community hospital at Lifford, County Donegal; and the services to be provided there. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [60707/22]
- \*645. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider as a matter of priority appointing a new Chief Pharmaceutical Officer to his Department who will be responsible for overseeing the development of policy and strategy, national oversight of medicine supply, pharmacy regulations and maximising the potential of the community pharmacy sector to achieve better patient outcomes. Ciarán Cannon. [60711/22]
- \*646. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community neuro-rehabilitation teams in place in each CHO area; if it is his intention to establish such a team in each CHO area; if he will set out the timeframe for the establishment of such teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Brendan Howlin. [60713/22]
- \*647. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the staffing of Disability Network Teams in County Roscommon; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [60727/22]
- \*648. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to roll-out community neuro-rehabilitation teams to each community health area; the timeframe he estimates that such teams will be in place in each CHO; the timeframe he estimates that such a team will be available in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [60730/22]
- \*649. To ask the Minister for Health the number of community neuro-rehabilitation teams in each local health area with reference to the number of worktime equivalent posts filled and vacant in each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Martin Browne. [60731/22]
- \*650. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60733/22]
- \*651. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the roll out of a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CH07; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60743/22]
- \*652. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the roll out of a community neuro-rehabilitation team in CH04; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60744/22]

- \*653. To ask the Minister for Health when a community neuro-rehabilitation team will be set up in CHO8 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Fergus O'Dowd. [60758/22]
- \*654. To ask the Minister for Health when a community neuro-rehabilitation team will be established for CHO2 given a team was promised to every CHO area but only two of nine have being delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Seán Canney. [60768/22]
- \*655. To ask the Minister for Health when frontline staff at a healthcare company (details supplied) will receive their Covid bonus payment. Louise O'Reilly. [60782/22]
- \*656. To ask the Minister for Health the number of self-assessments issued to employers in relation to the Covid-19 recognition payment to eligible workers in non-HSE and non-Section 38 organisations; the number returned to the HSE, by category of eligible staff (details supplied) in tabular form; the number of funding transfers which have taken place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Róisín Shortall. [60783/22]
- \*657. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on arrears owed to serving and retired senior HSE and voluntary hospital managers (details supplied) as provided for in the HSE budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [60790/22]
- \*658. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on when the financial supports for student nurses and midwives recommended in the McHugh report will be implemented; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [60798/22]
- \*659. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to investigate procurement procedures within the HSE to determine if there are any instances of the HSE being overcharged by private and voluntary service providers. Peadar Tóibín. [60800/22]
- \*660. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who contracted Covid-19 in a hospital setting on a monthly basis since the start of the pandemic. Peadar Tóibín. [60801/22]
- \*661. To ask the Minister for Health the number of lung cancer diagnoses in Ireland in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60802/22]
- \*662. To ask the Minister for Health the number of breast cancer diagnosis in Ireland in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60803/22]
- \*663. To ask the Minister for Health the number of cervical cancer diagnosis in Ireland in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60804/22]
- \*664. To ask the Minister for Health the number of ovarian cancer diagnosis in Ireland in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60805/22]
- \*665. To ask the Minister for Health the number of brain cancer diagnosis in Ireland in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60806/22]
- \*666. To ask the Minister for Health the number of skin cancer diagnosis in Ireland in each of the past ten years and to date in 2022. Peadar Tóibín. [60807/22]

- \*667. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received correspondence from any charity or organisation expressing concerns over a perceived increase in mental ill health or suicide rate since he took office; if so, the dates upon which he received such correspondence; the bodies he received such correspondence from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [60808/22]
- \*668. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received correspondence from any consultant psychiatrist or college of psychiatry or general practitioner body or individual general practitioners expressing concerns over a perceived increase in mental ill health or suicide rates since he took office; if so, the dates upon which he received such correspondence; the persons or bodies he received same from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [60809/22]
- \*669. To ask the Minister for Health if he has received any correspondence from general practitioners expressing concerns of a perceived increase or decrease in cancer diagnosis, late cancer diagnosis or missed cancer diagnosis as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic since he took office; if so, the dates upon which he received the correspondence from; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Peadar Tóibín. [60810/22]
- \*670. To ask the Minister for Health if he will listen to the call from the trans communities for an informed consent model that GPs lead in local communities; his views on whether the National Gender service, as it currently stands, is unfit for purpose; and his views in relation to same. Paul Murphy. [60828/22]
- \*671. To ask the Minister for Health if the independently led prescribing audit recommended in the Maskey Report included within its remit children who were prescribed risperidone outside of CAMHS; if not, the avenues that are open to parents who believe their children were overprescribed risperidone; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pauline Tully. [60840/22]
- \*672. To ask the Minister for Health when a community neuro-rehabilitation team will be in place in CH09; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Paul Kehoe. [60841/22]
- \*673. To ask the Minister for Health when a person will receive a date for cataract surgery (details supplied) at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

  Maurice Quinlivan. [60844/22]
- \*674. To ask the Minister for Health the number of hospital consultants who have left posts at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital, Drogheda to date in 2022; the number and nature/discipline of the posts that are currently unfilled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Ged Nash. [60846/22]
- \*675. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a group (details supplied) which is calling on the Irish Government to raise the smoking age from 18 to 21, in support of the Government's stated objective of reducing the smoking rate in Ireland to 5% by 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60847/22]
- \*676. To ask the Minister for Health if it would be permissible under the current EU tobacco products directive to raise the smoking age in Ireland from 18 to 21 years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60848/22]

- \*677. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the report that the HSE wrote to close Navan Hospital A&E; the reason that no one has seen the report; and the reason there is secrecy around this report. Peadar Tóibín. [60849/22]
- \*678. To ask the Minister for Health when a decision will be made on an application (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Denis Naughten. [60851/22]
- \*679. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position with medical card patients availing of dental appointments and procedures given the notice many of them are getting that their current practice is withdrawing from the service; the steps he is taking to put this in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [60856/22]
- \*680. To ask the Minister for Health the-up-to-date position with medical card patients availing of dental appointments and procedures given the notice many of them are getting in County Kildare (details supplied) that their current practise is withdrawing from the service; the steps he is taking to put this in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Duncan Smith. [60857/22]
- \*681. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the progress of introducing a transport support scheme to replace the mobility allowance and motorised transport scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [60860/22]
- \*682. To ask the Minister for Health the number of additional in-patient beds provided in each hospital in the South/South West Hospital Group since 27 June 2020; the number of additional day beds provided since 27 June 2020; and the number of additional critical care beds provided since 27 June 2020, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60903/22]
- \*683. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of concerns raised by ambulance drivers in respect of their own health and safety due to challenging rostering of shifts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Sean Sherlock. [60906/22]
- \*684. To ask the Minister for Health when he expects to make an announcement of a new hospital in Galway under the National Elective Ambulatory Care Strategy agreed last December by the Government and if such a proposal will include provision for overnight or long stay care. Sean Sherlock. [60907/22]
- \*685. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the necessity for transplant capability to be located in tertiary hospitals on a regional basis so as to offset any requirement to export organs outside the jurisdiction in view of the recent decision regarding the opt out provisions for organ donation. Sean Sherlock. [60908/22]
- \*686. To ask the Minister for Health if he will establish a community neuro-rehabilitation team to be set up in CHO 4. Sean Sherlock. [60909/22]
- \*687. To ask the Minister for Health the number of submissions noting concerns that were made to HIQA regarding nursing homes from 2020 to date in 2022, by the type of concern and by county, inclusive of concerns of safeguarding, substandard care, poor communication and visiting. Paul Murphy. [60914/22]
- \*688. To ask the Minister for Health the number of submissions noting concerns that were made to his Department regarding nursing homes from 2020 to date in 2022, by the type of concern

- and by county, inclusive of concerns of safeguarding, substandard care, poor communication and visiting. Paul Murphy. [60915/22]
- \*689. To ask the Minister for Health the number of submissions to note concerns that were made to his Department of the confidential recipient regarding HSE nursing homes from 2020 to date in 2022, by the type of concern and by county, inclusive of concerns regarding safeguarding, substandard care, poor communication, and visiting. Paul Murphy. [60916/22]
- \*690. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes that took a case against HIQA to prevent publication of their report since March 2020; and if he will provide the details including the name and county of the homes. Paul Murphy. [60917/22]
- \*691. To ask the Minister for Health the number of safeguarding referrals that HIQA have forwarded to the guards and to the safeguarding teams from March 2020 to date in 2022. Paul Murphy. [60918/22]
- \*692. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide details of the blanket DNR (do not resuscitate) that was put in place in nursing homes in March and April 2020. Paul Murphy. [60919/22]
- \*693. To ask the Minister for Health the number of concerns his Department received from staff and families with concerns in nursing homes; and the action that was taken. Paul Murphy. [60920/22]
- \*694. To ask the Minister for Health the role that the geriatricians on the Covid-19 response teams played in engagement with nursing homes which had outbreaks and in the meetings with specific homes, who made decisions on medication and transfer to hospital for residents. Paul Murphy. [60921/22]
- \*695. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the waiting time for colposcopy appointments in Limerick is so long; the plans to improve the service availability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Niall Collins. [60936/22]
- \*696. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department is considering adding rare diseases, including spinal muscular atrophy to the heel prick test for babies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Josepha Madigan. [60937/22]
- \*697. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the dental treatment scheme; the number of dentists active in the scheme by county; the number of dentists who having previously left the scheme have returned by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [60942/22]
- \*698. To ask the Minister for Health if he is aware of continued ongoing issues for medical card holders in accessing dental care under the dental treatment scheme in counties Roscommon and Galway; his plans to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Claire Kerrane. [60943/22]
- \*699. To ask the Minister for Health the current status of the Neuro-Rehabilitation Strategy 2019-2021; the progress of the implementation of the strategy in CHO9; the action that he will take to ensure the effective roll-out of the strategy in the remaining seven CHO areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Cian O'Callaghan. [60979/22]

- \*700. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 561 of 15 November 2022, the duration of placement already spent of each resident of a facility (details supplied) at the time the facility was vacated in April 2020; the number of residents who moved from the facility in April 2020 who remain in residential care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Neasa Hourigan. [60980/22]
- \*701. To ask the Minister for Health if an evaluation has been carried out of the procurement of supplies during the Covid pandemic to establish the successes and the disappointments of the emergency arrangements used to establish the lessons that can be learnt for the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Richard Bruton. [60985/22]
- \*702. To ask the Minister for Health if the case of a child (details supplied) will be examined; and if he will make a statement on the matter. James Lawless. [60991/22]
- \*703. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the adequacy of mobility supports for persons with a disability. Ivana Bacik. [61005/22]
- \*704. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that all persons with diabetes are provided medical equipment to monitor their sugar levels free-of-charge. Holly Cairns. [61016/22]
- \*705. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the implementation of the McHugh report. Pa Daly. [61021/22]
- \*706. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to fully resource existing community neurorehabilitation teams and if he will set up a community neuro-rehabilitation team in every CHO; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [61038/22]
- \*707. To ask the Minister for Health the number of CHO areas that have a community rehabilitative team; and the number of members that comprise that service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [61039/22]
- \*708. To ask the Minister for Health if persons with multiple sclerosis and parkinson's disease have access to community rehabilitative teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Violet-Anne Wynne. [61040/22]

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

- \*709. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of contracts that Bord na gCon awarded for the rehoming of dogs from January 2018 to November 2022; to whom were they awarded in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60157/22]
- \*710. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is possible for additional measures to be provided through ACRES for farmers on free-draining land who are limited by the current options provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60181/22]
- \*711. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of farmers paid under the basic payment scheme since the formation of the current Government; the total amount of payments in Euro paid out under this scheme by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60256/22]

- \*712. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total number of farmers paid under the areas of natural constraint; the total amount of payments in Euro paid out under this scheme since the formation of the current Government by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60257/22]
- \*713. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount of funds allocated to each local authority under the local authority marine infrastructure scheme 2022-2023 since the formation of the current Government by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60259/22]
- \*714. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of agri climate rural environment scheme applications that have been received by his Department to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60348/22]
- \*715. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of agri climate rural environment scheme general approach applications that have been received by his Department to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60349/22]
- \*716. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of agri climate rural environment scheme co-operation approach applications that have been received by his Department to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60350/22]
- \*717. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expected timeframe from the date applications are received in respect of the climate rural environment scheme to the date that a final decision is taken and the applicants notified as to whether or not they have been accepted in to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Colm Burke. [60351/22]
- \*718. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that many approved FAS/ACRES advisors did not have access to the GLAMS ACRES online planning portal on 20 September 2022; the period of time that elapsed before all advisors had access to the portal; and, if the advisors affected will be granted a time extension to prepare ACRES plans for their existing clients for each day that they were without access to the ACRES online portal. Holly Cairns. [60365/22]
- \*719. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund-Operational Programme for Ireland prohibits a 50% advance of approved production and marketing plan funding as provided for in Article 66(4) of EU regulation 508/2014 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [60428/22]
- \*720. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will detail each fishery harbour centre that was allocated capital funding since the formation of the current Government on 27 June 2020, in tabular form and the total amount allocated to each fishery harbour centre since then. Jackie Cahill. [60438/22]
- \*721. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the total amount of funding allocated under the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund Programme since the formation of the current Government on 27 June 2020 by county in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Jackie Cahill. [60441/22]

- \*722. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the figures for fish landed into all the local authority harbours in County Clare in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Michael McNamara. [60456/22]
- \*723. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding schemes that he plans to introduce in 2023 to support the Irish fishing fleet and the wider seafood sector and that have been developed in line with the recommendations of the "Report of the Seafood Task Force Navigating Change"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [60709/22]
- \*724. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under his Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60774/22]
- \*725. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if funding for Horse Racing Ireland can be allocated to urban horse rearing projects such as an equine club (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. Mark Ward. [60839/22]
- \*726. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when it is intended to reintroduce a 16-mile exclusion zone for larger boats around the coast, particularly in view of the damage sprat fishing by larger boats is causing in Galway Bay; and if he will make a statement on the matter. Éamon Ó Cuív. [60952/22]

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

- \*727. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she plans to review the Charities Act 2009 in particular section 6 of the Act. Pa Daly. [60863/22]
- \*728. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when notice will be given to applicants in categories 2 and 3 under the community centres investment fund as to their outcome; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mattie McGrath. [60234/22]
- \*729. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total amount of funding allocated to respective local authorities for all rural schemes provided by her Department, including town and village renewal scheme, CLÁR, LEADER, LIS, outdoor recreation and rural regeneration since the formation of this Government by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [60260/22]
- \*730. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total funding allocated to the LEADER programme over the 2021-2027 period inclusive of transitional funding in 2021-2022; and the percentage change in funding overall between the 2021-2027 period and the previous programme period 2014-2020 since the formation of this Government by county in tabular form. Cathal Crowe. [60261/22]
- \*731. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total number of hubs onboard in each county since the National Hub Network connectedhubs.ie was launched; the total amount of funding allocated in each county for same in tabular form. Cathal Crowe. [60262/22]

- \*732. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the total amount of funding allocated to local authorities for the Rural Regeneration and Development Fund; the towns in each county that have been allocated funding; the project title of each since the formation of this Government by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Cathal Crowe. [60263/22]
- \*733. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the reason (details supplied) do not appear to qualify for support pursuant to the CVESS scheme; if their application can be reviewed with a view to providing support; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Bernard J. Durkan. [60291/22]
- \*734. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when permission to proceed to tender will issue for a project (details supplied). Michael Ring. [60440/22]
- \*735. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 804 of 25 October 2022, if applicants in categories 2 and 3 to the community centre investment fund 2022 will be notified before the end of Q4 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Thomas Pringle. [60681/22]
- \*736. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a list of the categories of public sector workers and civil servants under her Department whose contracts fall under the Croke Park Agreement; and if she will make a statement on the matter. Mairéad Farrell. [60773/22]