



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN ANSWER**

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

\*1. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the recent ruling from the Court of Justice of the European Union, which invalidated public access to registers of beneficial ownerships; the way this ruling lines up with the open Government approach; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [61192/22]

\*2. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of Ireland's public register of beneficial ownership; and proposed changes to the public nature or operation of the register. — Catherine Murphy. [61193/22]

\*3. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department has had any contact with the European Commission or the Court of Justice of the European Union in relation to public access to the register of beneficial ownership; and if so, the details of these discussions. — Catherine Murphy. [61194/22]

\*4. 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; if he is satisfied that the company has complied with communication protocols in respect of redundancies and or requests to take unpaid leave; if he will clarify the obligation of a company to inform him of plans to implement a voluntary time off programme for staff; and whether they are obliged to comply with the request. — Catherine Murphy. [61239/22]

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

\*5. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he or his officials will meet with a student (details supplied) who has started a hunger and thirst strike over concerns with the climate crisis in order to address the issues raised by them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61103/22]

\*6. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that has been made to date regarding the establishment of a new built environment and heat delivery taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61212/22]

\*7. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the other capital supports that will be provided in order that Ireland can achieve its target for biomethane development of 5.7 terawatt-hours, given that currently the renewable heat obligation scheme is the only scheme

in place to assist in achieving these targets which is not due to commence until 2024; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61213/22]

\*8. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the date he last met formally with the CEO and or Chairperson of Inland Fisheries Ireland; the date he is scheduled to next meet with the CEO and or Chairperson of Inland Fisheries Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61313/22]

\*9. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider extending the solidarity contribution such as the windfall tax to electricity companies as is being considered by Spain and the Czech Republic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61392/22]

\*10. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will consider retroactively applying the 120 EUR/MWh cap on renewable electricity generation and 180 EUR/MWh cap on other inframarginal generation as is being done by Belgium; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61393/22]

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

\*11. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 5 July 2022, if he will provide an update on the standards working group; the number of times that the group has met; when the group is expected to report.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [61076/22]

\*12. To ask the Minister for Transport the position of an applicant for the position of a bus driver with Bus Éireann, Dublin Bus or in a company (details supplied) in cases in which such an applicant has failed a medical test for banned or prescription drugs in their system; if this person can reapply for the position at a future date; if not, if they are effectively barred from attaining such a position; if the policy on this is guided by national guidelines; if not, if it is guided by the company's own regulations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [61100/22]

\*13. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional PSO funded Bus Éireann services that will be provided in 2023 by location in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61311/22]

\*14. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that have used Bus Éireann Route 109X in each direction in 2021 and to-date in 2022 in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61312/22]

\*15. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No. 30 of 10 November 2022, if the new inspection support personnel are employed under the same conditions as current qualified testers and within the same conditions as set by law regarding hours of employment; if the ISP is subject to Irish employment law or are they being paid in Spain and subject to Spanish employment law; if their level 5 qualification is in a mechanical or a related trade; if he will be implementing the EU directive 2014/45/EU in full which deals with the minimum requirements concerning the competence training and certification of inspectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61326/22]

\*16. To ask the Minister for Transport the waiting time by centre for NCT services; the steps he has taken to reduce the waiting times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61397/22]

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

\*17. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason a taxi company (details supplied) pay no tax in Ireland but taxi drivers who use the service must pay tax to keep their tax clearance to enable them to obtain their SPSV licence. — Paul Donnelly. [61056/22]

\*18. To ask the Minister for Finance the statutory duty of the Central Bank in the event of a consumer experiencing and informing the Central Bank of two breaches of the Consumer Credit Act 1995, as amended SI 128, 1996 Breach Part 9, subsection 129.2. by a Lending Institution - Housing Loan with supporting evidence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [61055/22]

\*19. To ask the Minister for Finance if he has had discussions with the insurance industry regarding the withdrawal of flood cover in locations in which mapping has revealed a long-term vulnerability to flooding from rising sea levels; and if a protocol is in place to ensure that householders can benefit in insurance costs when substantial flood alleviation investments are made by the Office of Public Works. — Richard Bruton. [61104/22]

\*20. To ask the Minister for Finance the definition of ‘market failure’ used for the purposes of the Retail Banking Review Report; the criteria in his view that would constitute market failure in the retail banking sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61119/22]

\*21. To ask the Minister for Finance where responsibility lies in the Retail Banking Review Report for recommendations referring to ‘the retail banking sector’; the way that these actions will be assessed; if there will be any consequences for failure to achieve these actions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61120/22]

\*22. To ask the Minister for Finance his assessment of the current position in relation to Ireland’s tax sovereignty (details supplied) given the changing circumstances; if he will continue to uphold the principle of Irish tax sovereignty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [61205/22]

\*23. To ask the Minister for Finance if he plans to appoint an additional full time fiscal attaché and an additional full time budget attaché at assistant principal officer grade to the Irish permanent representation to the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61316/22]

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

\*24. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of licences that have been granted for the swimming pool at Templemore Garda College; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [61122/22]

\*25. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the latest update on the progress with the planning application for the new commemorative bridge and entrance plaza linking the

Irish National War Memorial Gardens to Conyngham Road and the Phoenix Park; if the planning application been lodged; if funding has been made available for a full procurement process; and if work will commence on the site before the end of 2023. — Joan Collins. [61202/22]

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

\*26. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if a response will issue to issues raised in correspondence by a local football club (details supplied) in relation to funding issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [61188/22]

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

\*27. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the compensation that is available to persons (details supplied) as a result of lands being in a special area of conservation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [61327/22]

\*28. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will publish the Mulcahy Report into alleged planning irregularities in County Donegal; the amount that the unpublished report has cost to prepare; the reason that it has not already been published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [61074/22]

\*29. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of his draft direction issued to Donegal County Council on 29 August 2022 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [61077/22]

\*30. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has engaged with the HSE to examine if the site in Crooksling, Brittas, County Dublin is suitable for use for medium-term accommodation for Ukrainian refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61110/22]

\*31. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the guidelines in relation to local authority home loans; the income requirements for County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61113/22]

\*32. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the measures that are being taken to address increased water connection costs for those building new homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61124/22]

\*33. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that are being taken to address backlogs to appeals being processed through An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61125/22]

\*34. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legal basis for his appointment of an interim chair to An Bord Pleanála. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61144/22]

\*35. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of housing agencies in Ireland that are authorised to work in conjunction with local authorities to deliver housing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [61164/22]

\*36. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide a list of the local authorities that he is incentivising to build modular housing with the €100 million of debt write off offer; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Paul Phelan. [61165/22]

\*37. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status of the progress with the City Edge project, funded under Call 1 of the Urban Regeneration and Development Fund; the way that the project has evolved in a statutory plan; the level of financial and other support from him; and the level of commitment from various State agencies to deliver key infrastructure. — Joan Collins. [61235/22]

\*38. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of change of use planning applications for short-term lets received by each local authority since the beginning of 2019; and the number of these that were granted permission in tabular form. — Cian O’Callaghan. [61237/22]

\*39. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the status a matter raised by a person (details supplied) in relation to a fit-for-purpose apartment remediation support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [61240/22]

\*40. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the National Planning Framework was ratified; the ratification process; if the process requires a vote in Dáil Éireann; and if so, if the voting record will be provided. — Cathal Crowe. [61328/22]

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

\*41. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the status of an application to the foreign births register (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61106/22]

\*42. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs further to Parliamentary Question No. 244 of 10 November 2022, if a Government decision was made to invite Mr Luis Inacio Lula de Silva to Ireland in advance of the President’s invitation to Mr. de Silva on 31 October 2022; the date on which such a decision was made; the date on which the decision was communicated to the President; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61258/22]

\*43. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he spoke with the US Senate Leader (details supplied) during his recent visit to Washington DC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61321/22]

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

\*44. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will approve an army re-enlistment application for a person (details supplied). — Robert Troy. [61096/22]

\*45. To ask the Minister for Defence if a general service recruitment campaign for both Army and Air Corps will be launched early in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61315/22]

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

\*46. To ask the Minister for Education the number of secondary schools in County Donegal that have reported teacher recruitment issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [61068/22]

\*47. To ask the Minister for Education the number of primary schools in County Donegal that have reported teacher recruitment issues; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [61069/22]

\*48. To ask the Minister for Education the status of the school transport applications for students (details supplied); if a space will be provided for them; and if not, the alternative arrangements that will be made for them. — Martin Browne. [61086/22]

\*49. To ask the Minister for Education if she will address serious concerns raised by a person (details supplied) that have emerged with respect to the assessment of needs' process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61097/22]

\*50. To ask the Minister for Education her plans to develop a level 1 and level 2 learning programme for senior cycle students; when such a programme is expected to be in place; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61098/22]

\*51. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive their ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [61107/22]

\*52. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that has been made to date on the construction of a school (details supplied) from the date of the original application to date; the reason for the delays if any in progressing the application; the expected commencement date for the construction of the school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [61109/22]

\*53. To ask the Minister for Education if she intends to conduct a review in the near future of her Department's payroll system as to its effectiveness as a result of reported issues from teachers regarding difficulty having changes made or mistakes rectified in salaries; the reason that it is taking so long to have salary issues addressed and the difficulties for teachers trying to communicate with her Department; if she will specifically investigate the issues reported by a deputy principal (details supplied) and ensure that the problems are rectified as soon as possible; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61114/22]

\*54. To ask the Minister for Education the number of early school leavers by county in each of the years between 2016 and 2022, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61136/22]

\*55. To ask the Minister for Education when three levels will be in place for the Leaving Certificate as is the case with the Junior Certificate (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61147/22]

\*56. To ask the Minister for Education the number of children waiting on a placement in an ASD Unit in south Tipperary; her plans to open any further units given that all units are currently full; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [61190/22]



\*57. To ask the Minister for Education the location in which a child (details supplied) in south Tipperary will be given a placement in an ASD unit in a mainstream school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [61191/22]

\*58. To ask the Minister for Education the current average waiting time for retiring teachers to receive their pensions; and the number who have waited more than eight weeks for their first payment in 2022. — Seán Crowe. [61241/22]

\*59. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of a primary school pupil (details supplied) who cannot get an educational assessment carried out given that there is no National Educational Psychological Service psychologist available to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [61267/22]

\*60. To ask the Minister for Education if separate funding streams are available to schools to help with the costs of providing tracksuits for pupils at primary school level; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61272/22]

\*61. To ask the Minister for Education the timeframe for the refurbishment works on a school (details supplied) to be completed; the estimated cost of these works; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61310/22]

\*62. To ask the Minister for Education the number of extra school transport places that have been provided since the initial allocation in September 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61396/22]

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

\*63. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) who worked as a CE supervisor and retired in 2021 will receive a payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [61053/22]

\*64. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide a full list of payments which will be eligible for the Christmas bonus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61057/22]

\*65. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the qualifying PRSI contributions required for the over-65s benefit payment can be assessed using a person’s whole term of employment and not the contributions in the governing contribution year to cater for those who would not qualify for a social welfare payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [61063/22]

\*66. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the processing times for the fuel allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61064/22]

\*67. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of the pay claim by CE supervisors. — Thomas Gould. [61065/22]

\*68. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if support will be provided for persons (details supplied) who have yet to receive their €400 lump sum payment which was due on 18 November 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61080/22]

\*69. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for the fuel allowance in the case of persons (details supplied); when a decision will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61081/22]

\*70. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an application for the carer's allowance in the case of persons (details supplied); when a decision will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61082/22]

\*71. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a carer's allowance application will be processed in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61121/22]

\*72. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on a representation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61148/22]

\*73. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to provide an update on a representation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61150/22]

\*74. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review will be carried out on the case of a person (details supplied). — Paul McAuliffe. [61168/22]

\*75. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a review has taken place in relation to the issue concerning class S PRSI contributions arising solely from personal pensions and the implications for those who are applying for the benefit payment for 65-year-olds; if it will be acknowledged that these persons are not self-employed and that they should be considered for this payment if all other criteria are met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [61196/22]

\*76. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive a decision in relation to their fuel allowance application; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61204/22]

\*77. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the status of a representation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61207/22]

\*78. To ask the Minister for Social Protection to examine any policy or operational mechanisms to support a full-time nursing student such as a person (details supplied); his views on whether it is more likely that this student will be able to support themselves and their family over the long-term if they are supported in college than if they drop out to qualify for benefits. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [61208/22]

\*79. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) will qualify for the over-65 benefit payment. — Peter Burke. [61236/22]

\*80. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that women who received a W number upon becoming married in the past are not being issued with public service cards and are instead told that they must apply for a new PPS number; the reason that there is no warning in relation to same when persons apply for a card, leaving them waiting until they themselves contact her Department; and if these new PPS numbers are automatically supplied to the Revenue Commissioners in order that there is no confusion in regards to credits or other such matters. — Seán Crowe. [61242/22]

\*81. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 406 of 29 November 2022, the criteria which are considered before a decision to write-off amounts due to her Department due to overpayments of the contributory and non-contributory old age pension; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61254/22]

\*82. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on an application for the invalidity pension by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61271/22]

\*83. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a decision to deny children's allowance payment to a person in County Cork (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [61388/22]

\*84. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the waiting times for those applying for the exceptional needs' payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61395/22]

\*85. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a decision on a disability allowance review by a person in County Cork (details supplied). — Michael Creed. [61398/22]

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

\*86. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the nationalities of the asylum seekers currently being accommodated at the former ESB offices in East Wall; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61256/22]

\*87. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the nationalities of the asylum-seekers currently being accommodated at a former convent building in Fermoy County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61257/22]

\*88. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if there are plans for IPAS accommodation or private accommodation contracted by his Department for international protection applicants or beneficiaries of temporary protection at locations in County Dublin in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61210/22]

\*89. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 139 of 30 November 2022, the date on which the contract referred to was originally signed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61250/22]

\*90. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 140 of 30 November 2022, his views on the reason the State has experienced such a huge surge in IPAS applications during 2022; if his Department has conducted any specific studies on the cause for this sudden increase in numbers; if so, if he will provide a summary of the findings of any such studies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61251/22]

\*91. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 140 of 30 November 2022, the reason that giving a breakdown of nationalities would breach the right to anonymity of those applicants, given that his Department has clearly determined that providing details of their gender, age and family status does not affect their right to anonymity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61252/22]

\*92. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of asylum seekers currently being accommodated at a former convent building in Fermoy, County Cork; the breakdown by their country of origin, gender, age and if they are single or part of a family; the date on which they were first accommodated on the premises; the date on which Cork County Council was informed of the plan to accommodate them at this site; the date on which local representatives in the area were informed of the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61253/22]

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

\*93. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the status of the application by Cork Education and Training Board under the Strategic Infrastructure Investment Fund for the development of a new centre for Youthreach in Macroom, County Cork; if his Department has finalised a site acquisition process to be applied in respect of this development; if such a process is required; when his Department will notify Cork Education and Training Board of its decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [61189/22]

\*94. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the rationale for not including third-level students who are repeating first year in the scheme whereby student fees were reduced by €1,000 as part of the Government's cost-of-living support package; if he will provide a costing for the 2022-2023 academic year; if students in this category were to be included in the measure; if he plans to review the policy decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [61259/22]

\*95. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a response will issue to correspondence from a person (details supplied) in relation to third level fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [61281/22]

\*96. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the total number of newly qualified apprentices to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61390/22]

\*97. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide a full list of all approved undergraduate courses for application under SUSI provided in the State to which the free fees scheme does not apply; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61391/22]

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

\*98. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is aware of delays in finalising the processing of wills in the probate office.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [61062/22]

\*99. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason behind the delay in publishing the 2021 annual report of the Office of the Inspector of Prisons, which was submitted to her office on 16 February 2022 and published on 14 September 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [61075/22]

\*100. To ask the Minister for Justice when she intends to publish the report on the Study on Familicide and Domestic Homicide Reviews; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61112/22]

\*101. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of youth diversion programmes by county in each of the years between 2016 and 2022, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61137/22]

\*102. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of adult cautions by county in each of the years between 2016 and 2022 in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61138/22]

\*103. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of women's refuges available by county in each of the years between 2016 and 2022, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61139/22]

\*104. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of community gardaí by county in each of the years between 2016 and 2022 in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61140/22]

\*105. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí who have resigned from An Garda Síochána by county in each of the years between 2016 and 2022, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61141/22]

\*106. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of judges at each level of the court in each of the years between 2016 and 2022, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61142/22]

\*107. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda vehicles including unmarked cars and vans that have operational dash cam technology. — Martin Kenny. [61143/22]

\*108. To ask the Minister for Justice the average response time for gardaí after receiving 999 calls in each of the Dublin metropolitan regions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [61195/22]

\*109. To ask the Minister for Justice the breakdown by Garda division of Garda response times to calls between 2016 and 2022, in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61197/22]

\*110. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 160 of 30 November 2022, the total amount of the TV and radio advertising for 2022 which was paid to RTÉ in respect of advertising on its television and radio channels; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [61255/22]

\*111. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a visa for persons (details supplied). — Peter Burke. [61265/22]

\*112. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 312 of 1 December 2022, if a series of matters (details supplied) in relation to same will be clarified; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61286/22]

\*113. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí within the Cavan-Monaghan division that successfully completed a van personnel carrier course in 2021 and to-date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61323/22]

\*114. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda cars and motorcycles attached to the Cavan-Monaghan roads policing unit as of 1 June 2021 and 30 November 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61324/22]

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

\*115. To ask the Minister for Health if he will set up a community neuro-rehabilitation team in every CHO; and if such teams already exist, the details of their specific location of each. — Marian Harkin. [61054/22]

\*116. To ask the Minister for Health the reason a terminally ill young child in the south east who has been battling stage 4 high risk neuroblastoma for almost 2 and a half years has been refused community paediatric palliative care services therefore removing the right to die at home; if immediate steps can be taken to provide this vital care to the young child; the reason this palliative care in the home has been refused despite the support of the entire medical team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [61061/22]

\*117. To ask the Minister for Health the details of each additional cost that has been submitted by the construction and project management companies that are building the National Children's Hospital; the details on whether additional costs were accepted or refused in each case; the total financial cost to the State of all additional costs that have been paid out; the total value of additional costs that have still not been adjudicated on; and the person or body that gave instructions for each of the additional costs that have been paid by the State. — Peadar Tóibín. [61067/22]

\*118. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dental practices in CHO2 which have ceased providing medical card services to persons with disabilities in the past two years; the medical card dental services currently available to adult persons with disabilities; the provision in place for those whose local dentist withdraws from the provision of medical card services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61078/22]

\*119. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to address the number of dentists leaving the DTSS; the services that are available to patients who cannot find a local dentist to avail of DTSS services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61079/22]

\*120. To ask the Minister for Health the status of pay parity for section 39 workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [61085/22]

\*121. To ask the Minister for Health if early intervention services will be urgently provided in the case of a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61108/22]

\*122. To ask the Minister for Health if the child consultant psychiatrist position for the southeast has been filled; the current position with the recruitment campaign; if a new candidate has accepted the position; if so, when will the position be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [61111/22]

\*123. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will be expedited for a person (details supplied). — Sean Sherlock. [61115/22]



\*124. To ask the Minister for Health if he will urgently implement the recommendations made in the McHugh report (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61123/22]

\*125. To ask the Minister for Health the action his Department is taking to help mitigate against the increasing risk to the supply of off-patent medicines nationwide due to rising inflationary, energy and transport costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61151/22]

\*126. To ask the Minister for Health if the Health Products Regulatory Authority has expressed concern to him, his Department or the HSE regarding the number of current medicine shortages listed on the HPRA website; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61152/22]

\*127. To ask the Minister for Health his plans, if any, to reduce the number of medicines in short supply nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61153/22]

\*128. To ask the Minister for Health the actions taken by him and the Department to mitigate against future medicine shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61154/22]

\*129. To ask the Minister for Health the way that nappies for children with disabilities are allocated; if there is limit on the amount allocated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [61155/22]

\*130. To ask the Minister for Health if security staff employed by a private security firm working at vaccination centres will qualify for the €1,000 bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61156/22]

\*131. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that he has engaged in person with communities in County Meath in relation to the proposed downgrading of Navan Hospital since taking over the health portfolio; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [61157/22]

\*132. To ask the Minister for Health the number of times that he has met with the HSE, the management of Navan Hospital or elected representatives for County Meath on the issue of the proposed downgrading of the hospital since receiving the review of Navan Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [61158/22]

\*133. To ask the Minister for Health the average accident and emergency waiting times for Our Lady’s Hospital in Drogheda in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [61159/22]

\*134. To ask the Minister for Health the average accident and emergency waiting times for Our Lady’s Hospital in Navan in 2019, 2020, 2021 and to date 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [61160/22]

\*135. To ask the Minister for Health if he had discussions with the HSE regarding investing and enhancing the A&E services at Navan Hospital as a solution to any suggested problems with the facility; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [61161/22]

\*136. To ask the Minister for Health if he can clarify the way the directive to the National Ambulance Service to re-direct the bulk of its patients to Our Lady's Hospital in Drogheda from 12 December 2022 is not a further downgrade of Navan A&E on the part of the HSE while all such downgrading was supposed to be on hold pending the publication of the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [61162/22]

\*137. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources have been put in place at Our Lady's Hospital in Drogheda to take the additional patients being re-directed from Navan A&E by the National Ambulance service from 12 December 2022, given that the clinicians at Drogheda Hospital have confirmed that it does not have the resources for the existing demand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [61163/22]

\*138. To ask the Minister for Health if agreement has been reached on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61167/22]

\*139. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal can expect to receive an appointment for cognitive behavioural therapy in Letterkenny University Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61169/22]

\*140. To ask the Minister for Health if consideration will be given to increasing the supply of nappies given under the free nappy scheme for children with disabilities (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61170/22]

\*141. To ask the Minister for Health the regulations regarding the provision of sanitary wear and nappies for children over three years of age that have a disability that necessitates frequent nappy changes; if there are restrictions on the supply of nappies; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61171/22]

\*142. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of children under 16 years who are currently on the primary care orthodontic waiting list in counties Leitrim, Sligo, Roscommon, Donegal and Cavan, by year from 2016 to 2022 in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61198/22]

\*143. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of adult medical card holders who are currently on the primary care orthodontic waiting list in counties Leitrim, Sligo, Roscommon, Donegal and Cavan, by year from 2016 to 2022 in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61199/22]

\*144. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists employed by the HSE for primary care dental services in counties Leitrim, Sligo, Roscommon, Donegal and Cavan, by year from 2016 to 2022 in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61200/22]

\*145. To ask the Minister for Health the breakdown of the number of orthodontists employed by the HSE for primary care orthodontic services in counties Leitrim, Sligo, Roscommon, Donegal and Cavan by year from 2016 to 2022 in tabular form. — Martin Kenny. [61201/22]

\*146. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm the responsible community service for a home support package for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61203/22]

\*147. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) in County Mayo has not received their pension to date in view of the fact that this person retired in July 2022; if his attention has been drawn to the undue stress that this matter is causing the person; when they will



receive their pension entitlement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61206/22]

\*148. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children referred on from CDNs to private providers for assessment and therapy; the number in each CHO; the therapies concerned; and the cost for each private provider referral in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [61209/22]

\*149. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing homes in County Cork that have benefited from supports to deal with the cost of energy in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61232/22]

\*150. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE-funded therapists who have been allocated to special schools in County Cork in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61233/22]

\*151. To ask the Minister for Health the action his Department is taking to address the low uptake in BowelScreen for women in at risk populations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61234/22]

\*152. To ask the Minister for Health the Government's position on the ongoing pandemic treaty negotiations; if he will ensure that Ireland advocates for an equitable distribution of life-saving medicine across the world; his views on the fact that the current international healthcare architecture is broken and puts the lives of the poor at risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61238/22]

\*153. To ask the Minister for Health his position on the Berlin Declaration, the 'Biopharmaceutical Industry Vision for Equitable Access in Pandemics'; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61260/22]

\*154. To ask the Minister for Health if he will meet with civil society organisations (details supplied) in relation to an international pandemic treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61261/22]

\*155. To ask the Minister for Health the engagement that he has had with the European Union and the World Health Organisation in relation to an international pandemic treaty; the role that Ireland will play in the negotiations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61262/22]

\*156. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 198 of 22 June 2022, the steps being taken to progress nurse prescribing of opioid substitution therapy; the reason this has still not been developed given the urgent need for additional personnel to prescribe; if his attention has been brought to the temporary closure of a detox unit (details supplied) during the summer due to a shortage of personnel to prescribe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61263/22]

\*157. To ask the Minister for Health the status of recommendation 15 of the National Cancer Strategy in respect of a comprehensive cancer care centre; the engagements he has had with an institute (details supplied) regarding its plans; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61264/22]

\*158. To ask the Minister for Health if genetic counsellors will be recognised as a profession in Ireland; when accredited training for genetic counselling will begin in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61279/22]

\*159. To ask the Minister for Health the status of a HSE pension for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61280/22]

\*160. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are available in counties Cavan and Monaghan respectively for children with epilepsy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61317/22]

\*161. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new medical interns who were taken on in each year since and including 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61318/22]

\*162. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time adult speech and language therapists for adults with intellectual disabilities in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022 in tabular form; if this number will be further increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61319/22]

\*163. To ask the Minister for Health the investments and capital projects that have been made in Cavan General Hospital in each of the past three years in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61320/22]

\*164. To ask the Minister for Health to indicate, since receiving the review on Navan Hospital A&E, how many times he has met or discussed with the HSE, or the hospital management, or elected representatives for Meath, the issue of the downgrading of the Navan Hospital A&E; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Guirke. [61325/22]

\*165. To ask the Minister for Health if a hospital appointment will be expedited for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61335/22]

\*166. To ask the Minister for Health to provide details on the process that income from saving and investments are assessed for an over-70s medical card; if it is only the interest on the savings in excess of €36,000 for a single person and €72,000 for a married couple that is assessed as income; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [61375/22]

\*167. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 2057 of 8 September 2022, if the two new replacement orthopaedic theatres in Merlin Park Hospital are fully operational to-date; the number of theatre sessions currently provided per week through each of the two new theatres; if he will provide an update on the recruitment of staff for the theatre sessions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61376/22]

\*168. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to restore respite and day care facilities in a centre (details supplied) in Carraroe; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61377/22]

\*169. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 250 of 19 October 2022, the status of the development of a primary care centre on Inisbofin; for a status update on the land transfer process; for details of the HSE's engagement with Galway County Council and the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht and Sport since the beginning of November 2022

with regard to progressing the project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61378/22]

\*170. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 253 of 19 October 2022, the status of the proposed primary care centre for Galway City west; if the planning permission application has been lodged to-date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61379/22]

\*171. To ask the Minister for Health for a status update on the recruitment campaign for staff nurses for Clifden District Hospital; the number of vacant nursing posts in Clifden District Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61380/22]

\*172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of days that Clifden District Hospital remained closed in view of the announced closure of the hospital planned for 24 to 27 November; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61381/22]

\*173. To ask the Minister for Health when daycentre provision will be restored to pre-Covid levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61382/22]

\*174. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 254 of 19 October 2022, the number of respite beds currently operational in Galway City and County; the locations of same; the timeline for when respite provision in Galway City and County will be restored to pre-pandemic levels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61383/22]

\*175. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 255 of 19 October 2022, for an update on any engagement she has had with the HSE with regard to the relocation since September 2022 of day care services from St Brendan's CNU in Loughrea to a hotel (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61384/22]

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

\*176. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will review correspondence issued to a person (details supplied) in County Cork given that the BEAM payment referred to under the appropriate herd number has in fact delivered the required 5% reduction in organic nitrogen; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [61066/22]

\*177. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of a request for funding for an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [61071/22]

\*178. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department plans to monitor fertiliser prices in 2023 to ensure that Irish farmers are paying a fair price; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61116/22]

\*179. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has examined or made any projections in relation to whether there will be sufficient fertiliser supplies in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61117/22]

\*180. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has monitored and carried out price comparisons on fertiliser between Ireland, other EU countries and the UK; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61118/22]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that his Department has made to date in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in the creation of a national biomethane development strategy plan through the new Built Environment/Heat Delivery Taskforce; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61214/22]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress his Department has made to date in conjunction with the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications on the development of the anaerobic digestion sector in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61215/22]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of development of the Ros a'Mhíl deepwater pier; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61385/22]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person in County Cork (details supplied) will be paid their TAMS grant. — Michael Creed. [61387/22]

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

\*185. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has reviewed the effectiveness and enforcement of fines in regard to S.I. No. 442/1998 in recent times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [61386/22]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of public libraries that have reduced the floor space allocated to the display of books in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [61394/22]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of each individual project approved under measures 1, 2 and 3 of the outdoor recreation infrastructure scheme in counties Cavan and Monaghan in 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022; the current status of each project; the completion date for each project in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61314/22]

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QUESTIONS, OTHER THAN QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY, FOR ORAL  
ANSWER ON THURSDAY, 8 DECEMBER, 2022**

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

1. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the plans he has to change the overrepresentation of females in lower grades within farming bodies and their underrepresentation in senior positions within these same farming bodies. — Niamh Smyth. [61244/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to re-open the fodder scheme to new applicants. — Matt Carthy. [61130/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will commit to a public inquiry involving all relevant stake holders regarding the issue on the farm of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kathleen Funchion. [61216/22]

4. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will sanction the continuance of the flying truck in order that non-European Union agricultural products flown into Ireland can continue to be transited and checked at Shannon Airport; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61146/22]

5. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that farm safety efforts have fared to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61309/22]

6. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way his Department will select the 50,000 farmers that will take part in the pilot scheme for the digital sustainability platform; and the timeline on the roll out of the scheme. — Jennifer Whitmore. [61374/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his Department's plan for trade missions for the remainder of 2022; his Department's priority markets for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [60833/22]

8. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of farmers who have signed up to the ACRES scheme. — Michael Moynihan. [61058/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has examined the potential impact of below cost selling of agricultural products in various multiples; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [61220/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the policies that he is putting in place to help farmers achieve sectoral emissions targets in a just manner. — Holly Cairns. [60999/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to ensure that the Common Fisheries Policy supports inshore fishers. — Holly Cairns. [61001/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when he intends to act on the recommendation of the Wool Feasibility Study to establish an all-island wool council. — Matt Carthy. [61128/22]

13. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his response to the ongoing failure of his Department to consistently meet forestry licence issuance and afforestation targets. — Pearse Doherty. [61322/22]

14. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the plans for the sheep sector in 2023. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [61218/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor the cost of farm inputs including fuel and fertilisers with a view to identifying how best to meet the challenges of issues arising from the war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61278/22]

16. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the initiatives that his Department is developing to increase the number of organic farms in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [60239/22]

17. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way allocations in Budget 2023 to the Department will help tackle the cost-of-living crisis and rising energy costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [60792/22]

18. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made to date regarding the reform of the Common Fisheries policy; if the reform will address the historic unequitable quota allocation to Ireland given the percentage sea area of the EU that is in Ireland's territorial waters and the very small quota allocated to Ireland proportionally; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [60545/22]

19. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that the Irish agri-food industry has adapted post-Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [60615/22]

20. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the way that he proposes to ensure that farmers who were heretofore participants in the Burren beo scheme in County Clare will not see a reduced income when they join the new ACRES scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61145/22]

21. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will report on the fisheries discussion at the recent meeting of the Agriculture and Fisheries Council, held in Brussels on 21 November 2022. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [61217/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way his Department ensures that such works with respect to the installation of PV solar panels funded by Department payments are carried out in a safe manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [61221/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his response to the call by an organisation (details supplied) to set up a new food vision tillage group. — Holly Cairns. [61003/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will support the Bill in the name of this Deputy on hare coursing; and if he will support a ban on hare coursing. — Paul Murphy. [61372/22]

25. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will support a ban on the advertisement of meat as in the city of Haarlem due to its negative impact on the environment; and if he will make a public statement on the matter and take action to implement the measure. — Paul Murphy. [61371/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his proposals to increase the adoption of rooftop solar energy generation on farms. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61185/22]

27. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will introduce appropriate measures to ensure that there is a proper spread of forestry throughout the country in view of the recently announced national forestry programme; if his attention has been drawn to concerns in



some communities of excessive tree planting in some areas causing difficulties for communities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [61183/22]

28. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the rules that apply within his Department for staff and officials who leave for roles in the private sector; the cooling off periods that apply; and if he has had any engagement with the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform on this matter. — Matt Carthy. [61126/22]

29. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he hopes to mitigate carbon reduction requirements by way of enhanced sequestration thereby ensuring the viability of the agri-food sector while at the same time meeting carbon reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61277/22]

30. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the details of the funding provided by his Department to Teagasc for the acquisition of a series of flux towers; the purpose of these towers; the role of the towers in rewarding farmers for carbon sequestration; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [60837/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures that are being taken to ensure that farmers are aware of supports available to them if struggling with their well-being; his consideration on providing supports additional to what is currently in place for farmer welfare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [61364/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made to date with the dredging at Ros an Mhíl fishery harbour and the development of a deep-water pier there; when it is hoped to have a contractor on site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [60544/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a land use strategy is being developed within which aspirations for forestry for the protection of biodiversity, climate, renewables and for the bioeconomy could be evolved in a coherent manner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [60852/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions that he is taking to address the Programme For Government commitment to ensure that inshore waters continue to be protected for smaller fishing vessels and recreational fishers and that pair trawling will be prohibited inside the six-mile limit. — Holly Cairns. [61002/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the scheme for the forgotten farmers. — Joe Flaherty. [61223/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on the cultural barriers preventing women taking over family farms; the steps his Department will take to support women in taking over family farms; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [60791/22]

37. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures in Budget 2023 to support young farmers. — Pearse Doherty. [61336/22]

38. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will outline the anticipated steps needed in order to implement carbon farming as a reliable source of income for farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [60853/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the purpose of the discrimination between the funding available to male and female applicants aged 41-55 years under the TMAS scheme; the steps he will take to enable all applicants to access the higher level of funding regardless of their gender; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [61352/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will set out the details of the two new tillage focused research projects which were recently announced; when the projects will commence; the persons or bodies that will be involved in the projects; the timeline for the commencement and termination dates of the projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [60836/22]

41. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of efforts to support the horticulture sector with particular regard to those dependent on peat; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [60240/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps he will take to ensure that farmers in co-operation areas can access the same level of funding per hectare under the ACRES scheme as those who are not in co-operation areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [61351/22]

43. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 70 of 25 October 2022, the status of the establishment of the Wool Council; if the promised €30,000 for initial set-up costs has been drawn down to-date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61361/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the measures that he is putting in place to ensure that the agricultural sector meets its sectoral targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [61373/22]

45. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the engagements that he has had with his ministerial colleagues regarding the EU-Mercosur trade agreement. — Matt Carthy. [61129/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the incentives that he is providing for renewable and innovative lower carbon solutions to food production. — Thomas Gould. [61285/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the Programme for Government commitment which prioritises equine welfare and commits to a robust traceability system; the status of the existing inspectorate supports across the country; the engagement that his Department has had with local authorities in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61297/22]

48. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that is being made with the on-farm investment scheme specifically in encouraging more women to farming; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [61363/22]



49. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the efforts that he has made along with the Minister for Foreign Affairs to reinstate access for Irish fishermen to their traditional fishing grounds around Rockall; and if this matter will be brought to international arbitration. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [60539/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the strategies that he has to increase the percentage of female farm holders from the current low level of 13.4% to a much higher level to recognise their role on working farms and to give daughters an equal opportunity when farms are being inherited. — Niamh Smyth. [61243/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way the Irish agri-food industry has adapted since the outbreak of Russia's war in Ukraine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [60616/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the new markets that have been opened up for farmers in relation each of Ireland's farming sectors; the potential benefits that these will deliver; the timeframe for delivery; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [60834/22]

53. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on the Programme for Government commitment to develop additional urban horse welfare programmes; the interaction that his Department has had with local authorities, charities, and community stakeholders to provide stabling facilities and educational programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61298/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of all horse deaths on Irish racecourses from 2008 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and his views on whether Horse Racing Ireland can claim commercial sensitivity in regard to this information. — Paul Murphy. [61369/22]

55. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of his Department's review of the Environmental Impact Assessment regulations; when he expects to bring an updated S.I. before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [61362/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will make the necessary provisions to continue the hugely successful Burren programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61228/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he is concerned by the potential for *xylella fastidiosa* to spread through olive wood for sale in Ireland; the measures that are in place to mitigate against any outbreak of the disease; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61341/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actions that he intends to take to resolve lengthy delays in processing and fulfilling reconstitution and underplanting scheme applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [61172/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his plans to provide adequate supplies of peat to the horticultural industry following the publication of a numerous reports on the matter. — Martin Browne. [61173/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if there are any plans to review the suckler cow scheme. — Michael Moynihan. [61059/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 113 of 25 October 2022, the status of the Programme for Government commitment to ensure inshore waters continue to be protected for smaller fishing vessels and that pair trawling will be prohibited within the six nautical mile limit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61360/22]

62. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the establishment of the Wool Council; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61348/22]

63. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the general feedback from farmers during his recent visit to County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61308/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the steps that he is taking to support the in-shore fishing sector. — Holly Cairns. [61000/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his targets for new afforestation in 2023. — Matt Carthy. [61127/22]

66. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when legislation providing for an electronic fertiliser register will be brought before the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61340/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the finalised complete new forestry strategy will be published. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [61184/22]

68. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when is it proposed to introduce revised compensation payments in respect of animals that are depopulated due to TB; if he will ensure that the compensation levels reflect the market value of the animals and that appropriate payment levels are also introduced for pedigree animals to reflect their value; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [61182/22]

69. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the Government commitment to resolve the issue of support for the category of farmers known as forgotten farmers; when his Department will publish its report to bring forward proposals and supports for this cohort of farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61347/22]

70. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his attention has been drawn to plans by Coillte to sell 9.8 hectares of forest in Ardnagreehy, County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Gould. [61284/22]

71. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the status of the basic payments scheme. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [61219/22]

72. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when the Government will allocate an emergency support fund for the fishing industry to assist them with the cost of fuel crisis, in the same way that other EU Member States have done so. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [60559/22]

73. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that his Department is taking to address the long wait times for homecare packages in CH07; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61343/22]

74. To ask the Minister for Health if he will indicate the new capacity planned for 2023 in clearing waiting lists within the public system and through the NTPF; the estimated number of additional outpatient first-time consultations and the number of additional procedures which will be facilitated in each case; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [60854/22]

75. To ask the Minister for Health if he will put in place a new mechanism to fast-track the process for the design application for planning permission for the building of the new Elective Hospital for Cork, in view of the fact that over 12 months has already passed from the time that the HSE made its submission to his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61133/22]

76. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to establish an occupational injury scheme for healthcare workers with long-Covid who were exposed to the virus in their workplace; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61304/22]

77. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 314 of 24 November 2022 and the National Development Plan commitment to deliver a cancer care centre, with appropriate infrastructure, at University Hospital Galway, if the HSE's national capital and property steering committee has commenced its review of the project; the expected timeline for the steering committee to make its decision on the proposed cancer care centre; the details of any planned interim cancer care infrastructural improvements for the hospital, particularly in view of the fact that the 2019 Options Appraisal for Model 4 Hospital Services identified the existing facilities as “in urgent need of replacement”; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61359/22]

78. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that his Department is taking to address the barriers to the recruitment of occupational therapists into the HSE, particularly to address the delays in the provision of handwriting assessments for children; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61337/22]

79. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to extend the children's disability network team for the Finglas area CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [61101/22]

80. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a review of the community ophthalmic services medical treatment scheme; if he will request this process to be expedited in view of ongoing concerns related to reimbursement from medical professionals in this sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [60831/22]

81. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that he is taking to address the current challenges in the nursing home sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [61025/22]

82. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a community neurorehabilitation team in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [61051/22]

83. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the delays for persons accessing and securing appointments in high street opticians for routine eye tests and eye care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [61365/22]

84. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding a local community neurorehabilitation team for CHO6 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [60519/22]

85. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the waiting lists for orthopaedic and urology surgeries for disabilities which become more painful and inoperable over time; the actions that he is taking to reduce these lists; and if he has met with an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61095/22]

86. To ask the Minister for Health the plans are in place to improve and expand health services for older people in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [61176/22]

87. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a community neurorehabilitation team in CHO6; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61027/22]

88. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours that will be provided for older people in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [61353/22]

89. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are registered as patients under the medical cannabis access programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [61303/22]

90. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment of public health nurses in the south Dublin area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [60614/22]

91. To ask the Minister for Health the work that is being carried out by his Department to address the serious concerns that have arisen in relation to the implementation of the EU medical device Directive. — Ciarán Cannon. [53859/22]

92. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the chronic overcrowding in the emergency department at University Hospital Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61226/22]

93. To ask the Minister for Health the number of public health nurses in CHO7; the number of vacant positions for public health nurses in CHO7; the current recruitment process in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61273/22]

94. To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken to address the provision of services for persons with long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [61024/22]

95. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the protected disclosures made to the HSE regarding individualised services provided by an organisation (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61350/22]

96. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 132 of 20 October 2022, the status of the examination by his Department of the Strategic Assessment Report regarding the new emergency department at University Hospital Galway; the expected timeline for the delivery of the new ED; the reasons for the delay in the delivery of the new ED, particularly in view of the expected timeline as set out in the 2019 Options Appraisal for Model 4 Hospital Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61358/22]

97. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts being made by CHO8 in Louth in 2022 to recruit and retain homecarers; the changes in the numbers of HSE-employed homecarers in the Louth area in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [60541/22]

98. To ask the Minister for Health the up-to-date position regarding medical card patients availing of dental appointments and procedures (details supplied); the measures that he is putting in place in relation to the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61092/22]

99. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the European Commission is proposing that breast screening should be offered to women from the age of 45 years in contrast to from age 50 years here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [61302/22]

100. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide further information on the new elective hospital in Cork; if he will outline the next steps in the process; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60861/22]

101. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department has provided the resources to the accident and emergency department in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital Drogheda identified in the HSE review of the closure of accident and emergency department in Navan Hospital; and if the review will be published. — Peadar Tóibín. [61088/22]

102. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date in enhancing the role of therapy assistants to provide treatment for children particularly in disciplines where there are unacceptable delays in children accessing services due to lack of therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [61187/22]

103. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department in conjunction with the HSE have been in communication with the Health Products Regulatory Authority with respect to ongoing medicine shortages as outlined on the HPRA website (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61134/22]

104. To ask the Minister for Health the action being taken to ensure the availability of an adequate number of health professionals within the health services including but not limited to consultants, GPs and nurses to meet the demand in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61275/22]

105. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the public health reforms that he announced in April 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [60933/22]

106. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to improve and expand mental health services in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [61177/22]

107. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the provision of disability respite services in CHO3 and in CHO5 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61049/22]

108. To ask the Minister for Health the future role that the HSE owned Inisghile facility in Parteen, County Clare will have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61132/22]

109. To ask the Minister for Health if the recommendations of rapid review by a person (details supplied) into the CervicalCheck Report 2019 have been implemented in full; the number of the 4,088 women affected by the IT issues in the diagnostic company, that have since been diagnosed with cancer, pre-cancer or other conditions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peadar Tóibín. [60795/22]

110. To ask the Minister for Health the status of discussions in relation to Section 39 workers and those who work with people with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61346/22]

111. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE funded therapists that have been allocated to special schools to date in 2022; the further measures and investment that is being made in disability services in general; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [60794/22]

112. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the endoscopy unit in Naas Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [61178/22]

113. To ask the Minister for Health the number of procedures performed under the treatment abroad scheme in 2021 and to date in 2022; the breakdown of the types of procedures performed and their respective costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [61225/22]

114. To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken to reduce waiting lists for psychology services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61029/22]

115. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made regarding finding a replacement GP to take over the general practice in Dunkineely, County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61339/22]

116. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that wheelchair users with lifelong conditions often have to re-apply for entitlements such as medical cards; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [56936/22]

117. To ask the Minister for Health the incentives that he has considered to overcome the shortage of carers in the Carrickmacross area. — Niamh Smyth. [61269/22]

118. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he intends taking to ensure a more speedy delivery of the major projects outlined for Galway University Hospital in view of the critical deficiencies of the buildings there; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [60526/22]



119. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to improve respite care in County Longford following the recent rejection of a planning application in Newtowncastle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [61174/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he intends taking to ensure that the HSE can deliver more rapidly on building projects for community care services under the various CHOs such as health centres, nursing homes and ambulance bases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [60527/22]

121. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for putting homecare on a statutory basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [61354/22]

122. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the nurse on Arranmore Island is no longer dedicated to the island on a full-time basis; the steps that are being taken to address the resulting decline in services on the island; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61342/22]

123. To ask the Minister for Health his views on providing multi-annual funding for the mental health unit in Bantry General Hospital. — Holly Cairns. [60993/22]

124. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the current recruitment and retention crisis of frontline specialist medical personnel across all healthcare services in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [61247/22]

125. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that his Department is taking to build on the progress in reducing the mortality rate from cancer further given that there has been a 10% reduction over the period 2009 to 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [60235/22]

126. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that will be given to each of the drug and alcohol taskforces in 2023. — Thomas Gould. [61282/22]

127. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to have ozempic added to the drugs payment scheme for those with a medical need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [60613/22]

128. To ask the Minister for Health if he will intervene in the case of fully qualified and competent Ukrainian dentists who are unable to practice in Ireland due to Quality and Qualifications Ireland not recognising their qualifications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61131/22]

129. To ask the Minister for Health the status on the delivery of the ninety-six-bed medical ward block replacement accommodation at Wexford General Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [61245/22]

130. To ask the Minister for Health if he will initiate an independent investigation into the performance and service provision of an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61349/22]

131. To ask the Minister for Health the provisions his Department is taking to secure dental services for medical card holders in County Wexford; when the current Dental Treatment Services

Scheme will be replaced with a fit for purpose scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [61248/22]

*132.* To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to introduce legislation to allow a mobile supervised injecting centre while the approved injecting centre is being delayed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61094/22]

*133.* To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the action plan for University Hospital Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61306/22]

*134.* To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a report on the provision of disability respite services in CHO4 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [61023/22]

*135.* To ask the Minister for Health the progress that he has made in delivering on the commitment in the Programme for Government to deliver further personal assistance hours to persons with disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [57249/22]

*136.* To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the non-EU rural GP programme; if his Department and the Government are supportive of same; if the strategic review of GP services that is due to commence shortly will consider this programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [60862/22]

*137.* To ask the Minister for Health the total funding allocated under each individual scheme of support for nursing homes during the Covid-19 pandemic; if he will ensure that this funding is audited and the audit findings will be published; if he will carry out an inquiry into the way that nursing homes performed during the Covid-19 pandemic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [60912/22]

*138.* To ask the Minister for Health the number of community disability network teams in Dublin mid-west; the staffing levels per team; the location of each team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61274/22]

*139.* To ask the Minister for Health the status of the review or oversight of safeguarding in County Donegal, promised by the Minister of State of his Department and of the Department of Health, in reply to a topical issue of 5 May 2022, on the Brandon report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [56755/22]

*140.* To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 98 of 20 October 2022, the expected timeline for when he will bring the memorandum regarding the new elective hospital for Galway before Government; if the promised new elective hospital for Galway will be located on the Merlin Park site; if this will be a standalone facility, separate from the preferred option recommended in the 2019 Options Appraisal for Model 4 Hospital Services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61355/22]

*141.* To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a community neurorehabilitation team in CHO4; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [61022/22]

*142.* To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place for a new model of dementia care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61050/22]



143. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the chronic lack of services within the children's disability network teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [61249/22]

144. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the engagement that he has had on the provision of staffing numbers at CDNTs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [56898/22]

145. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the improvements in the context of early intervention with children who have need for assessments and for therapeutic intervention. — Richard Bruton. [60832/22]

146. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to improve and expand disability health services in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [61180/22]

147. To ask the Minister for Health when a full complement of therapists will be provided to a school (details supplied) in Dublin 12. — Joan Collins. [58408/22]

148. To ask the Minister for Health the way it is proposed to expand GP services in County Kildare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [61179/22]

149. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the opening of more beds at West Kerry Community Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61307/22]

150. To ask the Minister for Health the status of phase 2 of the new hospital development on the campus of the National Rehabilitation Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61026/22]

151. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who are set to benefit from the National Traveller Health Action Plan; the details of what is contained within the Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [60793/22]

152. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to correspondence (details supplied); the details of the update in 2021 of the Options Appraisal for Model 4 Hospital Services (2019), as referenced in the letter; if the updated Options Appraisal has been published; if so, if a copy of the updated Options Appraisal will be provided; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61357/22]

153. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to increase home help hours for the elderly; the steps that are being taken to increase the number of homecare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61345/22]

154. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to improve the wait time for speech and language therapy, occupational therapy and physiotherapy assessments in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [61102/22]

155. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that his Department is taking to address the long wait times for respite services for people with intellectual disabilities in the CH07 area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61344/22]

156. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to further develop dementia services in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61036/22]

157. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a community neurorehabilitation team in CHO5; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [61366/22]

158. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the efforts to ensure that the 35 children with cystic fibrosis who have been excluded from the katio drug therapy treatment will have access to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61227/22]

159. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which every effort is being made, similar to the coordinated efforts displayed in the fight against Covid-19, to ensure the recovery of the health services and the overhaul of long waiting lists; if the delivery plan can be coordinated in such a way as to achieve major objectives in the short-term; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61276/22]

160. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place to improve and expand primary care services in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [61181/22]

161. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work carried out by a person (details supplied) on the report into the Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy Act) 2018; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61091/22]

162. To ask the Minister for Health if he will cancel the planned closure of the accident and emergency department in Our Lady's Hospital Navan given the pressure within the health service; and if a feasibility study will be carried out to identify the financial and human resources necessary to allow the accident and emergency department in the Hospital to operate safely for both patients and staff and to play its part in alleviating accident and emergency pressure throughout the region. — Peadar Tóibín. [61087/22]

163. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made to date in recruiting much needed therapists for areas such as counties Cavan and Monaghan to provide treatment for children who have had an assessment of need; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [61186/22]

164. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the appointment and recruitment of a full-time paediatric dietician to the child and adolescent mental health services at Arden House in County Wexford; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [61246/22]

165. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the operation of the treatment abroad scheme; his plans to improve and streamline the operation of same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [61224/22]

166. To ask the Minister for Health if he expects the HSE to reach its target of over 130,000 net reduction in waiting lists per the 2022 Waiting List Action Plan; the net reduction and addition in the year to date in 2022; the project outturn for the full year 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [61301/22]

167. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the implementation of the preferred option in the 2019 Options Appraisal for Model Hospital Services; the status of the 2019 Options Appraisal for Model 4 Hospital Services as regards providing a framework for the future development and

upgrading of Galway hospital facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61356/22]

168. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding the delivery of community neurorehabilitation teams across each of the CHO areas; the steps that have been taken to address barriers in recruitment of multi-disciplinary teams; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61338/22]

169. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that lack of affordable accommodation is severely affecting recruitment and retention of nurses and midwives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [61299/22]

170. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has made kafrtio available to all adults and children who need the treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [61300/22]

171. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the provision of a community neurorehabilitation team in CHO7; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61035/22]

172. To ask the Minister for Health the number of therapists that will be recruited for disability services in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John McGuinness. [61367/22]

173. To ask the Minister for Health if he plans to make HRT medication free for persons going through menopause; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61093/22]

174. To ask the Minister for Health when the 2023 HSE Service Plan will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [61073/22]

175. To ask the Minister for Health if he will engage with or meet constituents in County Meath regarding the future of Navan Hospital. — Peadar Tóibín. [60796/22]

176. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the potential closure of a GP service in Blarney, County Cork; the status of the proposed primary care centre for Blarney; and the timeline for same. — Thomas Gould. [61283/22]

177. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on his plans to address the shortage of homecare provision by the HSE in County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61231/22]

178. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to address the deficiency of vacancies being filled in the west Clare primary care team; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61230/22]

179. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail his Department's efforts to address long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [60236/22]

180. To ask the Minister for Health the way that he intends to speed up the recruitment process of qualified personnel within health organisations (details supplied). — Niamh Smyth. [61268/22]

181. To ask the Minister for Health the action that is being taken to address the shortage of care workers in home support and long-term residential care for older people; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [61072/22]

182. To ask the Minister for Health if he will report on the provision of dementia day care centres; the number currently being provided; the plans that are in place for future provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61028/22]

183. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the closure of a centre (details supplied) in Middleton, County Cork; if he will provide an update on the ongoing supports being provided to the remaining residents and their families in the process of being transferred; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61305/22]

184. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to ensure that all women who choose to have home births are supported in their decision. — Holly Cairns. [60994/22]