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QUESTIONS NOMINATED FOR PRIORITY

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

1. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish a multi-annual capacity plan and waiting list strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61487/22]
2. To ask the Minister for Health the timeframe for a Citizens Assembly on drugs policy (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61090/22]
3. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for delays in implementing agreed pay rises for healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61488/22]
4. To ask the Minister for Health when the new and expanded emergency department at Beaumont Hospital is expected to be delivered; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61446/22]
5. To ask the Minister for Health the terms of reference and timeframe for the Mental Health Commission review into Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services; if he will outline the concerns which have been raised by the Mental Health Commission with the HSE and the nature of these concerns; if he will outline the HSE's response to these concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61489/22]

CEISTEANNA EILE
OTHER QUESTIONS

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

6. 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]
7. 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]
8. 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]

9. 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]

10. 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]

11. 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]

12. 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]

13. 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]

14. 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]

15. 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]

16. 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]

17. 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]

18. 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]

19. 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]

20. 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]

21. 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]

22. 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]

23. 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]

24. 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]

25. 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]

26. 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]

27. 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]

28. 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]

29. 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]

30. 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]

31. 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]

32. 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]

33. 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]

34. 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]

35. 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]

36. 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]

37. 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]

38. 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]

39. 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]

40. 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]

41. 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]

42. 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]

43. 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]

44. 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]

45. 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]

46. 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]

47. 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]

48. 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]

49. 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]

50. 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]

51. 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]

52. 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]

53. 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]

54. 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]

55. 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]

56. 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]

57. 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]

58. 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]

59. 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]

60. 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]

61. 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]

62. 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]

63. 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]

64. 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]

65. 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]

66. 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]

67. 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]

68. 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]

69. 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]

70. 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]

71. 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]

72. 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]

73. 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]

74. 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]

75. 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]

76. 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]

77. 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]

78. 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]

79. 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]

80. 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]

81. 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]

82. 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]

83. 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]

84. 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]

85. 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]

86. 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]

87. 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]

88. 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]

89. 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]

90. 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]

91. 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 katrio drug therapy treatment will have access to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61227/22]

92. 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]

93. 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]

94. 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]

95. 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]

96. 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]

97. 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]

98. 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]

99. 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]

100. 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]

101. 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]

102. 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]

103. 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]

104. 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]

105. 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]

106. 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]

107. 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]

108. 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]

109. 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]

110. 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]

111. 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]

112. 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]

113. 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]

114. 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]

115. 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]

116. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the closure of a centre (details supplied) in Midleton, 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]

117. 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]

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

118. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the measures under Budget 2023 that will redress the injustice borne by the group of famers known as the so-called forgotten farmers. — Matt Carthy. [61287/22]

119. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will open applications for the ACRES scheme in early 2023 to allow farmers who could not meet the 2022 application

deadline to qualify for a payment in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61447/22]

120. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he intends to introduce measures which will result in the destocking of suckler cows, as recommended by the food vision beef and sheep group, considering the significant economic impact that this would have and recognising that suckler beef production has a lower emission profile than other sectors for which similar proposals have not been made. — Matt Carthy. [61288/22]

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

121. 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]

122. 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]

123. 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]

124. 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]

125. 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]

126. 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]

127. 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]

128. 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]

129. 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]

130. 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]

131. 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]

132. 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]

133. 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]

134. 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]

135. 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]

136. 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]

137. 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]

138. 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]

139. 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]

140. 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]

141. 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]

142. 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]

143. 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]

144. 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]

145. 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]

146. 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]

147. 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]

148. 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]

149. 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]

150. 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]

151. 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]

152. 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]

153. 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]

154. 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]

155. 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]

156. 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]

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

158. 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]

159. 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]

160. 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]

161. 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]

162. 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]

163. 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]

164. 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]

165. 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]

166. 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]

167. 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]

168. 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]

169. 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]

170. 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]

171. 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]

172. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the new markets that have been opened up for farmers in relation each of Irelands 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]

173. 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]

174. 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]

175. 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]

176. 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]

177. 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]

178. 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]

179. 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]

180. 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]

181. 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]

182. 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]

183. 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]

184. 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]

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

186. 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]

187. 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]

188. 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]

189. 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]

190. 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]

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

192. 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]

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

*193. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the position that Ireland took at the 1 December 2022 meeting of the EU Competitiveness Council on the proposal for a directive on Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence and amending Directive (EU) 2019/1937 (COM(2022) 71); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [61441/22]

*194. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61575/22]

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

*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of households in County Clare that have applied for SEAI grants since the latest tranche opened; the number that have been commenced; the number that have been completed in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61403/22]

*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will support calls for the development of a fossil fuel non-proliferation treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [61427/22]

*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the progress of the national air quality strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [61480/22]

*198. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department can facilitate a hybrid application involving a partnership between a community group and a State enterprise in a renewable energy project, in view of the fact that such models are in place elsewhere in Europe, and the concern that there has been a high failure rate in community projects seeking to go it alone. — Richard Bruton. [61490/22]

*199. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the reason that a group of 95 apartment owners can avail of domestic rate electricity usage in relation to their respective apartments but have to pay commercial rate usage on the lighting of common areas, halls, stairways landings, corridors and so on, in their apartment block; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61560/22]

*200. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O’Donovan. [61576/22]

Chun an Aire Iompair: To the Minister for Transport.

*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will confirm that learner drivers whose NCT have expired can sit their test in their own car if they have proof of an NCT booking. — Joan Collins. [61449/22]

*202. To ask the Minister for Transport if his Department will confirm the qualifications which will replace the QQI certificate for driving instructors; the body that will have responsibility for same; the comparable educational value that this new certification will have; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joan Collins. [61450/22]

*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can clarify a previous statement in relation to the number of vehicles tested per day by car testers at NCT sites; if previous stated numbers of seven or eight per day were correct; if testers are in fact contracted to test two cars per hour during a ten-hour day; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61482/22]

*204. To ask the Minister for Transport if new employees performing inspection support personal duties at NCT sites have the minimum qualification as required by European legislation; and if they have the qualifications as set out in tendered document. — Bríd Smith. [61483/22]

*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he can detail the section within the RSA which adjudicates on qualifications; and the reason that a level-5 qualification was referenced as a suitable qualification for car testers. — Bríd Smith. [61484/22]

*206. To ask the Minister for Transport if the contractor for the NCT (details supplied) has indemnified the RSA on behalf of the State in light of its new policy of hiring ISP. — Bríd Smith. [61485/22]

*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if, in light of the decision to hire ISP (inspection support personal) to conduct some stages of the car test at NCT sites, the tendered agreement between the

State and an organisation (details supplied) has resulted in any material change to the specifications of the tender. — Bríd Smith. [61486/22]

*208. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a noise limit that cars must adhere to, particularly in cases where car exhausts have been modified in order to make greater noise; the way in which this limit is monitored and implemented; the way that this is enforced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61509/22]

*209. To ask the Minister for Transport if it is intended to proceed with the recommendations in the strategic rail review that relates to the State once the report is completed, in view of the fact that there is no functioning executive in Northern Ireland and the fact that other rails developments have been given the go-ahead in Ireland recently, without the rail review being completed, such as the welcome progress on the Limerick to Foynes line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61528/22]

*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of “local area hackney” licences issued and operational at this time; if it is intended to increase the area of operation from a radius of 5km to 20km of the operator’s home and to extend the grant eligibility to all licensees rather than a few areas, in view of the low take-up of this licence and the scattered nature of many rural areas, as was promised by a previous Minister; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61537/22]

*211. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on the route identification for the N3 to N4 link road; if traffic in Lucan, the sensitivities of the routes in terms of protected lands, and public parks will be taken into consideration; if new routes will be examined outside the previous scoping inquiry published in May 2019; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [61538/22]

*212. To ask the Minister for Transport the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O’Donovan. [61587/22]

Chun an Aire Airgeadais: To the Minister for Finance.

*213. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will investigate the reason that banks and other financial institutions in Ireland have not paid any interest on deposit accounts to customers relating to the rising interest rates on bank loans (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [61460/22]

*214. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of interest that has been paid on the €64 billion Irish State banking bailout of September 2008 in each of the years 2008 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61472/22]

*215. To ask the Minister for Finance the amount of capital that has been repaid on the €64 billion Irish State banking bailout of September 2008 in each of the years 2008 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61473/22]

*216. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to reports that if a person and their partner/spouse are non-resident and live in Northern Ireland, where that person has an Irish income and pays Irish tax, that the person is taxed as a single person; his views on same,

with respect to issues of equity and tax disadvantage for the person concerned. — Pearse Doherty. [61565/22]

*217. To ask the Minister for Finance the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61577/22]

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

*218. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the purpose and dispensation schedule for the parliamentary activities allowance for members of Dáil Éireann; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61400/22]

*219. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views in relation to a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61429/22]

*220. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the plans that are in place for disused Garda stations, for example, Dalkey and Kill O'The Grange Garda stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61430/22]

*221. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the flagship projects which will be developed in the Western region following the announcement of €217 million in funding under two ERDF programmes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61443/22]

*222. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the way in which the Northern and Western Regional Assembly will be supporting the sustainable regeneration of towns and urban centres; if this is in conjunction with the Government's town centre-first policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61445/22]

*223. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if there is any flexibility with remote working for those employed in the public service who have medical complications and who want to increase their hours of remote working and continue carrying out their duties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [61504/22]

*224. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total annual expenditure on PPP-related charges; if he will outline the projections for future growth in expenditure related to PPP charges in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61508/22]

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

*225. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the difference between accommodation that promotes itself as Fáilte Ireland-registered and Fáilte Ireland-approved; and if she is concerned at the confusion that may arise for consumers, particularly those visiting from outside the island. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61442/22]

*226. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the reason that a person (details supplied) who applied for the basic income under the arts pilot scheme earlier

this year was not included in the scheme; if it is intended to extend the scheme to further qualified applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61525/22]

*227. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if all of the approved applicants for the basic income scheme under the arts pilot scheme have taken up the offer of a basic income; the number who applied and the number who were approved; if it is intended to extend the scheme to further applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61526/22]

*228. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding that was provided to Limerick from her Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61586/22]

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

*229. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding and or grant assistance that may be available for the restoration, renovation and or refurbishments of churches and cathedrals; if she will outline the qualifying criteria and application process; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61511/22]

*230. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the local authorities that have an online choice based lettings system in place; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61405/22]

*231. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he plans to increase the means threshold for cost rental, in view of the recent increase in the threshold for social housing. — Richard Bruton. [61461/22]

*232. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of accessible units built for persons with disabilities in County Mayo in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61467/22]

*233. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will review the section 254 licensing system for telecommunications infrastructure; if he will consider amending the relevant legislation to ensure that applications for this infrastructure go through the standard planning process, thereby facilitating public consultation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61477/22]

*234. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the retrofit budget on a local authority basis to date in 2022, in tabular form; the quantum of money drawn down on a local authority basis; the houses retrofitted on a local authority basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [61478/22]

*235. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of the retrofit budget allocation and housing retrofit target on a local authority basis for 2019, 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; the quantum of money drawn down in 2019, 2020 and 2021 on a local authority basis, the houses retrofitted in 2019, 2020 and 2021 on a local authority basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [61479/22]

*236. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the percentage of an existing derelict structure that must be retained in order to avail of the vacant house grant; if an entire building can be demolished and rebuilt on the existing footprint and become eligible for the grant if a professional report indicates that the building is unsafe or unfit to be retained; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61503/22]

*237. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of planning permissions currently granted in each local authority; the number of those that are commenced in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61543/22]

*238. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 91 of 26 October 2022, if he is satisfied that the methodology being used to determine housing supply targets for local development plans is sound; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61544/22]

*239. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the work of his Department's working group on compact and sustainable growth; if that group still intends to produce section 28 guidelines by the end of Q4 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61545/22]

*240. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on any instances in 2021 or 2022 where the Office of the Planning Regulator identified an issue with a local authority or regional assembly statutory plan, including county and city development plans, local area plans and RSEs; if he will identify the grounds of the appeals and if they were resolved in tabular form. — Joe Carey. [61546/22]

*241. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has sought a report from Irish Water regarding a matter (details supplied) in County Dublin as per his powers under the Water Services Acts; if not, if he intends to do so; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61548/22]

*242. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the legislation which regulates car parks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61555/22]

*243. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of Ministerial consents that have been issued by his Department under ARC 02 (Activities Requiring Consent—stocking or re-stock with fish) for the stocking of salmon parr, salmon smolts and brown trout fry in the Lough Corrib special area of conservation (SAC), the Maumturk Mountains SAC and the Connemara Bog Complex SAC since 2010. — Mairéad Farrell. [61557/22]

*244. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61581/22]

*245. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will change the criteria for the croí cónaithe scheme to include houses which have a functioning septic tank built to the standards prevailing when the house was constructed. — Seán Canney. [61743/22]

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

*246. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61578/22]

Chun an Aire Cosanta: To the Minister for Defence.

*247. To ask the Minister for Defence if his Department will look at rising the age to entice more people to join the Naval Service (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [61415/22]

*248. To ask the Minister for Defence the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61573/22]

Chun an Aire Oideachais: To the Minister for Education.

*249. To ask the Minister for Education if she will set out all monies paid to barristers, including items such as letter writing and court appearances, including the dates that these payments were made in relation to the Student Transport Scheme Limited v Department of Education and Skills from 2012 to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61437/22]

*250. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding increased capacity for provision of school transport including where previous concessionary places had been made available; the status in relation to certain students (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61452/22]

*251. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais céard iad na riachtanais iontrála Ghaeilge nach mór do mhac léinn a chomhlíonadh chun áit a fháil ar chúrsa múinteoireachta bunscoile sna coláistí tríú leibhéal atá maoinithe ag an Stát. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61529/22]

*252. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais céard iad na riachtanais iontrála Ghaeilge nach mór do mhac léinn a chomhlíonadh chun áit a fháil ar chúrsa múinteoireachta bunscoile sna coláistí tríú leibhéal príobháideacha ag leibhéal fo-chéimithe agus iar-chéimithe araon. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61530/22]

*253. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais céard é an caighdeán Gaeilge nach mór a bheith ag iar-mhac léinn de na coláistí tríú leibhéal Stáit le bheith cáilithe chun feidhmiú mar mhúinteoir bunscoile i scoileanna ina múintear trí Bhéarla agus i scoileanna ina múintear trí mheán na Gaeilge. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61531/22]

*254. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Oideachais céard é an caighdeán Gaeilge nach mór a bheith ag iar-mhac léinn de na coláistí oiliúna múinteoirí príobháideacha le bheith cáilithe chun feidhmiú mar mhúinteoir bunscoile i scoileanna ina múintear trí Bhéarla agus i scoileanna ina múintear trí mheán na Gaeilge. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61532/22]

*255. To ask the Minister for Education the progress made to date in providing alternative upgraded accommodation to a special school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61536/22]

*256. To ask the Minister for Education if the case of children (details supplied) who has no school transport will be addressed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [61542/22]

*257. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 602 of 8 November 2022, when school transport will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [61559/22]

*258. To ask the Minister for Education if teachers in a Gaeltacht school lose any of their allowances where the parents in a Gaeltacht school vote to end the practice of immersive education; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61566/22]

*259. To ask the Minister for Education the status of progress on a building project for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [61567/22]

*260. To ask the Minister for Education the funding that was provided to Limerick from her Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61574/22]

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

*261. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is an additional pre-Christmas payment being made to pensioners who suffer with an illness related with their chest and who have to take medication for same; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61505/22]

*262. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if those in receipt of payments from her Department undertaking training courses will be eligible for the disability support grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61401/22]

*263. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will issue a decision on an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [61407/22]

*264. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will expedite a decision on an invalidity pension appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Cork. — Michael Creed. [61409/22]

*265. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will address a matter in relation to a person (details supplied) now in receipt of the training allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61411/22]

*266. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if public service pension recipients (details supplied) will be incorporated into the qualifying cohort eligible to receive the fuel allowance under the national fuel scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61418/22]

*267. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [61435/22]

*268. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will consider extending the one-off payment of €500 to those in receipt of the State pension; and if not, the reason therefor. — Paul Murphy. [61440/22]

*269. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on the review of the decision on a disability allowance application in respect of a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61459/22]

*270. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an appeal in the case of a person (details supplied) in respect of an alleged overpayment; if their appeal can be expedited given the stress that this ongoing case is causing; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61476/22]

*271. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [61510/22]

*272. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide details of any discussions or consultations that she has had with representatives of postmasters in relation to the huge workload expected by them in the coming weeks, especially in terms of paying double payments and fortnightly payments in the same week; if she will be holding meetings with any representatives to discuss other issues (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61527/22]

*273. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [61556/22]

*274. To ask the Minister for Social Protection her views on a matter (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [61558/22]

*275. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the funding that was provided to Limerick from her Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61584/22]

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

*276. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a serious matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [61451/22]

*277. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth his views on a serious matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [61453/22]

*278. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 477 of 22 November 2022, when a payment (details supplied) will issue in respect of accommodation provided, in view of the substantial amount of money that it is owed and given that he had previously stated that the payment was in hand and would issue shortly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61549/22]

*279. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the new National Strategy for Women and Girls for 2022 to 2025 will be published; and if the study commissioned by his Department to evaluate the processes for implementation of three equality strategies, which includes the National Strategy for Women and Girls, as well as the Migrant

Integration Strategy and the National Traveller and Roma Inclusion Strategy, will be published in early 2023 as committed to earlier this year. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61550/22]

*280. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of an application to provide housing for Ukrainian refugees to the Red Cross in the name of a person (details supplied) considering that this application was made a number of months ago and no reply has been received to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61561/22]

*281. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the status of an application to provide housing for Ukrainian refugees to the Red Cross in the name of a person (details supplied) considering that this application was made a number of months ago and no reply has been received to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61562/22]

*282. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the Red Cross has a query email in relation to applications for Ukrainian housing for members of the Houses of the Oireachtas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61563/22]

*283. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61572/22]

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

*284. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the grant supports that are available to those carrying out apprenticeships for various trades required for the building of houses; the supports that he intends to introduce to make the training in these trades more attractive and financially viable to prospective apprentices; his targets for the training of apprentices in the coming five years in each profession in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61433/22]

*285. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will examine the issue of the reduction of third-level fees for a student (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [61439/22]

*286. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 142 of 1 December 2022, if he will instruct the Higher Education Authority to include a criterion of regional balance as part of the expression of interest for delivering increased numbers in veterinary medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61468/22]

*287. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of personal assistants employed, both directly and indirectly, by each ETB in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61469/22]

*288. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will provide details of all of the social care courses available and their status in relation to CORU registration in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61470/22]

*289. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science further to Parliamentary Question No. 525 of 29 November 2022, if funding allocated to the student assistance fund can be used or applied for to help repeat students cover their fees and registration costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61520/22]

*290. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if a student (details supplied) is entitled to the €1,000 cost-of-living support payment for third level students; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61524/22]

*291. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61579/22]

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

*292. To ask the Minister for Justice the action that is being taken by Government to combat the chronic deficiencies in victim identification and referral of human trafficking victims in the Irish fishing sector; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61368/22]

*293. To ask the Minister for Justice the procedures in place that allow a member of the public to object to a barrister being appointed as a judge. — Catherine Murphy. [61436/22]

*294. To ask the Minister for Justice the number and location of the Garda stations in County Tipperary that have closed as part of the Garda district and station rationalisation programme; and the number of Garda stations in County Tipperary that offer a manned 24/7 service. — Martin Browne. [61454/22]

*295. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda stations in County Tipperary that have closed since 2015 due to being considered unsuitable to function as Garda stations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [61455/22]

*296. To ask the Minister for Justice the position regarding the regularisation of a person (details supplied) who has been living in Direct Provision for more than five years but who is omitted from the recent and welcome regularisation scheme for undocumented persons; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61471/22]

*297. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will provide an update on the Independent Commission on Information Retrieval Bill; and when she expects the heads to be published. — Patrick Costello. [61495/22]

*298. To ask the Minister for Justice the funding that was provided to Limerick from her Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61582/22]

Chun an Aire Sláinte: To the Minister for Health.

*299. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding section 38 workers; if funding has been made available to ensure that these workers receive the pay awards agreed under the Building Momentum pay agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61517/22]

*300. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to food advertisements targeting children by companies; and the way that he will combat same. — Paul Murphy. [61370/22]

*301. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the considerable savings that the State may make by frontloading investment in mental health services, rather than the current funding model; if he would like to see changes in the funding model going forward; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [56474/22]

*302. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the health diversion approach to drugs. — Thomas Gould. [60536/22]

*303. To ask the Minister for Health if the pathfinder programme from the National Ambulance Service in Limerick will also cover County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61404/22]

*304. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients seen for emergency care only at HSE dental clinics, broken down by county for each of the past four years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [61406/22]

*305. To ask the Minister for Health when approved home support will become available for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61412/22]

*306. To ask the Minister for Health if a procedure for a person (details supplied) will be expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61413/22]

*307. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that he has to establish a neuro-rehabilitation community team in CHO2; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61419/22]

*308. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the need for primary care centres in Portlaoise; and if he will outline his plans, if any, in this regard. — Brian Stanley. [61421/22]

*309. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a progress report on plans for a major extension and recruitment of the health centre in Mountrath, County Laois. — Brian Stanley. [61422/22]

*310. To ask the Minister for Health when a service for a child will be reinstated (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61423/22]

*311. To ask the Minister for Health when a revised OT plan will be provided for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61424/22]

*312. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a case (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61428/22]

*313. To ask the Minister for Health if treatment for a person (details supplied) can be prioritised through the national treatment purchase scheme. — Robert Troy. [61434/22]

*314. To ask the Minister for Health if there are any financial supports or grants available from his Department for persons to set up a GP practice and health centre; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [61448/22]

*315. To ask the Minister for Health the average response time for ambulances for 999 calls in CHO9 for each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denise Mitchell. [61462/22]

*316. To ask the Minister for Health if he will publish the 2018 HSE review of hospital car parking charges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61475/22]

*317. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports of HSE contracts being awarded to a company linked to bribery (details supplied); the reason that the HSE continued to work with this company after the bribery was first exposed in 2015; the steps being taken to ensure that this is not repeated; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61481/22]

*318. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the recruitment of the outstanding epilepsy nurse specialists agreed in 2018 as part of the valproate response project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [61491/22]

*319. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the establishment of the proposed sodium valproate stakeholder group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [61492/22]

*320. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update regarding the establishment of the promised inquiry on the historical licensing and prescribing of sodium valproate; when he expects that the inquiry will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [61493/22]

*321. To ask the Minister for Health the services currently available to those diagnosed with foetal valproate spectrum disorder; the way that families can access these services within their communities following a diagnosis; if he will provide an update on discussions between the HSE and his Department to improve access to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [61494/22]

*322. To ask the Minister for Health the estimated amount in euros that has been saved by his Department from moving from branded to generic medications in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61496/22]

*323. To ask the Minister for Health the volume of packs of unlicensed medicines that are being brought into the market to alleviate medicine shortages; the estimated cost of these unlicensed medicines per annum; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61497/22]

*324. To ask the Minister for Health the average time taken by the HSE to decide on applications for medications to be added to the reimbursement list; the average time taken to adjudicate on hardship cases where manufacturers are seeking price increases due to inflationary costs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61498/22]

*325. To ask the Minister for Health if he has plans to enhance the functionality of the reimbursement approval process to improve efficiency in decision-making and thereby secure

additional sources of medicines, in particular generic medicines, onto the market, in the context of the increasing medicine supply shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61499/22]

*326. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that some branded medicines have not been required to be reduced in price following the approval of a generic equivalent, as required by the 2021 industry agreements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61500/22]

*327. To ask the Minister for Health if a higher reimbursement price is granted to unlicensed medicines than the licensed version of the same medicine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [61501/22]

*328. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that he has not implemented all of the recommendations set out in an independent review by a person (details supplied) of matters relating to student nurses and midwives; the timeframe within which he intends to implement the outstanding recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61506/22]

*329. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 542 of 16 November 2021, if a clinical review of the medical cannabis access programme has been completed to assess whether there is new information to support the addition of further medical conditions that are able to avail of this programme; if not, the timeframe for this review to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [61507/22]

*330. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding student nurses; the reason that many of the recommendations from the McHugh report which were due to be implemented by September 2022 have yet to be implemented, resulting in student nurses and midwives continuing to struggle to meet the costs of their training; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [61516/22]

*331. To ask the Minister for Health the position regarding Section 38 workers; if funding has been made available to ensure that these workers receive the pay awards agreed under the Building Momentum pay agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61518/22]

*332. To ask the Minister for Health if he, his Department, or representatives of the HSE have met or will meet with representatives of a group (details supplied) to discuss its concerns on vaccine-related side effects; if he can detail the safeguards and measures taken by the HSE and his Department to monitor and review the effectiveness and health impacts of the ongoing vaccine programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61519/22]

*333. To ask the Minister for Health when HIQA remit will be extended to disability day services. — Alan Kelly. [61522/22]

*334. To ask the Minister for Health when an independent body will be appointed to regulate and investigate disability day services (details supplied). — Alan Kelly. [61523/22]

*335. To ask the Minister for Health the measures that have been taken to fill a position for a senior occupational therapist in Buncrana, County Donegal; when the position is expected to be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [61540/22]

*336. To ask the Minister for Health the safeguards that are in place for minors and for persons incapable of making legal decisions in the proposed the human tissue (transplantation, post-mortem, anatomical examination and public display) Bill; and the provisions the bill will contain in relation to the age of consent. — Sean Sherlock. [61554/22]

*337. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied). — Peadar Tóibín. [61568/22]

*338. To ask the Minister for Health the research that his Department has undertaken on the number of ambulances needed just to make up the shortfall of ambulances as they wait at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital accident and emergency department, Drogheda. — Peadar Tóibín. [61569/22]

*339. To ask the Minister for Health if his Department accepts the view of senior clinicians and consultants in Drogheda Hospital that the ambulance bypass of Navan accident and emergency department and the proposed closure of Navan accident and emergency department could lead to the death of patients; and if he has carried out any investigation into the veracity of these claims. — Peadar Tóibín. [61570/22]

*340. To ask the Minister for Health the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61580/22]

*341. To ask the Minister for Health when he will implement a public-only consultant contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61589/22]

*342. To ask the Minister for Health when he will appoint a new CEO for the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61590/22]

*343. To ask the Minister for Health when he will publish the report into Cork University Maternity Hospital's organ retention and disposal practices; when he will publish the Human Tissues Bill; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61591/22]

*344. To ask the Minister for Health if he will implement the European Commission recommendation that member states recognise Covid-19 as an occupational disease if contracted by healthcare workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61592/22]

*345. To ask the Minister for Health if he will give a personal direction to ensure that patients with life threatening illnesses are offered medical cards without incessant reviews on financial grounds or otherwise; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61609/22]

*346. To ask the Minister for Health if he will initiate a special winter plan to cater for the homeless or those who find themselves unable to meet the challenges of the winter months for whatever reason in such a way as to minimise the challenges they face; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61610/22]

*347. To ask the Minister for Health if adequate emergency beds can be provided wherever required but particularly in accident and emergency hospitals on call where ambulances are queuing up while awaiting the admission of a patient; if he will identify the precise steps required to address this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61611/22]

*348. To ask the Minister for Health if he remains satisfied that reimbursement in respect of new and orphan drugs and other emergency drugs is sufficiently speedy and capable of meeting the

demand; if he has identified any shortcomings in relation to same; when these will be addressed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61612/22]

*349. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that the health services can be coordinated in such a way as to ensure a modern response to patients needs in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61613/22]

*350. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that are being taken to augment child and adult mental health services in CH07; if the precise measures deemed to be necessary are being taken forthwith; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61614/22]

*351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of applicants for medical cards granted in the past twelve months to date; the number who were refused or who are under investigation in the same period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61615/22]

*352. To ask the Minister for Health if he is satisfied that patients with serious life-threatening conditions have had their applications for a medical card approved with sufficient expediency given the nature of their condition; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61616/22]

*353. To ask the Minister for Health if patients with a life-threatening condition are likely to have their application for a medical card issued with sufficient expedition having regard to their medical needs and expected compassionate response; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61617/22]

*354. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which hospital building programmes and extensions are sufficiently in hand to meet the urgent demand such as Naas Hospital, County Kildare and other hospitals throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61618/22]

*355. To ask the Minister for Health the programme for the provision of primary care centres throughout County Kildare having regard to those already in operation, those planned and approved or those pending; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61619/22]

*356. To ask the Minister for Health the degree to which it is intended to ensure that primary care centres are provided throughout County Kildare with particular reference to growing population centres; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61620/22]

*357. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he intends to set up an emergency management team to deal with overcrowding and hospital accident and emergency departments with particular reference to ensuring that the highest possible standards prevail when dealing with the inflow of patients by facilitating their access to emergency treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61621/22]

*358. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which outreach children's hospital facilities are operational at present in Blanchardstown and elsewhere; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61622/22]

*359. To ask the Minister for Health the reason for delay in dealing with the waiting lists of children seeking procedures for scoliosis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61623/22]

*360. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which the prevention of infectious diseases continues satisfactorily; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61624/22]

*361. To ask the Minister for Health the progress in the hospital building programme in each of the past five years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61625/22]

*362. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he can take steps to counter the difficulties of obtaining and retaining professional staff throughout the health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61626/22]

*363. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of children currently awaiting orthodontic treatment; when such services are likely to be provided; the timeline for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61627/22]

*364. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which he can provide orthodontic treatment for children in such a way as to prevent future dental problems for the adults of tomorrow; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61628/22]

*365. To ask the Minister for Health the extent to which surgery is readily available for the removal of cataracts in this jurisdiction; the number of such surgical interventions undertaken here in the past twelve months; the plans to extend this service in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61629/22]

*366. To ask the Minister for Health when the promised phase of the Naas Hospital development plan will be activated in accordance with the original projections; when the facility will be completed and opened; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61630/22]

*367. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that there has been no additional capacity added to disability residential services for children in south Tipperary for a period of five years; the urgent steps that he is taking to increase respite services for children in south Tipperary; the current vacancy rates for therapists within the CDNT teams in south Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [61632/22]

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

*368. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that a person (details supplied) in County Cork has not been facilitated to continue their GLAS participation given the fact that they have previously indicated their interest in remaining in the scheme to his Department; and if he will make arrangements for continuing the payment of the person's GLAS grant. — Michael Creed. [61408/22]

*369. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the reason that the Government has failed to secure any quota of Atlantic bluefin tuna for the Irish fishing fleet, despite the documented recovery of the species within the Irish EEZ over recent years. — Pádraig Mac Lochlainn. [60540/22]

*370. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the assistance that his Department can provide to a person (details supplied) and many other pensioners in cases where Coillte

pensions have not increased; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61431/22]

*371. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the action that will be taken from the feedback obtained through the animal welfare seminar which was held on 5 October 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [61456/22]

*372. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the criteria that applied when determining the animal welfare organisations that received increased funding under the animal welfare grant scheme for 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Martin Browne. [61457/22]

*373. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details on the manner in which applications for funding under the animal welfare grant scheme are assessed. — Martin Browne. [61458/22]

*374. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he can detail any meetings or discussions that he or his Department have had with persons who have resigned from the Burren programme over concerns regarding the replacement scheme and fears that it could have negative impacts on the Burren landscape; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61512/22]

*375. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that the replacement scheme for the Burren programme will impact those 300 farmers currently in the programme; and if supports available will match the amounts available under the current Burren programme. — Bríd Smith. [61513/22]

*376. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61514/22]

*377. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on a GLAS payment to a farmer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61533/22]

*378. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide an update on a GLAS payment to a farmer (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61534/22]

*379. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when a person (details supplied) will receive their final year GLAS payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61539/22]

*380. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the expenditure by the Forestry Service for November 2022 compared to November 2021, in tabular form to; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [61551/22]

*381. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the percentage of the annual afforestation licence target reached by his Department to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [61552/22]

*382. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the actual applications versus the phased projected monthly plan for licence and scheme applications in his Department's plan for November 2022 and for the year to date in Coillte felling, private felling, roads, afforestation and ash dieback RUS, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [61553/22]

*383. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a full list of schemes will be provided that farmers can apply for in 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61564/22]

*384. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61571/22]

*385. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he continues to encourage compliance to meet emission reduction targets while at the same time ensuring that the agri-food industry is not damaged given the prospect of world food shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61597/22]

*386. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the future of the dairy industry here with particular reference to the need to reduce carbon emissions while at the same time ensuring the development of the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61598/22]

*387. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied regarding the future of the beef industry here with particular reference to the need to reduce carbon emissions while at the same time ensuring the development of the industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61599/22]

*388. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continue to encourage the fishing industry with particular reference to ensuring that the industry here can compete with all others; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61600/22]

*389. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his Department continues to monitor and safeguard the interest of the agri-food sector given the sharp increase in price of inputs; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61601/22]

*390. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the various export markets for Irish food and food products have been examined with a view to ensuring their continuity, stability and the need to ensure the availability of sufficient food and food products in the face of worldwide shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61602/22]

*391. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continues to monitor production costs in the pig meat sector; the continued efforts in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61603/22]

*392. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he and his Department continue to monitor production costs in the poultry sector with particular reference to

the need to ensure a stable cost base; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61604/22]

*393. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which the future for Irish lamb remains attractive in both the export and domestic markets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61605/22]

*394. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the degree to which cereal growing continues to be attractive here; if its viability is coming under pressure from other jurisdictions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61606/22]

*395. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which efforts continue to maximise the reduction of carbon emissions in the agri-food sector without reducing production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61607/22]

*396. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which his Department continues to monitor the effects of Brexit Ireland's agri-food sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61608/22]

*397. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the efforts ongoing by his Department to address issues in relation to farmer mental health and wellbeing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61593/22]

*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that the fishing industry will continue to sustain fishing families with increased emphasis on food processing and the protecting of fishing grounds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61594/22]

*399. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that Irish fisherman will retain their fishing entitlements into the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61595/22]

*400. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the extent to which he remains satisfied that the rights and entitlements of the fishing industry here will continue to be observed to ensure the future of the viability of those dependent on the fishing industry here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61596/22]

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

*401. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will review the existing laws on the control of dogs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [61425/22]

*402. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she intends on conducting a review of the Control of Dogs Act 1986-1992 in light of the recent dog attack in County Wexford which left a child with life-changing injuries; if she will appoint an expert panel to review the legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61463/22]

*403. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration will be given to reviewing dog-bite prevention legislation; if she is satisfied that Ireland's legislation is on-par

with other EU member states; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61465/22]

*404. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the controls currently in place for keeping dangerous dog breeds; if she is satisfied that current regulations are robust enough; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61464/22]

*405. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that was provided to Limerick from her Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61583/22]

*406. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she expects all of the remaining categories in the community centre development fund to be announced; if she will provide an update on the application for a community organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61588/22]