



# DÁIL ÉIREANN

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

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

1. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [57559/22]
2. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [58885/22]
3. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59151/22]
4. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Jackie Cahill. [59153/22]
5. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [58890/22]
6. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Transport will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [59252/22]
7. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Aindrias Moynihan. [59341/22]
8. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Transport will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [59255/22]
9. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Brendan Smith. [59342/22]
10. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Transport will next meet. — Bríd Smith. [59258/22]
11. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Michael Moynihan. [59343/22]
12. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery will next meet. — Cian O’Callaghan. [60871/22]
13. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Economic Recovery and Investment will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [60881/22]

14. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee that deals with agriculture will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [60882/22]

15. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet Committee deals with transport; and when it will meet next. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [60895/22]

16. To ask the Taoiseach which Cabinet Committee deals with transport; and when it will meet next. — Cormac Devlin. [60896/22]

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

18. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with Church leaders. — Ivana Bacik. [60874/22]

19. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with church leaders. — Mick Barry. [60884/22]

20. To ask the Taoiseach when he will next meet with the church leaders. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61329/22]

21. To ask the Taoiseach when he will next meet with the church leaders. — Paul Murphy. [61332/22]

22. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the social partners. — Ivana Bacik. [58891/22]

23. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the social partners. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59156/22]

24. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the social partners. — Cormac Devlin. [60897/22]

25. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his most recent engagements with the social partners. — Cian O'Callaghan. [60902/22]

26. To ask the Taoiseach when he will next meet with the social partners. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61330/22]

27. To ask the Taoiseach when he will next meet with the social partners. — Paul Murphy. [61333/22]

28. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Peadar Tóibín. [58944/22]

29. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Mary Lou McDonald. [59157/22]

30. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Ivana Bacik. [60875/22]

31. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee dealing with housing last met. — Mick Barry. [60885/22]

32. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Paul McAuliffe. [60893/22]

33. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the housing and infrastructure unit of his Department. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [60894/22]

34. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Cian O'Callaghan. [60901/22]

35. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61331/22]

36. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Housing will next meet. — Paul Murphy. [61334/22]

37. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the President of France. — Bernard J. Durkan. [59484/22]

38. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of France on 24 November 2022. — Seán Haughey. [59491/22]

39. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the French President. — Mary Lou McDonald. [60868/22]

40. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with President Emmanuel Macron. — Alan Farrell. [60872/22]

41. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of the Climate Action Delivery Board which is co-chaired by the Secretary General of his Department. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [60184/22]

42. To ask the Taoiseach the details of the Climate Action Plan progress report published by his Department on 22 November 2022. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [60185/22]

43. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Covid-19 will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [60869/22]

44. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Mary Lou McDonald. [60870/22]

45. To ask the Taoiseach when the Cabinet Committee on Education will next meet. — Ivana Bacik. [60876/22]

46. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent engagements with President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. — Alan Farrell. [60873/22]

47. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his meeting with the President of the European Commission, Ursula Von Der Leyen. — Neale Richmond. [62027/22]

48. To ask the Taoiseach the extent, if any, to which developments have taken place on the Shared Island Initiative. — Bernard J. Durkan. [60887/22]

49. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the latest work of his Department's shared island unit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [60889/22]

50. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on the work of his Department's shared island unit. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [60891/22]

51. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his appearance at the most recent Shared Island forum. — Neale Richmond. [62025/22]

52. To ask the Taoiseach the extent to which Irish authorities continue to support moves to restore the Northern Ireland Assembly, with particular reference to any funding initiatives through the Shared Island approach. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62057/22]

53. To ask the Taoiseach the degree to which he expects the Shared Island approach to influence the evolution of north/south and east/west relations in the future based on recent experience. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62058/22]

54. To ask the Taoiseach the proposed running order of citizens' assemblies. — Thomas Gould. [60892/22]

55. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his appearance at the EU-Western Balkans Summit in Tirana. — Neale Richmond. [62026/22]

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

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

56. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the research report entitled 'Low Paid Older Workers in Ireland: a quantitative and qualitative profile of low pay among workers aged over 50' (details supplied). — Louise O'Reilly. [62094/22]

57. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the work that his Department is undertaking to fully utilise broadband connectivity in increasing sustainable employment given that Ireland is set to become one of the most connected countries in Europe for fibre broadband; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [58143/22]

58. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to research from an organisation (details supplied) that found that 70% of small and medium enterprises in Ireland fear that they may have to close in 2023 due to rising costs. — Louise O'Reilly. [62095/22]

59. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department is considering the establishment of an Irish enterprise agency which would incorporate the individual

local enterprise offices into one centrally-led national jobs agency to support and sustain small and medium-sized enterprises. — Maurice Quinlivan. [62096/22]

## CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS

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

60. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if consideration would be given to merge of the employment permit and visa application processes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62109/22]

61. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress that has been made to date with the ratification of International Labour Organisation Convention on Violence and Harassment, 2019 (No. 190); the next steps envisaged in advance of ratification; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [57496/22]

62. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the concrete actions taken by officials at his Department, the IDA and Enterprise Ireland to intensify their engagement with tech employers following recent high-profile layoffs within the sector; if he will provide an update on the meetings that his officials or stated agencies have had with representatives from the sector and senior tech employers, if any, over the past month; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [62092/22]

63. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he intends to support measures to grant greater rights of representation for retired workers groups and specifically proposed measures to give them access to the Workplace Relations Commission and rights to consultation prior to any changes to their pension entitlements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62118/22]

64. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that he is taking to support job creation in regional towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [58142/22]

65. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of new IDA and Enterprise Ireland-supported jobs in Longford to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [62102/22]

66. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the forthcoming increase to the national minimum wage; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [62068/22]

67. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is satisfied that the current staffing levels at Enterprise Ireland Cork regional offices meet the demands for County Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62133/22]

68. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Government will seek to exclude banks and investment funds from the scope of the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62115/22]

69. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 51 of 26 October 2022, the status of his Department's work regarding the transposition of the Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive; when the stakeholder forum is scheduled to take place; when the public consultation will open for submissions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62038/22]

70. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the pay and conditions of electricians and apprentice electricians working in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Dessie Ellis. [62108/22]

71. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the efforts to assist businesses with the rising energy prices; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [62069/22]

72. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the initiatives that he has facilitated or plans to facilitate, to encourage the engagement of IDA with Irish Rail and the National Transport Agency to provide public transport services to IDA parks, such as Raheen industrial estate, Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [62128/22]

73. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the actions that the Government and his Department are taking to address the regional imbalance with FDI investment and employment. — Brian Stanley. [62028/22]

74. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will publish the planned White Paper on industrial policy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [62091/22]

75. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that he is taking to support existing levels of employment in regional towns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [58141/22]

76. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the progress of the Programme for Government commitment to progress to a living wage over the lifetime of the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [62053/22]

77. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will request that his Department place speech and language therapists and occupational therapists on the critical skills list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [62098/22]

78. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the Midlands Regional Enterprise Plan launched in March 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [62112/22]

79. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail the most recent data on the level of Enterprise Ireland-supported jobs in counties Cavan and Monaghan in tabular form; the number of additional jobs created in each county since March 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [62129/22]



80. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the measures that he is taking to reduce approval times at the NSAI for new building technologies. — Thomas Gould. [62086/22]

81. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on progress made on the action plan for insurance reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [62113/22]

82. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the implementation of the Duffy-Cahill report. — Thomas Gould. [62085/22]

83. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 60 of 27 October 2022, if he will provide a status update on the work of the cross-departmental group to oversee the implementation of the transition from the atypical scheme for non-EEA crew in the Irish fishing fleet to the employment permits scheme; the number of meetings that the group has held to date; the dates of same; the terms of reference of the group; the membership of the group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62036/22]

84. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the regional enterprise fund will open for applications; if he will provide details of the eligibility criteria for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [62100/22]

85. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that the European Council recently adopted a negotiating position on the Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive to allow member states to exclude banks and investment funds from the scope of the Directive; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62114/22]

86. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he plans to review any provisions of the Protection of Employment Acts 1977 to 2014 in respect of the requirement for employers to notify the Minister of proposed collective redundancies and the obligation on employers to engage in an information and consultation process with employees' representatives; if he will consider changes to the sanctions involved for any breaches of these provisions of the Acts; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [62089/22]

87. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the way that the Government is addressing and providing more employment opportunities to health care staff in both the home care sector and the broader health sector through the employment permit process to help deal with Ireland's current staff shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62067/22]

88. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the engagement that he, along with his Department and the IDA, have had with the State's tech sector in the past three months; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62055/22]

89. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the current schedule for trade missions for 2023; if any adjustments will occur given the ongoing fuel crisis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [62127/22]

90. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way in which the new mandate for local enterprise offices will improve services to small business and enhance enterprise sustainability; and his estimate of the job potential of the initiative. — Richard Bruton. [62030/22]

91. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department's senior officials had discussions with the IDA regarding the lack of progress in counties Laois and Offaly in the location of multinational companies in the region. — Brian Stanley. [62029/22]

92. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment to outline the impact of the student enterprise programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [62051/22]

93. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total budget for the national local enterprise week in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61851/22]

94. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he or his Department have any plans to strengthen the Joint Labour Committees and employment agreements and orders. — Louise O'Reilly. [62041/22]

95. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his attention has been drawn to the fact that former workers in a company (details supplied) have established that the company planned its tactical liquidation a year before workers were sacked; if the attention of the Government was drawn to this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62116/22]

96. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the early experience with the small company rescue scheme is demonstrating that it has the capacity to allow viable businesses restructure arrangements in order that jobs and livelihoods can be sustained. — Richard Bruton. [62031/22]

97. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to promote, encourage and support investment leading to job creation in Ireland both in the FDI and indigenous sectors; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62060/22]

98. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the timeframe for non-working EEA nationals visas to be processed; the number of employment permits that have been awarded in counties Cavan and Monaghan and declined since March 2020 and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [62130/22]

99. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when the site selection process for the new advance technology building between the IDA and Mayo County Council will conclude; if he can confirm that this strategic acquired landbank will be used to future-proof zoned service sites for attracting foreign direct investment to the region. — Alan Dillon. [62103/22]

100. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the ways in which his Department is supporting small and medium sized enterprises and indigenous businesses to grow and expand; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [62049/22]

101. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of the Action Plan on Insurance Reform; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61855/22]

102. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to monitor developments in the high-tech industry sector, with a view to ensuring insofar as is possible the minimisation of any job losses and the continued quest for investment in the sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62059/22]

103. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the up-to-date position regarding the delivery of a new IDA advanced facility in Kerry Technology Park, Tralee; the status of employment levels that is currently at the existing Central Pharma plant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [62088/22]

104. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of new IDA and Enterprise Ireland-supported jobs in County Carlow to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [62106/22]

105. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will add bus drivers to the State's critical skills shortage list to address the bus driver shortage in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [62097/22]

106. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way that employees benefit from the Payment of Wages (Amendment) (Tips and Gratuities) Act 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61852/22]

107. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 20 of 27 October 2022, the status of the development of the White Paper on Enterprise; the timeline for the publication of the new White Paper; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62034/22]

108. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if a company (details supplied) made him or his Department, aware that it was going to lock staff out of its Dublin office on 18 November 2022. — Louise O'Reilly. [62046/22]

109. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has had discussions with the management in a company (details supplied) regarding recent reports of workers being invited to take unpaid leave; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62117/22]

110. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department's attention was drawn to a £200 million floating charge to a company (details supplied) that was signed off between two other companies on 9 April 2019, and that exactly twelve months to the day when the charge became valid, the workers in the Irish branch of the company were sent a generic email to inform them that they were to be made redundant, which demonstrates that the liquidation was planned, pre-ordained and tactical to the parent company and sacrificing Irish workers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62132/22]

111. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress that is being made to acquire an IDA Ireland purpose-built facility in Longford town; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Flaherty. [62101/22]

112. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 13 of 27 October 2022, the status of his engagement at WTO and European Union level with regard to the proposal to extend the 17 June 2022 decision of the WTO on the TRIPS Agreement to cover Covid-19 therapeutics and diagnostic tests; if his attention has been drawn to an analysis (details supplied) outlining the inequality of access to Covid-19 medicines between high-income countries and low- and middle-income countries; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62035/22]

113. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he is concerned with figures detailing employment numbers in IDA-supported companies in County Kerry in comparison to every other county; if the differences can be explained; his plans to address the issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [62087/22]

114. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the number of persons employed within IDA and Enterprise Ireland-backed companies in counties Longford and Westmeath; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [62126/22]

115. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the implementation of the remote working strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [62061/22]

116. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide a report on the implementation in the midland's region of the IDA Ireland's 2021-2024 strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Barry Cowen. [62111/22]

117. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the IDA will now go to tender for the construction of a new advance building at the IDA park at Marlinstown in Mullingar, in view of the fact that planning permission has been granted; the marketing plans to attract a tenant to the site; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Robert Troy. [62099/22]

118. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the reason for the limitation of work permits for farm labourers across the country; if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is a shortage of farm labourers across the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [62125/22]

119. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the next steps that he plans to take on foot of the Labour Employer Economic Forum High Level Group on Collective Bargaining Report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [62090/22]

120. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if there are any plans to review the current arrangements for work permits in carpentry and related trades; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Murnane O'Connor. [62105/22]

121. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if the Ukraine credit guarantee scheme is now open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [62123/22]

122. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will report on the early take-up of the green transition fund; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62104/22]

123. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 62 of 27 October 2022, the status of his Department's engagement with the Department of Foreign Affairs regarding the development of a second national action plan on business and human rights; the status of his Department's work on the development of policy on business and human rights, as per recommendation 10 of the 2021 "Review of the implementation of National Plan on Business and Human Rights 2017 – 2020"; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62037/22]

124. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if his Department monitors the number of persons entering various college courses or apprenticeships in order to evaluate potential future labour surges or shortages in certain sectors. — Peadar Tóibín. [61736/22]

125. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the way that the IDA proposes to use and develop the land that it owns in Kanturk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Moynihan. [62062/22]

126. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will reconsider the number of work permits for farm workers allowed given that a severe shortage of workers for this sector has arisen in recent weeks; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James O'Connor. [62124/22]

127. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will be bringing forward any new measures to support the SME sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [62122/22]

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

*Chun an Taoisigh: To the Taoiseach.*

\*128. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of persons currently employed in the manufacturing sector throughout the country. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62300/22]

\*129. To ask the Taoiseach the total number of persons currently employed in the services sector throughout the country. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62301/22]

\*130. To ask the Taoiseach if he will outline in detail the level of employment growth in Q3 2022 in counties Laois and Offaly, each of the Midland counties and nationally in other counties. — Charles Flanagan. [61791/22]

\*131. To ask the Taoiseach the funding that was provided to Limerick from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Patrick O'Donovan. [61631/22]

\*132. To ask the Taoiseach the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61658/22]

\*133. To ask the Taoiseach if the additional €50 million shared island funding announced on 5 December 2022 includes an allocation to the City of Derry Airport for the reopening of the Dublin to Derry route which he discussed with the North West Regional Development Group when he met with representatives earlier in 2022. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61666/22]

\*134. To ask the Taoiseach the status of the Shared Ireland Programme since its establishment in 2020; the key initiatives taken; and his assessment of their impact to date. — Cormac Devlin. [61718/22]

\*135. To ask the Taoiseach if he will detail all Cabinet Committee meetings in whatever form to date in 2022, by date and meeting name in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [62078/22]

\*136. To ask the Taoiseach if he will report on his recent meeting with the French President, Emanuel Macron. — Neale Richmond. [60898/22]

\*137. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an update on employment rates. — Peadar Tóibín. [61737/22]

\*138. To ask the Taoiseach if he will provide an overview of the Shared Island programme since its launch in 2020; the funding provided; and the initiatives supported. — Cormac Devlin. [62173/22]

\*139. To ask the Taoiseach the protocol for Ministers visiting counties and constituencies in respect of extending invitations to local councillors and Members of the Houses of the Oireachtas. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62345/22]

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

\*140. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the plans that he has to extend financial supports to businesses involved in import substitution from outside the EU; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [58144/22]

\*141. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61647/22]

\*142. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the actions that have been taken to boost jobs and businesses since 27 June 2020. — Joe Flaherty. [61716/22]

\*143. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the action that has been taken to boost Ireland's economic competitiveness since 27 June 2020. — Michael Moynihan. [61719/22]

\*144. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when an application will be processed for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61745/22]

\*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will outline the full range of financial supports that are available to SMEs excluding grants or vouchers for IT and websites; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [61780/22]

\*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the progress being made in filling the vacant CEO post at IDA Ireland. — Catherine Murphy. [61884/22]



\*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views that a company (details supplied) has reneged on a WRC agreement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [61948/22]

\*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 50 of 26 October 2022, the status of the report by the Low Pay Commission on universal basic income; the timeline for the publication of the report and its accompanying research report; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [61995/22]

\*149. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when VISA applications for non-EU nationals looking to work in the agricultural farming sector will re-open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [62014/22]

\*150. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment further to Parliamentary Question No. 104 of 6 December 2022, his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [62017/22]

\*151. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will detail by date all of the meetings that he has had with Enterprise Ireland and the IDA since he took office in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [62079/22]

\*152. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the status of Ireland's economic activity with Canada; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [57628/22]

\*153. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he will provide an update on the promised humanitarian assistance fund for those who were affected by flooding in Cork on 16 October 2022. — Thomas Gould. [56452/22]

\*154. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if Enterprise Ireland plans to have a trade mission to Poland during Quarter 1 of 2023. — Paul Donnelly. [62189/22]

\*155. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if financial supports or grants are available for a young person who wishes to establish a milk recording business in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [62255/22]

\*156. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to monitor the impact of rising energy prices on the retail sector; the extent to which Government decisions in Budget 2023 have assisted on the sector; the degree to which further assistance is warranted; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62298/22]

\*157. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the estimated total number of jobs believed to have accrued from foreign direct investment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62299/22]

\*158. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to liaise with the tech industries in order to minimise any negative impact due

to worldwide downturns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62302/22]

\*159. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the degree to which IDA assistance remains available to the manufacturing sector throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62303/22]

\*160. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which diversification throughout the manufacturing and services sectors has resulted in increased employment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62304/22]

\*161. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to liaise with both the manufacturing and services sector with a view to continued identification of the problems they face with the objective of averting some of the challenges; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62305/22]

\*162. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to monitor trade between here and Northern Ireland; the degree to which any particular indicators have emerged in recent times; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62306/22]

\*163. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which the manufacturing and services sectors grew in County Kildare in each of the past three years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62307/22]

\*164. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to liaise with both the manufacturing and services sectors to identify with the concerns of both employers and employees with a view to ensuring ongoing and increased opportunity and retention of existing positions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62308/22]

\*165. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the steps that will be taken to ensure the availability of sufficient personnel to take up positions in the workplace; the extent to which staff shortages can be filled through non-EU sources; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62309/22]

\*166. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the incentives currently available for small and start-up enterprises; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62310/22]

\*167. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which new markets for Irish exports overseas are being sourced on an ongoing basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62311/22]

\*168. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he and his Department can encourage the return of Irish immigrants currently based abroad with a view to meeting the workplace shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62312/22]

\*169. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to address issues arising from Brexit with particular reference to both the



manufacturing and services sectors; the extent to which he continues to ensure that Irish exporters impacted to the least possible extent by Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62314/22]

\*170. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the extent to which he continues to assist the augmentation of the labour force here through the use of work permits; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62315/22]

\*171. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the total number of work permits issued to non-EU applicants in each of the past three years to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62316/22]

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

\*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will list the job title and Department of all those who attended COP 27 as part of the Irish delegation. — Mattie McGrath. [61704/22]

\*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to recent polling (details supplied) which shows that the upcoming latte levy would make 33% of the public spend less on takeaway teas and coffees; if he is concerned at the impact that this will have on business and employment in a precarious sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61899/22]

\*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the supports or arrangements that have been made to ensure that persons in rented accommodation who do not have a MRP number can get access to the electricity support grant; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61642/22]

\*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61648/22]

\*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will engage with the Commission for Regulation of Utilities in relation to the treatment of vulnerable users and the charging of these customers for meter readings. — Bríd Smith. [61668/22]

\*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the ESB announcement that a 50% price hike in its rates for electric vehicle charging that will come into effect on 20 December 2022 for EV drivers who charge on the public network (details supplied); if he and or his officials were consulted on the price rise by ESB for EV charging rates; and if the Commission for Regulation of Utilities was consulted and or engaged with the ESB in respect of same. — Catherine Murphy. [61740/22]

\*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the reduction in wholesale energy costs will be reflected in domestic energy customers' bills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [61742/22]

\*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to the decision by domestic waste collection operators to increase their standing

charges and lift fees; if he is concerned of the impact of these increases; and if he intends to take steps to prevent or mitigate these increased charges particularly for vulnerable and low-income customers. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61782/22]

\*180. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that has been made on climate action since 27 June 2020. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [61783/22]

\*181. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the cost to households has been considered as part of the new deposit return scheme in cases in which a person will pay an additional cost for plastics and cans while also paying for household waste collection which is increasing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61787/22]

\*182. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status his Department’s investigations of the HSE cyber-attack in May 2021; if a foreign power was involved; the measures that have been taken to prevent such an incident from reoccurring; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61790/22]

\*183. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will introduce financial supports for residents reliant on district energy systems in the form of one-off energy credits or a direct subsidy covering the difference between the average domestic rate and the commercial rate of gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [61803/22]

\*184. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that has been made on broadband provision since 27 June 2020. — Michael Moynihan. [61810/22]

\*185. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his attention has been drawn to recent polling (details supplied) which shows that 63% of the public believe that the latte levy should not apply to either certified-recyclable or certified as compostable paper cups; if he intends to include recyclable or compostable paper cups in the levy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [61900/22]

\*186. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the business supports that are in place or planned for independent fuel merchants as Ireland transitions away from fossil fuels (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [61944/22]

\*187. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of biomethane injection points by Gas Networks Ireland; if he will provide an outline of the planned injection point locations; the capacity of those injection points; the climate risks that have been identified with the sources of feed for anaerobic digestors; and the risks that have been identified with the target of 5.7 TWh of biomethane production by 2030. — Paul Murphy. [61968/22]

\*188. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the 2023 guidelines for the better energy communities’ scheme will be finalised and published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [62160/22]

\*189. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the dates the 2023 better energy communities' scheme is to be open for applications; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [62161/22]

\*190. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current procedure and upcoming changes to the regulation surrounding the burning of old scrub and bushes off agricultural land; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [62164/22]

\*191. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the recent doubling in costs of wood pellets; his views on whether this is a matter which needs to be addressed urgently given the efforts to reduce the carbon footprint of households with wood pellet stoves; and if any measures are to be introduced which will see an immediate reduction in the cost of wood pellets. — Robert Troy. [62167/22]

\*192. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the fact that some 700 national schools that have been assigned to NBI for the provision of broadband; the costs for these schools in relation to same given that NBI has not provided fibre connectivity to the vast majority of schools and is providing connectivity via wireless technology (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [62206/22]

\*193. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the fact that 700 national schools have been assigned to NBI for the provision of broadband; his further views on the costs for these schools in relation to same given that NBI does not have fibre connectivity to the vast majority of schools that have been allocated to NBI and is providing the connectivity via wireless technology (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Collins. [62232/22]

\*194. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if retrospective energy credit will be paid to those Traveller families who were eligible for the first round of payments but missed out because they pay their bills directly to local authorities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [62273/22]

\*195. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the energy credit will be paid to the 1,054 Travellers living on official local authority halting sites, who are in basic service bays/transient halting site bays, sharing permanent halting site bays, and sharing basic service bays/transient halting site bays; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [62274/22]

\*196. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the energy credit will be paid to the 330 families in unauthorised provision who are actively seeking accommodation from their local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [62275/22]

\*197. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if provision has been made or will be made for credible floating offshore wind projects to be expedited on a par with traditional fixed bottom technology in phase 2 projects; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [62320/22]

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

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport to provide details on the communications received by his Department from the vessel owners of the Hebble Dredge ship currently moored in Drogheda after being re-floated following its sinking earlier this year, in respect of their plan to remove the unsightly and environmentally impactful vessel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62012/22]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide clarification on a matter (details supplied) regarding the ESB electric vehicle price hike. — Brendan Griffin. [62241/22]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport if persons with dementia and or their families, carers and so on are eligible for the parking permit to allow them to park in disabled parking spaces in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [62270/22]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport the meetings that have been held by Departments regarding the transfer of Shannon Heritage sites. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62358/22]

\*202. To ask the Minister for Transport when the Shannon Heritage Working Group will meet next. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61416/22]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a full report of the meetings that Shannon Heritage Working Group has had to date. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [61417/22]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Transport the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61660/22]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is concerned at the increase in charges by private bus operators (details supplied) which commuters rely on in the west of Ireland as they are unable to pay for rental accommodation in Galway city; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [61714/22]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of persons awaiting a driving test in each testing centre in tabular form. — Seán Crowe. [61724/22]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to the significant increase in the cost of charging an electric vehicle; the way that he plans to make charging an EV economical to ensure that more persons are encouraged to purchase an electric vehicle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [61739/22]

\*208. To ask the Minister for Transport the date on which the active travel corridor that was supposed to be constructed from the Sallins bypass to the new school at Millennium Park will be completed (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [61753/22]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Transport the new plans for the metropolitan rail network proposed for Cork; if he will outline the plans for infrastructure improvements and frequency for the Blackpool, Blarney, Rathduff, Mallow, Banteer and Millstreet stations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61763/22]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Transport the key initiatives taken to improve transport services in both urban and rural Ireland since 27 June 2020. — Michael Moynihan. [61768/22]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to ensure that EASA aviation licences are recognised by the CAA in Britain in order to facilitate cross-Border employment in the aviation sector on the island of Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [61825/22]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Transport when half price fares will be operable on private buses; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61832/22]

\*213. To ask the Minister for Transport if there is a mechanism for a person to claim a refund for the cost of a flight that did operate but that they did not take due to Covid restrictions in cases in which the flight operator has refused a refund of the cost; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [61856/22]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Transport the additional PSO funded Bus Éireann services that will be provided by location in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61863/22]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers that have used Bus Éireann route 109X in each direction in 2021 and to-date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [61864/22]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Transport if Dublin Bus plans to have a 51X Bus departing UCD Belfield going towards Dunawley at 6:20pm on Monday to Friday during term periods only. — Catherine Murphy. [61887/22]

\*217. To ask the Minister for Transport the current status of a new Coastguard building in Howth; and the amount that his Department has spent on this project to date. — Catherine Murphy. [61888/22]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Transport when each of the remaining parts of the BusConnects Dublin programme will come into operation. — Catherine Murphy. [61889/22]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Transport if project Bruce will take into consideration plans to establish an M50 resilience road; if he has plans to toll the proposed new route; if he will provide an update on the proposed route; and if the options that have been developed have been considered and one chosen. — Catherine Murphy. [61904/22]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Programme for Government commitment to ensure that private bus operators and the National Transport Authority operate the free travel scheme on all publicly licensed bus routes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61923/22]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the Programme for Government commitment to rollout BusConnects, in particular the E-Spine; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61924/22]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Transport the status of the rollout of 24-hour bus routes in Dublin; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61925/22]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Transport the reason that the RSA driver theory test does not provide full result details to those who are sitting the test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [61951/22]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to reports that some vehicle insurance companies are suggesting that a vehicle owners should obtain a certificate of road worthiness from a mechanic while awaiting an NCT due to the backlog of NCT tests, in order that the insurance would honour the policy; the reason that this is happening; the rationale for this; if this is legal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [61988/22]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Transport when an individual transport service will commence for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61990/22]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Transport if he supports the concept of transport hubs in towns with the location of all public transport services, information on such services, smart travel links form such hubs and local facilities. — Alan Kelly. [62075/22]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will detail all meetings that he and or his Departmental officials have had with the NTA since he took office; and if he will provide the meeting dates in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [62076/22]

\*228. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider matters raised by a person (details supplied) in respect of train schedules; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [62080/22]

\*229. To ask the Minister for Transport further to Parliamentary Question No 190 of 29 November 2022, the current wait times for driving tests in Loughrea, Tuam, Clifden, Carnmore and Galway city; the time of the first and last tests in Loughrea, Tuam, Clifden, Carnmore and Galway city; the number of driving tests being carried out in Loughrea, Tuam, Clifden, Carnmore and Galway city each day; the date on which the winter schedule is expected to end; the date on which the spring-summer schedule is expected to begin; the number of driving tests expected to be added to the schedule when the summer-spring schedule begins; the locations of the test centres in which the two new entrants to be employed in January 2023 will be deployed to in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [62166/22]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of full-time staff by job title working in the Planning Operations Department of Iarnród Éireann as of 1 January 2021 and 7 December 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [62175/22]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of passengers who have used Dublin Bus Route 40D in both directions in the years 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [62176/22]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Transport the details of current waiting times for driving tests for B category vehicles in all north Dublin test centres, to include the number of persons awaiting a test at each centre; and the number of weeks that they are currently on the waiting list, broken down into four-week periods 0-4, 4-8, 8-12, 12-16, 16-20 and so on in tabular form. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [62242/22]



\*233. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is aware of delays in the National Transport Authority extending the life of taxis beyond the 10-year age limit for vehicles and the impact this is having on taxi drivers securing a new licence for 2023; if he will engage with the NTA about having the process expedited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [62280/22]

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

\*234. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will work with the Minister for Finance to ensure that joint ventures operating all weather pitches such as a company (details supplied) owned and operated on a not-for-profit basis by a soccer club and a GAA Club, will be eligible for the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [61771/22]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Finance the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61649/22]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an historical schedule of annual costs to date regarding the management of commercial properties in Russia and Ukraine on behalf of the former special liquidators of a bank (details supplied) and the liquidators themselves. — Catherine Murphy. [61697/22]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide an overview of legislative or consumer protection code provisions with respect to chargebacks, authorised push payment fraud and fraud regarding card payments; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61722/22]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will carry out a review of the fuel grant for disabled drivers (details supplied) in view of the fact that no such review has been carried out within the past five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61732/22]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Finance when the changes to income tax announced in Budget 2023 are coming into effect; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61749/22]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on whether there is a need for tax bands to be linked to inflation given the current rates of inflation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61765/22]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Finance if joint ventures operating all weather pitches such as a company (details supplied) owned and operated on a not-for-profit basis by a soccer club and a GAA club, will be eligible for the temporary business energy support scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aodhán Ó Ríordáin. [61770/22]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [61906/22]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of audits initiated by the Revenue Commissioners during the years 2016 to 2021 and to 1 December 2022, by reason category that is, screening, business area or random selection in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61919/22]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the difficulty that the increase in benefit in kind tax is having on persons who require a car for work, who have no other option and for whom a car is a necessary tool for work; if he will reverse the decision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61929/22]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of transactions and or auctions that a company (details supplied) was involved in, in respect of IBRCs holding of NAMA junior bonds in 2014 and 2015. — Catherine Murphy. [61970/22]

\*246. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide a schedule of the companies that acquired IBRC's holding of NAMA junior bonds in 2014 and 2015. — Catherine Murphy. [61971/22]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will provide the date on which and the time that his Department and or the former Minister for Finance was first notified by a company (details supplied) of the most likely pricing range that could be achieved in the auction of IBRC's holding of NAMA junior bonds. — Catherine Murphy. [61972/22]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Finance if changes in the VAT Directive which was agreed in April 2022 which allowed for a reduced rate to apply to the supply of sport or physical exercise classes have been implemented; and if so, the current VAT rate for the supply of sport or physical exercise classes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61978/22]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Finance if his attention has been drawn to the continued lack of insurance providers for community groups in particular; if any consideration has been given to the State providing cover in such cases; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [62140/22]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Finance if polythene covers for growing maize are exempt from VAT regardless of whether the traditional oxo-degradable film or the newer compostable film is used; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [62142/22]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will consider extending tax relief for relevant donations for the purchase of land for community/recreation facilities for community groups involved in activities other than sports for example allotments, community gardens and men's and women's sheds; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [62151/22]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Finance if there are any incentives for landowners to lease their land for allotments, community gardens and men's and women's sheds; if not, if he has any plans to introduce such measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [62152/22]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Finance the reason that a person (details supplied) is taxed as a single person; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [62211/22]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Finance if he intends to retain the 9% VAT rate for the tourism sector (details supplied); the supports in place for that sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62263/22]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Finance the numbers of complaints to the Ombudsman for Financial Services in the past three years; the number of these that were deemed ineligible for being out of date or time; if he can clarify whether complaints regarding the actions of banks and financial



institutions to the Ombudsman are constrained by the date at which the incident and or complaint arose; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [62266/22]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Finance the assessment that has been carried out by his Department on a recent European Court of Justice ruling (Judgment of the Court in Joined Cases C-37/20, Luxembourg Business Registers and C-601/20) which seems to call into question the principle of a public register of beneficial ownership; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [62338/22]

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

\*257. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61655/22]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he intends to backdate the pension payments of those who were retired during the banking collapse of 2007 and 2008 and who had their pension cut due to austerity measures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61678/22]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of modular housing units for housing Ukrainian refugees and or asylum seekers that were commenced under the contract signed with a company (details supplied) in each of the months from September to date in December 2022, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [61710/22]

\*260. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated number of modular housing units for housing Ukrainian refugees and or asylum seekers that will be commenced this year. — Alan Kelly. [61711/22]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the date on which the contract with a company (details supplied) was signed for the construction of modular homes. — Alan Kelly. [61712/22]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the action that he has taken to enhance and expand public investment since 27 June 2020. — Michael Moynihan. [61717/22]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will raise the issue of access to the swimming pool in the Garda College with the Garda Commissioner given the lack of engagement from the Garda College in Templemore with the local community on same. — Martin Browne. [61725/22]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the number of vacancies there are currently at clerical officer and executive officer grade; and the number of appointments at each of these grades scheduled in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [61882/22]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the estimated amount of money that the OPW will spend on the refurbishment and fit out costs to the new Garda premises at 13 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin 1. — Catherine Murphy. [61883/22]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the total cost of the development of the National Children's Science Centre at Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2 (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [61890/22]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on whether it is appropriate that the OPW will spend State resources to develop a new science centre at Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2 which will then be handed over to the National Children's Science Centre (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [61891/22]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the OPW is engaging with commercial entities that may have an interest in the National Children's Science Centre project (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [61892/22]

\*269. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the credentials that the OPW believe that the National Children's Science Centre has to run a science museum (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [61893/22]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the projections of the OPW to demonstrate that the National Children's Science Centre will be financially viable (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [61894/22]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform the reason that the OPW was in arbitration with the National Children's Science Centre (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [61896/22]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when the Office of Government Procurement plans to publish its approach and timeline in relation to the type of cloud services that are suited for central procurement arrangements; the nature of any such solutions; the timing of any such procurement competitions; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [62146/22]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 251 of 29 November 2022, the action that is being taken to address flooding at a property (details supplied) located along the River Clodiagh, in the Borrisoleigh area, which has caused damage to private property; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [62244/22]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if smaller size funding for local organisations of approximately €50,000 will be available under the new peace plus funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [62272/22]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the parliamentary activities allowance is audited; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62346/22]

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

\*276. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the way that Arthur's Way can be listed as a cycle route along the Grand Canal towpath and partially on roads in the Celbridge-Leixlip hinterland with a short section in SDCC (details supplied); the barriers

there are for inclusion in the Sport Ireland Cycling database; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [62339/22]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61659/22]

\*278. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the status of a lease for a facility (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61727/22]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the measures that have been taken to strengthen and develop the arts and culture sectors since 27 June 2020. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61784/22]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the current members of Irish Museum of Modern Art; the Minister who appointed each member; and the current remuneration of each member in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61874/22]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the amount of funding that Sport Ireland has provided to the Irish Bowling Association in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61875/22]

\*282. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil a fhios aici go bhfuil fostaithe de chuid Fhoras na Gaeilge sa Stát seo ag íoc ÁSPC d’Aicme A agus ranníocaíochtaí pinsin ar scála pá aguisín 1A, ach go bhfuil an scála pá 2A aitheanta ag Foras na Gaeilge ina leith nuair a íoctar deontais leis na heagraíochtaí Gaeilge, agus an bhfuil sé i gceist aici a chinntiú go réiteofar an éagóir seo i dtaca le pá fostaithe agus iarfhostaithe de chuid an Fhorais. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61897/22]

\*283. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Turasóireachta, Cultúir, Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán an bhfuil sé i gceist aici maoiniú breise a chur ar fáil d’Fhoras na Gaeilge ionas go mbeidh an Foras in ann an íocaíocht chuí a thabhairt do na heagraíochtaí Gaeilge arna maoiniú aige, sa tslí is go bhfaighidh na daoine atá fostaithe ag na heagraíochtaí sin an t-ardú pá, ar fiú 7.5% é, atá á thabhairt d’fhostaithe sa tseirbhís phoiblí. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61898/22]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if the additional €2.5 million in sound and vision funding will include a provision for spending in news and current affairs programming and to support live programming; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [61942/22]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she will provide an update with regards to activity regarding the Fáilte Ireland Food and Drink Strategy 2018-2023; and if there will be a new strategy developed for the period 2024-2029. — Imelda Munster. [61973/22]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the supports provided to strengthen and develop sports facilities and organisations since 27 June 2020. — Cormac Devlin. [62171/22]

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

\*287. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the steps that have been taken to bring the Old Baggot Street Hospital into use as accommodation for refugees given there is an extreme need for accommodation for refugees and asylum seekers; and the measures that he has taken since the feasibility report in relation to this site which was completed in March 2022. — Chris Andrews. [61862/22]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if grants or supports are available for research projects (details supplied); the way that funding can be availed of; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [61635/22]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the standards in rented accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61640/22]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61653/22]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total number of cost rental and affordable purchase homes that have been delivered to date via croí cónaithe cities, affordable housing fund, project tosaigh, IDA new builds, cost-rental equity loan and, the serviced sites fund, broken down by cost of rent or buy and location in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61682/22]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the current number of live studies, reviews and research projects undertaken or commissioned by his Department in tabular form; the date by which each study, review and research project is scheduled to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61683/22]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the total spend on RAS, HAP, and long term-leasing to date in 2022, broken down by local authority in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61684/22]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the housing capital underspend to date in 2022; the amount that he expects will be carried forward into 2023; if this will exceed the 10% cap; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61686/22]

\*295. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the number of vacant sites identified in each local authority area to date in 2022; the amounts levied in each area under the vacant sites levy; the amounts collected under the levy; the amounts outstanding in unpaid levies in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [61687/22]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will report on the fire safety defects uncovered in Phoenix Park Racecourse; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [61699/22]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his views on whether modular units like those being constructed for Ukrainian refugees could also be used for social housing tenants in the coming years. — Alan Kelly. [61713/22]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will clarify the situation in relation to a couple who are named tenants in a social housing house but who become separated; if it is possible to have one named tenant removed from the tenancy agreement; if so, the way that this is done; if each local authority operates in a different manner; and if this situation is covered by national regulations or by statutory instruments. — Bríd Smith. [61729/22]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if clarification will be provided regarding a situation of domestic violence in cases in which a person can have their violent partner removed from the tenancy agreement with their local authority; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61730/22]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the actions that he has taken further to a number of allegations of conflicts of interest regarding currently-serving board members of An Bord Pleanála; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mary Lou McDonald. [61731/22]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will instruct local authorities to extend the ‘fresh start’ principle for home loans with local authorities, to ensure that it is also offered to those whose mortgages were bought by vulture funds and are now trapped on high interest rates (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61905/22]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if local authorities have legal authority to raise rents specifically for the intention of ringfencing the rent increase to fund local property tax. — Imelda Munster. [61975/22]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the current loophole in the Wildlife (Amendment) Act 2010 which permits hunting of deer with one dog should be removed as it is being exploited to engage in carted deer hunting. — Paul Murphy. [61999/22]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the next round of the Rural Water Programme will be published given that this programme is vital for extensions to local group water schemes and small sewerage schemes which are awaiting funding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [62013/22]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on progress to honour a commitment made in the Joint Policy Statement on Housing Options for our Ageing Population in 2019 that 30% of all new dwellings would be built to incorporate universal design principles to accommodate Ireland’s ageing population; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [62039/22]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide the recommendations that have or have not been completed from the review of An Bord Pleanála published in 2016, in tabular form. — Alan Kelly. [62072/22]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the planned social housing output in County Tipperary for 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025. — Alan Kelly. [62073/22]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he supports putting social housing tenants in modular forms of housing in the future. — Alan Kelly. [62074/22]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage with regard to SI 309 of 2022 which provides for planning exemptions for temporary accommodation for displaced Ukrainians, if any proposals are being brought forward to streamline the required building regulations to ensure a timely turnaround on proposals; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62135/22]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will reimburse those who have funded essential fire remediation works on their properties that were defective; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [62143/22]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the remediation scheme for those who own defective apartments with fire risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [62144/22]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the reason a person (details supplied) was only offered 60% of a local authority home loan, despite meeting all the criteria for a 90% loan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62159/22]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he has had the opportunity to meet with an organisation (details supplied) in relation to the vacant apartments in New Ross, following his recent visit to the town; if he will set out the response that he has received from the organisation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [62170/22]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the built heritage investment scheme allocation for Knocklofty House, Clonmel, has been returned to his Department. — Martin Browne. [62209/22]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide clarification on the length of the tenancy for a cost-rental scheme (details supplied) under the LDA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62212/22]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will set out a list of all Residential Tenancies (Amendment) Bills introduced and passed by the Houses of the Oireachtas since 2016; and if he will provide a short summary of each Act in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62257/22]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the regional homeless forum covering counties Cork and Kerry last met. — Thomas Gould. [62278/22]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department intends to review and change current regulations to include a specific percentage of wheelchair liveable housing. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62291/22]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when he will consider the amendments made to the Wildlife Amendment Bill 2016 in Seanad Éireann; when he will complete his consideration of the Bill; when he will propose to Government that permission be sought to have this Bill restored to the order paper for Dáil Éireann's final consideration; the reason



for the four year delay in relation to same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62330/22]

\*320. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage further to Parliamentary Question No. 97 of 23 November 2022, the local authorities that have online choice-based lettings in place in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62347/22]

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

\*321. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61650/22]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if his attention has been drawn to the existence of so-called police stations operated by Chinese authorities; if such police stations exist within the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [61708/22]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will outline the sanctions that have been imposed by the EU on Belarus following on from Belarus’s involvement in the war with Ukraine. — Catherine Murphy. [61885/22]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he plans to invite his Australian counterpart to Ireland in early 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [61886/22]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs his views on the recent changes introduced to the Northern Ireland Troubles Bill by the British government during its second reading in the House of Lords; if the British government advised the Irish Government of these changes before second reading; if he shares the assessment that the Bill still fails to discharge the British Governments human rights obligations; and the way that the limit of the UK government’s changes inform the plans of the Irish Government in relation to taking an inter-state challenge. — Pauline Tully. [60159/22]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if an application for Foreign Birth Registration can be progressed based on the information submitted (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [62005/22]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on a foreign birth passport (details supplied). — Charles Flanagan. [62220/22]

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

\*328. To ask the Minister for Defence the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61645/22]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Defence if he will provide details of any instances of near misses, or where safety reviews were carried out into incidents which occurred during live fire training exercises conducted by the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [61690/22]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Defence the estimated cost in 2023 if the specialised instructor allowance was reinstated within the Defence Forces. — Catherine Murphy. [61881/22]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Defence whether the Defence Forces Colour Vision Working Group established to review the colour vision requirements for joining the Defence Forces has completed its review; if a report has been presented to the Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [62139/22]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Defence if he is satisfied at the way in which the protected disclosure section of the Department operates; if he is satisfied with the way in which protected disclosures are dealt with; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62284/22]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of a protected disclosure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62285/22]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of a protected disclosure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62286/22]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of a protected disclosure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62287/22]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of a protected disclosure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62288/22]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Defence the status of a protected disclosure (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62289/22]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Defence the position of the person who makes determinations in respect of internal complaints submitted by members of the Defence Forces; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62290/22]

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

\*339. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that she has to reintroduce the HDip and or shorten the two-year professional master's in education to a one-year course; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62342/22]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Education the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61646/22]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the provision of a new school building for a school (details supplied). — Cathal Crowe. [61671/22]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department can suggest a funding scheme or grant that would allow for a school (details supplied) to address constant flooding in its schoolyard, which prevents the children from using the yard. — Cathal Crowe. [61672/22]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Education if she supports the proposed restructuring of Tusla given the policy and finance remit of education welfare services sits in her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61674/22]



\*344. To ask the Minister for Education if she has been consulted about proposed restructuring of educational welfare services within Tusla; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61675/22]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Education the way that her Department can ensure that the focus of educational welfare services remains on attendance, participation, retention if proposed restructuring by Tusla services goes ahead; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61676/22]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Education the way that she will ensure that her Department's funds remain targeted on the best educational outcomes for all young people if TESS is disbanded under Tusla restructuring proposals; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61677/22]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on a school transport service (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [61691/22]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a bus ticket for transport to school will receive their ticket; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [61703/22]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Education the progress that she has achieved to date in bringing school completion officers back within her Department's remit; if her attention has been drawn to reports of the impact that Education Training Boards are experiencing in recruiting persons as a result of the current school completion programme governance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [61706/22]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Education the latest data on the number of Irish examination exemptions for students of the Junior and Leaving Certificate; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61769/22]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Education when an application for SNA, bus escort and DES supports for a child (details supplied) in County Donegal will be processed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61772/22]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of a child (details supplied) who is attending an autism unit in County Sligo but has yet to receive confirmation of a place on the school bus; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [61785/22]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Education when school transport will be provided to an eligible student (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61799/22]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Education the number of appeals currently waiting for assessment under the school transport appeals board by county in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [61805/22]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Education the requirements that are necessary to allow those with teaching qualifications from Ukraine to teach at Irish primary and secondary level schools; if there are other roles that those with such qualifications could play in Irish schools given the number of

children from Ukraine currently enrolled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [61818/22]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the case of two children (details supplied) with extenuating circumstances who have yet to receive an update with regard to getting school transport; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc MacSharry. [61833/22]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Education the supports that are available to assist schools with their energy bills this winter; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61834/22]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Education if the board of management of a school (details supplied) that was established as a regional school solution for two school planning areas, has the authority to alter the school's catchment area boundary; if not, if that catchment area boundary must remain as the boundary of the relevant school planning areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Marc Ó Cathasaigh. [61902/22]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Education the requirements necessary to allow the appointment of a home-school community liaison to a school; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [61907/22]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update from her Department and the NCSE for admissions to special schools and special classes in September 2023; the number of places that her Department and the NCSE anticipate are needed; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61908/22]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Education the actions that are being taken to create places in special schools and special classes ahead of the September 2023 school term to ensure that each child has a place in an appropriate setting and to ensure that parents do not have to deal with ongoing uncertainty; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61909/22]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Education the actions that she will take to ensure that all children who need access to the in-school July provision programme in 2023 can access it; the number of children at primary and post-primary level who need access to in-school July provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61910/22]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to delays in processing applications by the Teaching Council; if she will clarify that there is only one member of staff processing overseas applications; and if further resources might be provided in order to increase the processing of applications given the current shortage of teachers in certain areas. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61913/22]

\*364. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on the registration of a person (details supplied) with the Teaching Council. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61914/22]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teachers who are on secondment from schools to the TES section of her Department. — Donnchadh Ó Laoghaire. [61943/22]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Education if she will instruct a school (details supplied) to revoke its decision to refuse an admission form, thereby allowing a student to be admitted, given the

extenuating circumstances.; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [61945/22]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Education the reason that a person (details supplied) who has a secondary school job awaiting them, and which they cannot commence due to the fact that they have been waiting over two months for the Teaching Council to complete their registration; if she can assure the person and others in the same predicament that their registration will be completed post-haste; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61965/22]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Education if she will review the contents of an educational file (details supplied); her views on whether this child is entitled to more SET support than is currently being offered; if her Department would be in a position to allocate additional support to the school to support this call; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Kelly. [61986/22]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Education the funding stream in her Department which would be best for to apply for by a school (details supplied) in order to deal with the ongoing hazard that its flooded schoolyard presents. — Cathal Crowe. [62040/22]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Education if she will clarify the reasoning a student who is studying for a Master's in education and providing substitution in a school cannot receive payment for the five days of work; the reason that this is cut to four days; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [62154/22]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Education the number of teachers that are due to complete their final year's training in 2023; and those due to finish their qualifications in 2024. — Paul Donnelly. [62177/22]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Education the main initiatives that she has taken to provide reduced class sizes at primary school level since 27 June 2020; the additional funding provided in successive budgets; her plans for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62202/22]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Education the main initiatives that she has taken to improve the quality of secondary education since 27 June 2020; the additional funding provided in successive budgets; her plans for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62203/22]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Education the main initiatives that she has taken to tackle educational disadvantage since 27 June 2020; the additional funding provided in successive budgets; her plans for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62204/22]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Education the main initiatives that she has taken to improve the quality of special needs education since 27 June 2020; the additional funding provided in successive budgets; her plans for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62205/22]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on an application by a pupil (details supplied) for a special transport grant; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [62208/22]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Education the measures that are being taken by her Department to promote and maintain the growth of the ETB sector (details supplied). — Michael Healy-Rae. [62261/22]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Education if she will provide an update on plans for a permanent location for a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [62262/22]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Education the number and value of granted and declined applications approved for incremental credit for primary and secondary teachers by county in each of the years 2007 to 2021 and to date in 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [62264/22]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Education if she will examine the reason that a person (details supplied) is encountering difficulty being re-instated as a teacher following a period abroad. — Robert Troy. [62318/22]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Education the plans that she has to address the shortfall in secondary school places in County Kildare (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [62325/22]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Education the discussions that she has had with an ETB (details supplied) regarding increasing the number of secondary school places; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [62326/22]

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

\*383. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if steps will be taken to address an anomaly whereby a recipient of a non-contributory pension will not be able to rent out their empty home under the terms of the fair deal scheme; if she is aware that the former family home will now be treated as an asset and contribute to their means assessment, and in most instances renting out the home would mean the elderly person losing their pension. — Joe Flaherty. [62015/22]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Social Protection further to Parliamentary Question No. 671 of 8 November 2022, if the independent evaluation of the school meals programme to inform future policy direction that she referred to and the final report due to be completed by the end of the year is on schedule; the timeline for the publication of the report; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62354/22]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that schools which were approved for the school meals scheme in 2022 received the funding for the hot dinner option at a cost of €2.90 in contradiction to the Government website which stated the option of €1.90, and a €0.50 snack; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62355/22]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the regulation that is in place in relation to the suppliers of the school meals scheme and the way that they are ensuring that health and safety guidelines are being met; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62356/22]

\*387. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61657/22]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will examine the pay and terms of the community employment supervisors (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61665/22]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if clarification will be provided in relation to an application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61679/22]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the total spend on rent supplement to date in 2022, broken down by county in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O’Callaghan. [61685/22]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will review a disallowance of carer’s allowance and carer’s support in respect of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Howlin. [61701/22]

\*392. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in determination of application for fuel allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61707/22]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if recipients of the working family payment will receive the Christmas bonus payment to social welfare recipients; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61723/22]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if the new income thresholds for fuel allowance are coming into effect on 1 January 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61748/22]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Cork is in receipt of their full social welfare entitlements. — Sean Sherlock. [61759/22]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person (details supplied) in County Donegal has an entitlement to any cost-of-living payments announced in Budget 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61776/22]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that those on illness benefit for less than 12 months were not included in the category of persons who get an additional week’s benefit for Christmas. — Paul Murphy. [61777/22]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of inspections of road passenger bus services involved in the free travel scheme that were conducted by Departmental officials by route from 1 January 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61822/22]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of complaints received by her Department regarding the operation of the free travel scheme by bus route from 1 January 2015 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61823/22]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of investigations conducted by her Departmental officials into the operation of the free travel scheme on specific bus routes; and the outcome of such investigations. — Catherine Murphy. [61824/22]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of an exceptional needs' payment for a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61838/22]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the eligibility for the fuel allowance in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61839/22]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of a fuel allowance application of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61842/22]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in the determination of domiciliary care allowance application by a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61843/22]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in liaising with her counterpart in Hungary with a view to assessing contributions for the purpose of qualifying for an invalidity pension in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61844/22]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the progress to date in undertaking review in the case of a child (details supplied) who has been assessed as having ADHD, whose application for domiciliary care allowance has been refused, who has again been expelled from school on the basis of disruptive behaviour but has been deemed by her Department as being equal to any other child of a similar age; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61845/22]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the supports that are available to a person (details supplied). — Chris Andrews. [61860/22]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the financial supports that are available in the interim to an individual who is awaiting the result of a post-mortem following their husband's death and who cannot claim their husband's life insurance policy to cover funeral expenses and so on until the full death certificate is issued (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61866/22]

\*409. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will report on the means review project 2022; the persons and the number of recipients that were included in this review; the way that were they were selected; the reason they were selected; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61921/22]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if her Department will provide support for a person (details supplied); and if she will provide an update on any outstanding applications or appeals that the person has with her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61936/22]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she agrees with An Taoiseach (details supplied) that it is not the Government's intention to deny the €500 lump-sum payment to those who have come off disability allowance on a temporary basis to undertake Solas training courses; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [61947/22]



\*412. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is an appeal mechanism for a person (details supplied) in County Leitrim who, by virtue of reaching the age of 66 years and having been awarded the old-age pension, missed out on the €500 bonus paid to persons in receipt of the invalidity pension by just one month; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61949/22]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a disability allowance payment will be processed for a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61976/22]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on her commitment to examine the possibility of extending the €500 disability payment to those in receipt of the Partial Capacity Benefit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62007/22]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Social Protection will steps be taken to address an anomaly whereby a recipient of a non-contributory pension will not be able to rent out their empty home under the terms of the Fair Deal scheme; is he aware that the former family home will now be treated as an asset and contribute to their means assessment, and in most instances renting out the home would mean the elderly person losing their pension. — Joe Flaherty. [62016/22]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for additional needs payment and exceptional needs payment by county to date in 2022; and the number of applications awarded in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [62162/22]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of social welfare participants involved in skill development schemes, community and voluntary schemes and training courses per payment type in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62197/22]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current number of recipients of jobseeker's benefit and jobseeker's allowance; the number of recipients of jobseeker's benefit and jobseeker's allowance in 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62198/22]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of recipients of jobseeker's benefit and jobseeker's allowance by time spent on each payment type, including a time of less than 12 months; less than 24 months and longer than 24 months in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62199/22]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current number of recipients of jobseeker's benefit and jobseeker's allowance, with regard to jobseeker's allowance for 18 to 25-year-olds for all rates of payment in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62200/22]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the current average processing times for all social welfare payments; the number of applications received for each payment; the number of applications processed to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62201/22]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of applications for ANP and ENP by county for the months of October and November in 2021 and October and November in 2022; and the number of applications awarded in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [62207/22]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when an application for domiciliary care allowance will be awarded to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [62213/22]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an approved payment; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [62222/22]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Social Protection when a person (details supplied) in County Clare will receive a decision on their invalidity pension claim; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [62223/22]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of community welfare officers in County Tipperary in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and the locations in which these services were located in each year. — Martin Browne. [62237/22]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average time for processing additional needs payment applications in County Tipperary in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022. — Martin Browne. [62238/22]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the directives or circulars from her Department that have issued to State-funded services, including MABS, regarding the mandatory retirement age; the way that this issue is being treated in State-funded organisations; the way that it impacts in particular on a cohort of workers who were seconded from her Department to these agencies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [62253/22]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if there is any discretion in relation to the provision of the Christmas bonus to persons on illness benefit (details supplied); if it is a full year to qualify for the bonus or if it is 312 days as per other payments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [62277/22]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if rental income is classed as working or self-employment, when a person over 65 years of age has ceased their full-time work and applied for benefit payment for 65-year-olds, given that the rules of the payment state that a person can continue in subsidiary employment, which could have been done while a person was in full-time employment and outside one's normal working hours; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Noel Grealish. [62283/22]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of persons who moved from jobseeker's transitional payment each year between the years 2013 to 2021 and to date in 2022; the locations that they transferred to, for example, jobseeker's allowance, other specific social welfare payments, particular education and training schemes, employment and so on in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62293/22]

\*432. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if any discretion is applied in cases in which an applicant for the fuel allowance payment is very marginally over the income threshold; if so, the value of discretion available; and if not, if her Department will consider providing a discretionary bracket in order to assist those who are experiencing hardship in meeting the cost of fuel. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62295/22]



\*433. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an overview of the key social protection improvements announced since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [62296/22]

\*434. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of locations in the State that offer a drop-in centre where a community welfare officer would be available; the location of these drop-in centres; the number of drop-in centres offering this service over each of the past three years in tabular form by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [62327/22]

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

\*435. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeline for the working group to publish proposals in relation to Government funded transport and mobility schemes, including the disabled drivers and disabled passenger schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61989/22]

\*436. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the obligation on Ireland to take in an uncapped number of applicants seeking international protection; the efforts that have been made to express capacity concerns to Ireland’s European partners; if the Government’s promise of own-door accommodation within four months to all those seeking asylum still stands; and if this Government commitment will not be realised, if this has been expressed particularly to the nations from which those seeking international protection have come. — Mattie McGrath. [61515/22]

\*437. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61644/22]

\*438. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will publish the recent independent review into historical abuse within an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Chris Andrews. [61698/22]

\*439. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department is no longer undertaking commercial letting agreements for housing of Ukrainian refugees (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [61741/22]

\*440. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department will engage with a service provider (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niall Collins. [61789/22]

\*441. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the role of the Family Resource Centre National Forum; the membership of same; the number of times that the Forum has convened to date in 2022; the decisions and or actions taken by the Forum in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [61819/22]

\*442. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide a person (details supplied) with their personal records. — Catherine Murphy. [61865/22]

\*443. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the channels of consultation and communication with community groups regarding development of the Equestrian Centre, Kill, County Kildare; if his Department is communicating with the community on these plans within a timeframe and or on a basis agreed at meetings with them; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [61867/22]

\*444. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when his Department will have comprehensive and clear information regarding the proposed development at the Kill Equestrian Centre, County Kildare; when it intends to publish such information; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [61868/22]

\*445. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the timeframe within which Ukrainian refugees, who have received rehoming letters from his Department, are expected to be rehomed; the specific measures being taken to assist Ukrainian children with additional needs with the transition to and from temporary accommodation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61915/22]

\*446. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide details of the unit-81 development on the Cookstown Road in Tallaght; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Lahart. [61941/22]

\*447. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a facility (details supplied) will receive payment for hosting refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [61981/22]

\*448. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a facility (details supplied) will receive payment for hosting refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [61982/22]

\*449. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a facility (details supplied) in County Wexford will receive payment for hosting refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [61984/22]

\*450. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the concrete plans that his Department has to pay additional allowances to foster carers who provide aftercare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62000/22]

\*451. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his Department can confirm that there will be a comprehensive package for foster carers in the next Budget; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62001/22]

\*452. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth how advanced is his Department's work on the issue of pensions for foster carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62002/22]

\*453. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the back-to-school allowance will be paid to foster carers at the next academic year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62003/22]

\*454. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth to examine the matter of mileage rates vis-a-vis foster carers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Réada Cronin. [62004/22]

\*455. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he has increased the renewed 2023 core funding provided by his Department to non-early-learning and childcare community-based not-for-profit organisations to provide for increased operating costs arising from inflation, energy costs and related outgoings. — Mary Lou McDonald. [62009/22]

\*456. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to a matter whereby a number of Ukrainians and other tenants' resident in accommodation owned by a hotel (details supplied) are having their water turned off on a regular basis; and if his Department has contacted the hotel to carry out an inspection of the accommodation. — Martin Browne. [62065/22]

\*457. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when the Assisted Decision Making (Capacity) Act 2015 will be expected to commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [62155/22]

\*458. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the action taken to support the childcare and early years sector since 27 June 2020. — Cormac Devlin. [62174/22]

\*459. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if TUSLA has social workers available for emergency out-of-hours in all areas in tabular form; if not, the areas where emergency social workers are not available for emergency out of hours service. — Paul Donnelly. [62183/22]

\*460. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when a payment for accommodation will issue to a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [62245/22]

\*461. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide clarity on the timeframe before a former nursing home that was registered with HIQA on or since 1 September 2022 may become eligible for consideration to be used as an accommodation facility for refugees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [62247/22]

\*462. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the capital and current spend by his Department attributable to addressing the accommodation and other needs of International Protection applicants to date in 2022; and the projected spend for same for 2023.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pa Daly. [62248/22]

\*463. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the total number of temporary rooms and beds acquired by IPAS within privately-owned accommodation (details supplied) to house International Protection applicants to date in 2022. — Pa Daly. [62249/22]

\*464. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will provide an update on the lease arrangement in place in Dolcain House, Clondalkin, Dublin, currently being used to provide temporary accommodation for persons applying for International Protection; if the lease arrangement is being extended beyond three months; if there will be a charge for the lease after the three months; the length of any new lease agreement; the number of individuals and

households currently residing in Dolcain House, with a breakdown of individuals by adults and children; and if he will provide a further breakdown of households by single-person households and households with children. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62258/22]

\*465. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the process by which a company (details supplied) was awarded an IPAS accommodation contract that necessitates the eviction of refugees and asylum seekers from the accommodation in order that the accommodation can be ‘upgraded’ in order to meet the requirements of the new IPAS contract; if he will outline in detail the ensuing situation for those who cannot find alternative accommodation; the features that the new accommodation will provide; when it will be ready; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62260/22]

\*466. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the areas of counties Westmeath and Longford that are currently undergoing works or that are being examined as suitable refugee or IPAS accommodation. — Sorca Clarke. [62317/22]

\*467. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth further to Parliamentary Question No. 446 of 15 November 2022, the reason for the decrease for vendors and their financial costs in each of the years 2020 and 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62357/22]

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

\*468. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the extent to which efforts continues to be made to meet staff shortages throughout the construction sector with particular reference to housebuilding; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62313/22]

\*469. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61651/22]

\*470. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his plans to extend the reduction in the student contribution of €1,000 to students who have changed college course; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61663/22]

\*471. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that a student (details supplied) is not entitled to the Government contribution fees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61762/22]

\*472. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress that has been made in the further and higher education sectors since 27 June 2020; the new initiatives undertaken; and the additional funding provided for them. — James Lawless. [61814/22]

\*473. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the training capacity of each college of further education per apprenticeship type; and the total increase since 2020, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61873/22]

\*474. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his Department will examine the situation of students in circumstances (details supplied) and admit them to the relief scheme of €1,000. — Réada Cronin. [61969/22]

\*475. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science why supporting documents were not accepted as evidence by SUSI for a person (details supplied) in County Donegal; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61998/22]

\*476. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if any explanation can be given to students suffering from a diagnosis of dyscalculia where they are having to source and pay a psychologist to complete an assessment report in order to apply for the DARE scheme, when required assessments for dyslexia and other assessment are undertaken by the school; if he will provide details; if there are any plans to address the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62011/22]

\*477. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if Ukrainian students, living in Ireland, who will sit their senior cycle high-school state examinations in April 2023 that is the Ukrainian equivalent of the Irish Leaving Certificate examinations can apply to enter undergraduate courses in Irish third level colleges via the common application system; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62042/22]

\*478. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of staff who have applied to work from home on a part-time or permanent basis; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [62141/22]

\*479. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the estimated total capital expenditure on further education; and the technological sector and universities in 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [62182/22]

\*480. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the reason that the €1,000 reduction in college is not applicable to those doing so-called part-time courses. — Paul Donnelly. [62190/22]

\*481. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if his attention has been drawn to a document produced by a representative body (details supplied); and if he will urgently review this document and engage with the body in relation to its requests. — Paul Murphy. [62240/22]

\*482. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress made in skills and apprenticeships since 27 June 2020; the new initiatives undertaken; and the additional funding provided for them. — Cormac Devlin. [62322/22]

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

\*483. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline whether he agrees that the requirement for a visa for Columbians to travel to Ireland should be lifted, considering that Ireland is the only EU country which continues to have this requirement and Britain has recently dropped the visa requirement. — Paul Murphy. [62153/22]

\*484. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the delay in a decision on granting a tourist visa to a person (details supplied); when she expects that the decision will be made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62344/22]

\*485. To ask the Minister for Justice the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61654/22]

\*486. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress to date in the determination of an application for naturalisation in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61705/22]

\*487. To ask the Minister for Justice if his attention has been drawn to the existence of so-called police stations operated by Chinese authorities; if such police stations exist within the State; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Sherlock. [61709/22]

\*488. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of the review of the Special Criminal Court; the date that the final report is expected to be submitted; and the schedule of costs to date. — Catherine Murphy. [61726/22]

\*489. To ask the Minister for Justice the actions that the Garda Commissioner is taking generally to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour in urban and rural areas since 27 June 2020. — Michael Moynihan. [61773/22]

\*490. To ask the Minister for Justice if consideration will be given to assigning additional staff to the citizenship division in her Department given that there is a three-month delay in acknowledging receipt of applications and over 20 months before a decision is made; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [61779/22]

\*491. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an application as part of recent undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61804/22]

\*492. To ask the Minister for Justice the reason for the downgrading of a stamp in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61821/22]

\*493. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fatal road traffic collisions in each of the years 2016 to 2021; the number of drivers involved by year in each of these fatal road crashes; the number of uninjured surviving drivers that were involved by year; the number of uninjured drivers that were not tested for alcohol at the scene of the fatal crash; the reason that these uninjured drivers were not tested at the scene; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [61846/22]

\*494. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of fatal road traffic collisions each year from 2016 to 2021 in which the driver was injured in the crash; the number of injured surviving drivers that were involved by year; the number of injured drivers that were taken to hospital; the number of these drivers that were not tested for alcohol in hospital by year; the reason that these drivers were not tested for alcohol in hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [61847/22]



\*495. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made to date in the determination of an application as part of an undocumented scheme in the case of a person (details supplied); when a decision will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61857/22]

\*496. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been sought by the Garda Commissioner to replace any of the helicopters or aircrafts in the Garda air support unit in 2023. — Catherine Murphy. [61869/22]

\*497. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of domestic violence liaison officers currently in An Garda Síochána by division in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61870/22]

\*498. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of successful convictions obtained under the Criminal Justice (Human Trafficking) Act in the years 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61871/22]

\*499. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda public order unit vans attached to each Garda division as of 1 June 2021 and 5 December 2022, in tabular form. — Catherine Murphy. [61872/22]

\*500. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will consider an appeals process for the regularisation scheme for undocumented people, to allow a degree of discretion for people who just fall outside the criteria; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61920/22]

\*501. To ask the Minister for Justice the measures that can be taken to speed-up the issuing of a full death certificate in cases in which months have elapsed and the interim death certificate will not suffice in order to process insurance claims; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61940/22]

\*502. To ask the Minister for Justice if funding has been sought by the Garda Commissioner for training in the Garda national public order unit level 2 to commence in Q1 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61952/22]

\*503. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of marked Garda cars and vans allocated to the Garda dog unit to date in 2022; the number of these vehicles that have been withdrawn to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61953/22]

\*504. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí in the Sligo-Leitrim division who received additional specialist training to deal with domestic violence; the stations that these gardaí are based at; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61954/22]

\*505. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of gardaí by rank attached to the Garda national economic crime bureau as of 1 January 2021 and 6 December 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61956/22]

\*506. To ask the Minister for Justice if a new contract for the provision of new Garda unmarked vehicles will be put out to tender during Q1 of 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O'Callaghan. [61957/22]



\*507. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 556 of 25 October 2022, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61958/22]

\*508. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 557 of 25 October 2022, if she has received the necessary information from the Garda authorities; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61959/22]

\*509. To ask the Minister for Justice the Garda districts within the Dublin metropolitan region that have received additional Garda mountain bikes to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61961/22]

\*510. To ask the Minister for Justice the status of a citizenship application by a person (details supplied) submitted in December 2017. — Charles Flanagan. [61966/22]

\*511. To ask the Minister for Justice if data is collected on the number of persons who have mental ill-health, addiction issues or disabilities, including intellectual disabilities, within the prison system and the Central Mental Hospital; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61983/22]

\*512. To ask the Minister for Justice if he will provide details of the criteria for the awarding of medals of merit to the staff of the Irish Prison Service. — Brian Stanley. [62047/22]

\*513. To ask the Minister for Justice if similar criteria apply to awarding medals of merit to prison staff as in the case of An Garda Síochána; and if not, if she will explain the rationale. — Brian Stanley. [62048/22]

\*514. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the procedures for the dismissal of a staff member of the prison service, in particular, if she will state the person or body that should issue the notice; and the records and copies of documents of dismissals that are kept by her Department. — Brian Stanley. [62050/22]

\*515. To ask the Minister for Justice the current waiting times for citizenship applications by EEA and non-EEA applicants, in tabular form. — Pa Daly. [62138/22]

\*516. To ask the Minister for Justice when a decision can be expected on an application by a person (details supplied) for citizenship. — Sorca Clarke. [62156/22]

\*517. To ask the Minister for Justice if she spoke with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (details supplied) during 2022. — Paul Donnelly. [62185/22]

\*518. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of violent disorder offences reported to gardaí within the K district to date in 2022. — Paul Donnelly. [62186/22]

\*519. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of competitions that were held for sworn Garda personnel to join divisional roads policing units in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [62187/22]

\*520. To ask the Minister for Justice the budget allocation for the Criminal Assets Bureau in 2021, 2022 and 2023, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [62188/22]

\*521. To ask the Minister for Justice the criteria for eligibility for the social inclusion fund established in the Gambling Regulation Bill 2022; if a person (details supplied) would qualify; if he will outline the application process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [62246/22]

\*522. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of applications for the community safety innovation fund that came from Dublin Mid-West; the number that were successful; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [62271/22]

\*523. To ask the Minister for Justice the current and or expected residency status in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62279/22]

\*524. To ask the Minister for Justice when an increase in pension payments will be paid to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [62328/22]

\*525. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 488 of 15 November 2022, the reason for the disproportionately high level of full-day closures at Limerick as opposed to other sites; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62352/22]

\*526. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 488 of 15 November 2022, the reason for all full-day closures and partial closures at Limerick in the past three years in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62353/22]

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

\*527. To ask the Minister for Health when an appointment will issue to a person (details supplied). — Sorca Clarke. [62157/22]

\*528. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [61633/22]

\*529. To ask the Minister for Health if the consultant psychiatrist post for the south-east in CHO5 has been filled; the basis and tenure on which it has been filled; the length of time that the post was vacant; the number of times that the post was advertised; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61634/22]

\*530. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether it is appropriate that pregnant women suffering from hyperemesis should have to see a consultant before receiving their reimbursement for cariban; his views on whether this will introduce an additional barrier to treatment for women in this position and is appropriate given that the HSE recommends cariban as the first line treatment for hyperemesis, nausea and vomiting in pregnancy; if he will include a prescription from a GP to allow for the reimbursement; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61639/22]

\*531. To ask the Minister for Health the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61652/22]

\*532. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to palliative care; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [61661/22]

\*533. To ask the Minister for Health when legislation dealing with international surrogacy will be published; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [61662/22]

\*534. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a child (details supplied) who having been referred to St. Gabriel's CDNT Limerick for an ASD assessment has yet to receive any appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [61664/22]

\*535. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of dentistry practices in Galway that provide dental services to medical card holders under the dental treatment services scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [61667/22]

\*536. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to income limits to qualify for a GP card; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [61681/22]

\*537. To ask the Minister for Health if the healthcare staff of an organisation (details supplied) will receive the Covid-19 recognition payment; the category and cohort that they fall under; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61688/22]

\*538. To ask the Minister for Health the rationale for the reimbursement of pyridoxine/doxylamine, whose brand name is cariban in Ireland, for women with hyperemesis gravidarum to require a prescription from a consultant obstetrician, rather than a GP; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61689/22]

\*539. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to a request for engagement with a group (details supplied) in light of ongoing negotiations on the World Health Organisation's pandemic treaty; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61692/22]

\*540. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 587 of 4 October 2022, when the staff of a nursing home (details supplied) will receive the €1,000 pandemic bonus payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61693/22]

\*541. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 903 of 8 November 2022, the date that his Department intends to issue the €1,000 Covid-19 pandemic bonus payment to Section 39 agency staff (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61694/22]

\*542. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 805 of 8 February and 737 of 17 May 2022, if the €1,000 pandemic bonus will be paid to healthcare assistants that are employed by private providers but work in the homes of HSE clients as part of a homecare package; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61695/22]

\*543. To ask the Minister for Health when the staff of a nursing home (details supplied), which closed down in October 2021, will be paid their Covid-19 pandemic bonus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61696/22]

\*544. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — James Lawless. [61700/22]

\*545. To ask the Minister for Health when recruitment will commence for a community neurorehabilitation team for CHO6 based in Bray, County Wicklow, given that funding for this

team, which was provided in 2020, would enable patients to be discharged from local acute hospitals and the National Rehabilitation Hospital; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [61702/22]

\*546. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 671 of 29 November 2022, the number of University of Limerick Hospital Group capital projects that the State has recently invested in; the plans underway to invest in further hospital capacity in Limerick; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61715/22]

\*547. To ask the Minister for Health when a community nursing home (details supplied) in County Cork will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [61721/22]

\*548. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of health care workers that have taken the Covid-19 booster in the past six months. — Peadar Tóibín. [61733/22]

\*549. To ask the Minister for Health if a new target date for the transfer of monies for the special pandemic recognition payment from the HSE to nursing homes has been established; the measures that are being taken to ensure that this is met; if those applications that were not submitted until 18 November 2022 (details supplied) will be processed in time for the transfer of monies to nursing homes before Christmas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe McHugh. [61747/22]

\*550. To ask the Minister for Health when a homecare package will be facilitated in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [61750/22]

\*551. To ask the Minister for Health the number of people with Kerry addresses waiting an orthopaedic consultation in University Hospital Kerry; the number of people with Kerry addresses waiting an orthopaedic consultation in Cork University Hospital; the number of people with Kerry addresses waiting for an orthopaedic consultation in South Infirmary Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61752/22]

\*552. To ask the Minister for Health the number of nursing home residents who availed of the fair deal scheme; the total cost to the Exchequer in each of the past ten years; the average payment per patient per year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61754/22]

\*553. To ask the Minister for Health the returns to the Exchequer from the fair deal scheme in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61755/22]

\*554. To ask the Minister for Health if there are outstanding debts from the estates of deceased recipients of the fair deal scheme; if so, the number; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61756/22]

\*555. To ask the Minister for Health the number of HSE-run nursing homes and privately-run nursing homes that have participated in the fair deal scheme in each of the past ten years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [61757/22]

\*556. To ask the Minister for Health the total funding for HSE dental services in the past five years in County Tipperary; the number of children waiting for dental services in Tipperary; their waiting times; the location in which children in county Tipperary can have orthodontic treatment

carried out; the number of orthodontists available to the HSE in this area; the criteria being applied that determines whether a child qualifies for HSE funded orthodontic treatment; the number waiting for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [61760/22]

\*557. To ask the Minister for Health the location in which a child who has been waiting for dental services for four years but who is now over 17 years of age can receive dental treatment; if such a patient could receive HSE-funded dental treatment due to the delays in providing such treatment prior to their turning 17 years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [61761/22]

\*558. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the HSE has not published a performance assurance report since its June 2022 publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61766/22]

\*559. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that ambulance response times per county or CHO are not deemed a key performance indicator for HIQA, the HSE or the NAS; if consideration is to be given to changing this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61767/22]

\*560. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 279 of 17 November 2022, the number and details of private providers with whom the HSE has service arrangements that are not on the tender framework, in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the total value of payments made to such providers by service type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61774/22]

\*561. To ask the Minister for Health the number and details of private providers with whom the HSE have service arrangements who are not on the tender framework for all units in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; the total value of payments made to such providers for each service type; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Cullinane. [61775/22]

\*562. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that HSE disability services have refused to fund a person (details supplied) for access to sheltered accommodation; the criteria that the disability services look for when accessing such requests; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61797/22]

\*563. To ask the Minister for Health if he will clarify the rights of persons to appeal or seek a review of a decision by HSE disability services to refuse to fund an application for sheltered accommodation as in the case of a person (details supplied); if an appeal is possible for such decisions; if so, the criteria used in deciding such appeals; if such decisions are reviewed prior to any appeal; if such decisions can be referred to any third party; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [61798/22]

\*564. To ask the Minister for Health if the HSE has had any discussions, formal or informal with a developer or other potential investor or State agency regarding the future use of the site or premises of a centre (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61806/22]

\*565. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question Nos. 484 of 16 November 2021, 1715 of 19 January 2022, 169 of 9 February 2022, 186 of 23 March 2022, 720 of 17 May 2022 and 1903 of 14 June 2022, in recognition of the fact that removing the majority of 24-hour staffed

placements from east Cork will entail that service need being met in other parts of Cork where those placements continue to be funded; if the clinical directors of the west Cork, north Cork and south Lee HSE mental health catchment areas have agreed with CHO4 HSE senior management to accept out of area respite or long-stay referrals from east Cork into community residences under their clinical governance in the event that a centre (details supplied) is closed; if so, if he will provide dates for when any such agreements may have been made; the context in which such agreements were made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [61807/22]

\*566. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that residential care cannot be considered for a person (details supplied). — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61808/22]

\*567. To ask the Minister for Health if he will reconsider an application by a person (details supplied) for residential care. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [61809/22]

\*568. To ask the Minister for Health his views on matters raised in correspondence (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [61813/22]

\*569. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the case of a person (details supplied) who having been first referred to University Hospital Limerick six years ago for cataract surgery has yet to receive an appointment date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Maurice Quinlivan. [61820/22]

\*570. To ask the Minister for Health the total rent currently paid by the Health Service Executive per month and per year in Ennis, County Clare; if he will list all properties rented by the HSE in Ennis, County Clare; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [61826/22]

\*571. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the transfer of the Central Mental Hospital to Portrane; when this will be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61827/22]

\*572. To ask the Minister for Health if a report (details supplied) has been received by his Department; if the recommendations have been received; the effort that is being made to implement these findings ahead of the move of the Central Mental Hospital to Portrane; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61828/22]

\*573. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider issuing medical cards to those suffering with the genetic medical condition congenital adrenal hyperplasia (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [61835/22]

\*574. To ask the Minister for Health when the extension of the under six free GP card will come into operation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [61848/22]

\*575. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider including the condition congenital adrenal hyperplasia in the long-term illness scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Marian Harkin. [61849/22]

\*576. To ask the Minister for Health when the long-promised community neurorehabilitation team for CHO6 will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [61858/22]



\*577. To ask the Minister for Health the steps that he is taking to attract GPs to growing suburban areas such as Clondalkin, Dublin 22; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [61861/22]

\*578. To ask the Minister for Health the positions, and titles and names of the persons currently working in the national foetal valproate syndrome assessment team; if they are geographically based; and the resources allocated to them. — Catherine Murphy. [61876/22]

\*579. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with Huntington's disease who were seen at memory assessment services and clinics in each of the years 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and the extent of the current waiting list for same. — Catherine Murphy. [61877/22]

\*580. To ask the Minister for Health the services provided by the HSE in relation to treatment of tongue-tie in babies. — Catherine Murphy. [61878/22]

\*581. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons between the ages of 0 to 18 years who have travelled overseas for specialist ophthalmology treatment not available in Ireland between 2019 and to date in 2022; and the number of these who travelled under the EU Cross Border Directive. — Catherine Murphy. [61879/22]

\*582. To ask the Minister for Health the opening hours of each specialist menopause clinic by location in tabular form as of 6 December 2022. — Catherine Murphy. [61880/22]

\*583. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide the figures for recorded pressure sores by community acquired pressure sores and hospital acquired pressure sores, between 2015 and 2020 at Tallaght University Hospital. — Paul Murphy. [61901/22]

\*584. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the campaign of an organisation (details supplied) to establish a working group to develop a national hearing plan, as recommended by the World Health Organisation; if he intends to establish such a group; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [61911/22]

\*585. To ask the Minister for Health his Department's plans has to establish a community neuro-rehabilitation team in south Tipperary, CHO5, which is widely demanded and needed for the area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [61912/22]

\*586. To ask the Minister for Health if the 12.5% pay increase for fourth-year student nurses completing their 36-week internship will be in place for nursing interns starting placement in January 2023. — Pearse Doherty. [61916/22]

\*587. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [61922/22]

\*588. To ask the Minister for Health when a child (details supplied) will receive a new diabetic insulin pump. — Kathleen Funchion. [61927/22]

\*589. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the home help of a person (details supplied) was removed in December 2021; and the number of home helps in the CHO5 area that were removed at the time. — Kathleen Funchion. [61928/22]



\*590. To ask the Minister for Health when a health care worker working with an organisation (details supplied) throughout the Covid-19 pandemic will receive the pandemic special recognition payment. — Ciarán Cannon. [61930/22]

\*591. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the assessment of need process; if assessments have recommenced; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Eoin Ó Broin. [61931/22]

\*592. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide support for a person (details supplied), given the considerable length of time that they have been on the CDNT wait list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61932/22]

\*593. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide support for a person (details supplied), given the considerable length of time that they have been on the CDNT wait list; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61933/22]

\*594. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on a representation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61935/22]

\*595. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to reports that Ireland is a laggard in the European Union for the numbers of diseases tested in the newborn heel-prick test; the steps that he is taking to address this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61938/22]

\*596. To ask the Minister for Health his views on whether the current approximate four-year process to have a disease added to the newborn heel-prick test is sustainable; the steps that are being taken to expedite this process with a view of having new diseases such as spinal muscular atrophy added to the test; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [61939/22]

\*597. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) regarding travelling for cancer treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [61946/22]

\*598. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to a representation (details supplied). — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61950/22]

\*599. To ask the Minister for Health when the HPV catch-up programme for females up to 25 years of age will be introduced as announced in May 2022. — Joe Flaherty. [61962/22]

\*600. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the position of a social link provider in the Inchicore, Richmond Barracks primary health clinic has ceased (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [61977/22]

\*601. To ask the Minister for Health the number of staff working in the primary care psychology service within the HSE in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [61980/22]

\*602. To ask the Minister for Health the number of young persons in CAMHS who are being treated online in a different country; the countries in which they are being treated; the way that this consultation was arranged; the length of time that this has practice has existed; when these young

persons will be treated by a doctor based in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [61985/22]

\*603. To ask the Minister for Health when a person (details supplied) in County Donegal will receive an appointment for a procedure under the NTPF in a Dublin-based hospital; the reason for the cancellation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61987/22]

\*604. To ask the Minister for Health if class 3 medical stockings for vascular edema will be included on the medical card for those with a prescription; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61991/22]

\*605. To ask the Minister for Health the status of assessment of needs' appointment for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61992/22]

\*606. To ask the Minister for Health the status of speech and language therapy and occupational therapy appointments for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Holly Cairns. [61993/22]

\*607. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the recommendations of the World Health Organisation in relation to the setting-up of a working group to develop a national hearing plan for Ireland; if this is under consideration by his Department; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [61994/22]

\*608. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 176 on 16 November 2022, to outline the staff vacancy rates for the two Respite Service Providers in South Tipperary; the number of staff vacancies; the stage of the recruitment process; what incentives have been offered to increase attractiveness of the role for future employees; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mattie McGrath. [62006/22]

\*609. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that specific medicines for Addison's disease used for hydrocortone and fludrocortisone be included and made available in the general medical scheme to people who require this and who have serious medical issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sean Fleming. [62010/22]

\*610. To ask the Minister for Health if he will take action to promote the expansion and accessibility of the heel-prick test, which is lifesaving for the most vulnerable newborns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [62018/22]

\*611. To ask the Minister for Health the number of dentists taking part in the dental treatment services scheme; the number who have discontinued in each of the past three years; his plans to increase participation; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62032/22]

\*612. To ask the Minister for Health if he will respond to correspondence (details supplied); if the results of the health technology assessment for evusheld have been circulated to the Covid-19 therapeutics advisory group; if TAG has reviewed the findings of the HTA and made recommendations; if so, if he will publish these recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [62033/22]

\*613. To ask the Minister for Health if medical cards for people with terminal illness is available without a means test. — Alan Kelly. [62077/22]

\*614. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that funds generated from the sale of the now-vacated Dundrum Hospital site will be reinvested in mental health services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [62083/22]

\*615. To ask the Minister for Health if he will confirm when the long-promised community neuro-rehabilitation team for CHO6, to be based in Bray, County Wicklow will be established; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62145/22]

\*616. To ask the Minister for Health the delay or difficulty in reimbursing a person (details supplied) treatment that she had abroad, in full accordance with the rules of the treatment abroad scheme. — Kathleen Funchion. [62147/22]

\*617. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the actions, funding and resources provided by Government to tackle substance addiction; and if he will detail for each local health office area the funding provided for each in tabular form; the number of residential detox beds available in each; and the number of person's on waiting lists for detox beds. — Jim O'Callaghan. [62149/22]

\*618. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 599 of 25 October 2022, the timeline for non-HSE and non-Section 39 organisations to receive their pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pauline Tully. [62158/22]

\*619. To ask the Minister for Health if the 12.5% pay increase for nursing student intern students in fourth year is going ahead for nursing interns starting in January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [62163/22]

\*620. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure the treatment needed is provided for a child (details supplied) urgently within the inpatient care services. — Paul Murphy. [62165/22]

\*621. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of dentists who are registered to provide services to patients with medical cards in counties Louth and Meath over the years 2019 to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62168/22]

\*622. To ask the Minister for Health if he intends to establish an independent public inquiry into the high numbers of deaths at a nursing home (details supplied) in east Cork; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pat Buckley. [62172/22]

\*623. To ask the Minister for Health the number of vacant WTE consultant posts by speciality in each hospital part of the CHI group; and when each of these vacancies will be filled in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [62178/22]

\*624. To ask the Minister for Health the current waiting times for aids and appliances in CHO7. — Paul Donnelly. [62179/22]

\*625. To ask the Minister for Health the number of WTE respiratory consultant posts at Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown in the years of 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Paul Donnelly. [62180/22]

\*626. To ask the Minister for Health the additional resources that Connolly Hospital, Blanchardstown are receiving as part of the HSE 2022/2023 Winter Plan. — Paul Donnelly. [62181/22]

\*627. To ask the Minister for Health the main initiatives that he has taken to develop and expand mental health services since 27 June 2020; the additional funding provided in successive budgets; his plans for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62214/22]

\*628. To ask the Minister for Health the main initiatives that he has taken to develop and expand health services for older persons since 27 June 2020; the additional funding provided in successive budgets; his plans for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62215/22]

\*629. To ask the Minister for Health the main initiatives that he has taken to develop and expand disability health services since 27 June 2020; the additional funding provided in successive budgets; his plans for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62216/22]

\*630. To ask the Minister for Health the main initiatives that he has taken to develop and expand primary care services since 27 June 2020; the additional funding provided in successive budgets; his plans for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62217/22]

\*631. To ask the Minister for Health the main initiatives that he has taken to develop and expand general practitioner services since 27 June 2020; the additional funding provided in successive budgets; his plans for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62218/22]

\*632. To ask the Minister for Health the main initiatives that he has taken to develop and expand acute hospital services since 27 June 2020; the additional funding provided in successive budgets; his plans for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [62219/22]

\*633. To ask the Minister for Health if he will define the term ‘blue-light distance’ when used in the context of maternity service, in particular the provision of home birth supports; if this is a term used by the National Ambulance Service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62224/22]

\*634. To ask the Minister for Health when the review and investigations into water births will be completed; the date that water births will be facilitated for those home-birthing; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62225/22]

\*635. To ask the Minister for Health if he will detail the studies, analysis and evidence used to support the decision of the HSE to limit, due to safety concerns, all home-birth services outside a 30-minute blue-light distance from their nearest maternity service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62226/22]

\*636. To ask the Minister for Health the counties in which the HSE home birth service is provided; if County Wicklow is one of the counties in which the service is fully available; if there has been any reduction in the availability of this service recently; if any changes to the services are proposed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62227/22]

\*637. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a detailed list of the number of home births registered with the HSE which were conducted in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62228/22]

\*638. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home births registered with the HSE which were conducted in each of the years 2018 to 2021 and to date in 2022, inclusive by county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62229/22]

\*639. To ask the Minister for Health the business plans submitted in respect of a hospital (details supplied) in the past three months; the decisions made there on; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [62230/22]

\*640. To ask the Minister for Health if, in light of waiting times for cancer surgery patients, he will negotiate with private hospitals to deliver these urgent surgeries for public patients; and if he has any plans to do so. — Marian Harkin. [62231/22]

\*641. To ask the Minister for Health his views on the case of a patient (details supplied) who was told that they would have to wait three years for an appointment but would be seen in eight weeks if they were a private patient; and his views on whether this is an appropriate difference between public and private health care. — Martin Browne. [62239/22]

\*642. To ask the Minister for Health if all of the recommendations of a person (details supplied) have been implemented in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62250/22]

\*643. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to issues within an organisation (details supplied); the actions that will be taken; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62251/22]

\*644. To ask the Minister for Health the plans that are in place by the HSE to improve certain services (details supplied) in County Mayo; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62252/22]

\*645. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied). — Joan Collins. [62259/22]

\*646. To ask the Minister for Health the provision that his Department has made to help address the mental health needs of persons who have arrived in Ireland under the Temporary Protection Directive to date in 2022. — Joe O'Brien. [62267/22]

\*647. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the availability of lactation consultants and supports nationwide; if he will outline plans for expansion of lactation supports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe O'Brien. [62268/22]

\*648. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of children waiting for assessments of need broken down by the disability network team; the average waiting time for such assessments in each DNT; the total number of children waiting for interventions post assessment including speech and language, occupational therapy, physiotherapy and other supports broken down by DNT; and the average waiting time for each intervention in each DNT in tabular form. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62269/22]

\*649. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address a matter (details supplied) in relation to Covid vaccines. — Jim O'Callaghan. [62276/22]

\*650. To ask the Minister for Health the options that are available for a family to obtain medical records on a deceased relative where the relative was being cared for in a private nursing home (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Louise O'Reilly. [62281/22]

\*651. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that a person (details supplied) has been waiting so long for their special pandemic recognition award; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [62282/22]

\*652. To ask the Minister for Health his plans to include the medication Versatis 700mg medicated plaster under the medical card scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Peter Fitzpatrick. [62294/22]

\*653. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that certain Section 39 staff (details supplied) have been excluded from the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [62297/22]

\*654. To ask the Minister for Health if the Budget 2023 announcement that GP visit cards will be extended to children aged six and seven years by the end of 2022 will be met; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [62321/22]

\*655. 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; the status of discussions between the HSE and his Department to improve access to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Carol Nolan. [62324/22]

\*656. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [62329/22]

\*657. 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. — Louise O'Reilly. [62335/22]

\*658. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are 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. — Thomas Pringle. [62337/22]

\*659. To ask the Minister for Health if staff at a nursing home (details supplied) have received the pandemic special recognition payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62343/22]

\*660. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 593 of 15 November 2022, the length of time that these vacancies have existed for; the stage of the recruitment process that they are at; when it is anticipated that they will be filled; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62350/22]



\*661. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 592 of 15 November 2022, the measures that have been taken by his Department in respect of breaches under the Public Health Act 2014; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Violet-Anne Wynne. [62351/22]

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

\*662. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the main policy achievements of his Department since 27 June 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61643/22]

\*663. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 251 of 25 March 2021, the person that provided the information; if the matter of the misrepresentation of the person (details supplied) will be rectified; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61670/22]

\*664. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that the agri-food sector has been strengthened and developed since 27 June 2020. — Michael Moynihan. [61720/22]

\*665. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the breakdown of the 2021 equine census figures; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61758/22]

\*666. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers whose existing forestry is affected by ash dieback can access compensation or other financial support under the reconstitution and underplanting scheme; if he intends to support these farmers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [61786/22]

\*667. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if his Department has engaged with the EU Commission regarding the forestry programme that is due to commence in January 2023; if the Commission has expressed any concerns in relation to same; if State aid approval has been agreed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61800/22]

\*668. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the recourse that is available to forestry licence applicants who seek a review of a district inspector’s decision, if such a review has not been conducted within twelve months of the request; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61801/22]

\*669. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if it is compulsory for ecology reports to accompany forestry licence applicants; if not, if his Department has a policy on the matter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [61802/22]

\*670. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the way that the fisheries sector has been strengthened and developed since 27 June 2020. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [61811/22]

\*671. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the compensation plans that his Department is putting in place to support farmers whose forest has been affected by ash dieback; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [61831/22]

\*672. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has plans to introduce a new scheme for farmers who did not qualify for installation aid (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick O’Donovan. [61859/22]



\*673. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if an organisation (details supplied) has an exception that would allow it to breach company law, given that it is a legal requirement of any company limited by guarantee, which said organisation is, to maintain a full register of members and there is currently no register of members for the organisation; and if the organisation has an exemption. — Paul Murphy. [61903/22]

\*674. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the case of a person (details supplied) will be examined. — Michael Healy-Rae. [61967/22]

\*675. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will confirm receipt of an application (details supplied) and to advise when a decision will be made; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pearse Doherty. [61997/22]

\*676. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of cases that have been taken section 38A of the Animal Health and Welfare Act 2013 in relation to costs incurred in respect of seizing and keeping the animal during its detention; and the amount of costs paid. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62019/22]

\*677. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the amount of funding that went to the Enniscorthy greyhound track from the horse and greyhound racing funds from 2016 to date in 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Johnny Mythen. [62022/22]

\*678. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will indicate the level of grant-aid that is available for on farm production facilities in terms of capital grants for non-mainstream dairy and beef operations which have an established export potential; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Creed. [62137/22]

\*679. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will clarify if EU financial subsidies for Irish fishermen are aligned to the periods that fish are spawning each year in waters around our coast as well as for periods of bad weather; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [62148/22]

\*680. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will instruct IHRB to publish the integrity racing statistics for 2021, making them available to the public (details supplied). — Paul Murphy. [62169/22]

\*681. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the number of dogs in the greyhound racing pool for each of the months January-December 2020 and each of the months January-December 2021; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [62233/22]

\*682. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he has knowledge of the circumstances in which an organisation (details supplied) recently cancelled its contract with Curraheen Park for its Friday evening fixture; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [62234/22]

\*683. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a feasibility study of the proposed development works at Kilkenny Greyhound Stadium has been carried out; if so, the results of this study; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [62235/22]

\*684. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if a representative of Rásaíocht Con Éireann accompanies consignments of dogs transported to the US as part of the Irish greyhounds

to America programme; if so, the amount for each journey; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brian Leddin. [62236/22]

\*685. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if financial supports or grants are available for a young person who wishes to establish a milk recording business in County Tipperary; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jackie Cahill. [62254/22]

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

\*686. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if grants or supports are available for research projects (details supplied); the way that funding can be availed of; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Anne Rabbitte. [61636/22]

\*687. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the main policy achievements of her Department since 27 June 2020; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jim O’Callaghan. [61656/22]

\*688. Chun a fhiafraí den Aire Forbartha Tuaithe agus Pobail cén staid reatha atá ag an bPolasaí Oileánda; cén dul chun cinn atá déanta i ndáil leis an bPolasaí ó foilsíodh an Plépháipéar i mí na Samhna 2019; agus cén dáta a bhfuil sé i gceist ag an Aire an polasaí a sheoladh. — Brendan Griffin. [61764/22]

\*689. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when her Department intends informing the applicants for funding under the community centres investment fund whether they have been successful in their bids. — Cathal Crowe. [61778/22]

\*690. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures relating to the control of dogs in Ireland that have been taken since the publication of the review; the number of measures that relate to restricted breeds; if this includes the control of presa canario dogs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Mairéad Farrell. [61788/22]

\*691. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide a progress report on the implementation of Our Rural Future. — Michael Moynihan. [61812/22]

\*692. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an up-to-date account of the number of dog wardens employed by city and county councils in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Patrick Costello. [61964/22]

\*693. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Question No. 727 of 6 December 2022, if she intends to remedy the failure to fulfil statutory obligation under s6 of the Charities Act 2009 to review the Act’s operations within the timelines provided. — Pa Daly. [62150/22]

\*694. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will clarify the reason that projects (details supplied) were not successful in funding applications through the community centre investment fund; and if she will further clarify the appeal of review process available to community centres who have not been successful. — Robert Troy. [62292/22]