



# **DÁIL ÉIREANN**

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

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

1. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the development of a rural-proofing mechanism, as outlined in ‘Our Rural Future: Rural Development Policy 2021-2025’; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62447/22]

2. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the percentage of projects that are “community owned” and those that are owned by local authorities which applied for the community centres investment fund; and the number of local authority-owned projects that were awarded funding under the community centres investment fund. — Paul Donnelly. [62623/22]

3. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the level of funding that she envisages providing in 2023 for the local improvement scheme; if she intends to increase the level of funding to meet the demand for this very important scheme for rural Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63051/22]

4. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 102 of 27 October 2022, the status of the new policy for the islands; if the policy and action plan are on track to be finalised by the end of 2022; the timeline for the publication of the new policy and action plan; the date of the last meeting of the interdepartmental committee; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62557/22]

**CEISTEANNA EILE**  
**OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

5. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she intends conducting a review of the Control of Dogs Act 1986-1992 in view of the recent dog attack in County Wexford which left a child with life-changing injuries; if she will appoint an expert panel to review the legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Niamh Smyth. [62505/22]

6. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if further progress has been made with regard to the purchase and location of a new library for Dunleer, County Louth, given the large increase in local population and the welcome increase in the numbers attending the current

facility over the past number of years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62718/22]

7. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the CLÁR areas will be extended; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62767/22]

8. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has engaged with representatives from island communities regarding the establishment of an island-specific local action group under the LEADER programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62465/22]

9. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps that her Department is taking to address poverty and social exclusion across Ireland. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [62730/22]

10. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the National Outdoor Recreation Strategy. — Peadar Tóibín. [61830/22]

11. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the roll-out of the towns first policy; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62464/22]

12. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the support that her Department has provided to organisations (details supplied) across the country; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [62021/22]

13. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the measures that her Department is taking to address poverty and social exclusion in rural Ireland. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62468/22]

14. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the town and village renewal scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62737/22]

15. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 103 of 27 October 2022, the engagement that she or her Department has had with representatives of island communities in relation to the creation of an island-specific regional grouping for the purposes of the LEADER programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62558/22]

16. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if additional funding could be allocated to community groups and centres to help them meet the increased costs of operating this winter. — Joe Flaherty. [62481/22]

17. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when she will announce the successful applicants under the community and voluntary energy support scheme; if the full list of successful projects is available by county; when payments will start to issue to organisations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [62795/22]

18. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the proposed works for the Mell Greenway, Drogheda, following the further engagement from

her Department offering extensions and assistance to Louth County Council to ensure that the monies would not be lost further to the approval of €200,000 for the project through the outdoor recreational scheme in February 2020; if a final decision has been made on the project; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62717/22]

19. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development further to Parliamentary Question No. 1150 of 12 July 2022, the number of applications that have been received and approved in County Cork under the local improvement scheme to date in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [62792/22]

20. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the date of the most recent meeting of the mobile phone and broadband taskforce; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57925/22]

21. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will report on any progress made in relation to multi-annual funding for the community, voluntary and charitable sectors. — Paul Donnelly. [62715/22]

22. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding provided through the Community Centre Investment Fund in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [62071/22]

23. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will report on the measures that have been taken by her Department to support Ukrainian refugees living in rural Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [61795/22]

24. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has been successful in her endeavours to secure additional funding from within Government for LIS; if she has reviewed local authority capacity to utilise any additional funding that may be allocated to them; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [62787/22]

25. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the progress that has been made with the development of improved pier facilities on Inis Oírr and Inis Meáin in 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62719/22]

26. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she proposes to assist urban and rural community groups throughout the country through the various schemes available to her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62733/22]

27. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will examine a funding line for the upgrading of school buildings and adjacent lands where there is a shared access for the local community. — Sean Sherlock. [62546/22]

28. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next round of applications for rural regeneration projects will be announced. — Michael Moynihan. [62469/22]

29. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that has been drawn down under the Rural Regeneration Fund for County Cork and specifically by a school (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62534/22]

30. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the island's strategy; when the strategy will be published; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62463/22]

31. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update in relation to allocations under the community centre investment fund; when the scheme for new builds will open for applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [63120/22]

32. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way in which her Department is working to establish and support community groups, especially in rural areas; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [62788/22]

33. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the way that her Department will support the development of the Inis Cealtra (Holy Island) site in Mountshannon, County Clare as a public amenity; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62333/22]

34. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the specific supports that are available for an organisation (details supplied) across Ireland, in particular in relation to a number of schemes announced recently; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [62742/22]

35. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the proposals, if any, there are to implement programmes on a cross-Border basis that are of a particular importance to rural communities; if her Department, its agencies and their counterparts in Northern Ireland will avail of funding under the PEACE PLUS programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62768/22]

36. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that was provided to counties Cavan and Monaghan from her Department in 2021 and to date in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Niamh Smyth. [62504/22]

37. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has been informed by the Department of Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth when centres for persons in the International Protection system are being opened in communities. — Paul Donnelly. [62714/22]

38. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the controls that are currently in place in relation to keeping dangerous dog breeds; if she will outline the list of breeds that are currently banned; if she will be expanding this list; if she is satisfied with the enforcement of controls; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [62478/22]

39. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the money that has been allocated by her Department to the local authorities to date has been used and or if there is a blockage in the system. — Michael Moynihan. [62470/22]

40. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an overview of her Department's strategy to reverse population decline in rural areas. — Cathal Crowe. [62332/22]

41. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the rate of LIS completions per county to date in 2022; the outlook for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [62786/22]

42. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if remote working hubs will be provided in rural areas. — Willie O'Dea. [62561/22]

43. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of centres belonging to an organisation (details supplied) that are supported by her Department by county; the Government supports that have been allocated to the organisation in 2022 in comparison to 2020 and 2021, in tabular form; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62535/22]

44. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on funding allocations for men's and women's sheds from her Department; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62467/22]

45. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps that she is taking to address the backlog in local improvement scheme applications; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57924/22]

46. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps that she is taking to assist with the rising cost of energy facing many community organisations; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [62020/22]

47. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the capital and current allocation to her Department for 2022; the expenditure to date of both the current and capital allocation including carry forward from 2021; the main underspends under both headings; the reason for same; if it is intended to carry forward unspent capital from 2022 to 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62720/22]

48. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the community centre for Ballyvolane. — Thomas Gould. [62693/22]

49. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if consideration will be given to reviewing the existing laws under the Control of Dogs Act 1986; if she will appoint an expert panel to review the legislation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [62477/22]

50. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if her Department has assessed the potential of the high-speed broadband network to create potential for rural development; and the number of projects emerging for support from her Department's programmes which utilise its potential. — Richard Bruton. [62743/22]

51. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if successful projects under the town and village renewal scheme will be announced before the end of 2022; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ciarán Cannon. [62797/22]

52. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications received under the community support fund to deal with energy bills to date; and their county of origin in tabular form. — Sean Sherlock. [62549/22]

53. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the work of the Broadband Mobile Phone Taskforce, particularly the work being carried out in providing alternatives for persons who are waiting for broadband connection for up to five years under the NBP; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62056/22]

54. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she hopes to continue to assist rural and community groups directly and indirectly with particular reference to addressing particular areas with social or economic deficiency; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62732/22]

55. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when it is envisaged that Community Centre Investment Fund allocations will be discharged to the community groups and organisations for successful projects under category 1 of the fund; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62536/22]

56. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development her plans to increase grants and funding to community centres and halls to help them transition to more sustainable energy methods and help pay for increased energy costs. — Paul McAuliffe. [62331/22]

57. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of Ukrainian refugees that are being supported by her Department by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [61796/22]

58. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the status of the work of the north-east inner city task force. — Gary Gannon. [60867/22]

59. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps that her Department is taking to assist community groups with the high energy bills that they are facing. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [62731/22]

60. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the role that her Department is playing in the national drugs strategy. — Thomas Gould. [62692/22]

61. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if the fund for tidy towns will increase to reflect the lower number of outdoor staff in local authority areas. — Sean Sherlock. [62548/22]

62. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when the next round of the Community Centre Investment fund will open. — Sean Sherlock. [62545/22]

63. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of applications that have been made for grants under the Community Support Fund. — Peadar Tóibín. [61829/22]

64. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the steps that have been taken to address the backlog of applications in the local improvement scheme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Claire Kerrane. [62466/22]

65. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports that are available to community centres facing rising energy bills. — Joe Flaherty. [62482/22]



66. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the supports that are available for an organisation (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [62070/22]

67. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she has an early indication of the uptake of connected hubs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [62744/22]

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

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

68. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the upcoming Climate Action Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62750/22]

69. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the ways in which the ongoing review into energy security will integrate sectoral emissions ceiling and carbon budget obligations; his plans to ensure that as-demand reduction measures are prioritised in the review; and the ways in which the principles of a just transition will be integrated into the review. — Ivana Bacik. [62757/22]

70. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the action that he has taken since the publication of the Energy Security Review to improve Ireland's energy security; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62751/22]

71. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on all carbon reductions achieved as a direct result of implemented targets in the Climate Action Plan 2021. — Jennifer Whitmore. [62721/22]

72. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the actions that his Department is taking to accelerate the delivery of offshore wind energy to ensure that Ireland meets the target of 7GW by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62752/22]

73. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his plans to ensure that confirmed data centre connections will not increase emissions; and his plans to ensure that confirmed data centre connections do not lock-in higher gas demand. — Ivana Bacik. [62758/22]

### **CEISTEANNA EILE OTHER QUESTIONS**

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

74. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department intends to carry out an audit on the capital infrastructure projects contained within the National Development Plan, in relation to the Climate Action Plan 2021. — James O'Connor. [62459/22]

75. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the strategies in place to mitigate against increased emissions in the event that certain sectors exceed the total amount of permitted greenhouse gas emissions allowed by their sectoral emissions ceilings; his views, in particular, on reports (details supplied) that reducing methane emissions by 30% by 2030 is not feasible under current projections for the agriculture sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [62760/22]

76. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an overview of locations in which there are publicly-owned air-quality monitoring devices in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62341/22]

77. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that has been made to date since the approval of the national climate action plan to achieve the targets in the plan; if he is satisfied that the full objectives of the plan will be achieved by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62724/22]

78. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will increase the grant support for lower income households to aid the installation of solar PV; the target number of homes for solar PV installation in the years 2023, 2024 and 2025 to help meet the recently announced increased target of 5GW of installed solar power capacity by 2025; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62754/22]

79. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the implementation process with regard to the deposit return scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [62082/22]

80. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide a progress report on the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan in County Cork from 1 January 2022 to 30 November 2022; the number of premises connected during this timeframe, including schools and broadband connection points in the county; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62537/22]

81. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if NBI is continuing to engage with a company (details supplied) to provide broadband to premises in cases in which the company's fibre broadband infrastructure is bordering an AMBER area under the National Broadband Plan and given that the company has sufficient capacity to accommodate more premises on this line; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62538/22]

82. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the roll-out of high-speed broadband under the national broadband plan, in the constituency of Longford-Westmeath. — Joe Flaherty. [62473/22]

83. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that the projected global population growth outlined in the UN's recent report, and Ireland's need to increase food production by 70% can be reconciled with efforts to tackle climate change. — Michael Moynihan. [62462/22]

84. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the Celtic Interconnector project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [62024/22]

85. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that his Department is taking to tackle the issue of illegal dumping; if CCTV is being used to combat this issue; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [60628/22]

86. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of one-stop contractors that have been approved in counties Cavan and Monaghan and north County Meath; and the take-up by householders in the area since the scheme commenced. — Niamh Smyth. [62560/22]

87. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the way he expects Ireland's cybersecurity infrastructure to change in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [57487/22]

88. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he is taking to help build a green hydrogen sector in Ireland; if he will outline the targets for green hydrogen production by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62756/22]

89. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the roll-out of the National Broadband Plan in County Meath; the target number of homes to be passed for 2022; the number of homes passed in County Meath to date; the targets for County Meath in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62753/22]

90. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the Programme for Government commitments that have been achieved to date; the commitments with regards to broadband across Ireland that have been achieved to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [62740/22]

91. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the analysis that his Department has carried out into the operation of the community category in RESS 1 and RESS 2; the reason that the discontinuation of the community category is being considered for RESS 3; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62565/22]

92. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of grants allocated under the national retrofitting scheme. — Peadar Tóibín. [61734/22]

93. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if mechanisms exist to reimburse residential customers of district heating schemes who pay for domestic energy at a commercial rate for excess costs; and if the examination of such a policy is in the remit of the steering group due to report on district heating schemes in 2023. — Ivana Bacik. [62761/22]

94. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that the plastic bottle scheme will work; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [62784/22]

95. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he proposes to augment the provision of high-speed, high-quality broadband in all areas throughout the country, urban and rural without exception with particular reference to meeting the most obvious requirements in the shortest possible time; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62734/22]

96. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the required establishment of dedicated resources within regional lead authorities to provide co-ordination, expertise and advice to ensure enforcement of the new air-quality regulations nationwide; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62729/22]

97. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which Ireland continues to make sufficient inroads on emission reduction and the provision of alternative and renewable energy by way of offshore and onshore wind and solar generated electricity in sufficient quantity to meet requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62735/22]

98. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the roll-out of broadband in counties Cavan and Monaghan and north County Meath. — Niamh Smyth. [62559/22]

99. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the Climate Action Plan. — Ciarán Cannon. [62827/22]

100. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will introduce financial supports for residents reliant on communal 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, pending the development of appropriate regulation of the district heating sector; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cian O'Callaghan. [62380/22]

101. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he can provide any estimates of the added CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from current and planned data centres with similar or planned gas-fired generators, in relation to the impact on the State's emissions targets from data centres using gas-fired generators as back-up generators; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Boyd Barrett. [62726/22]

102. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has a strategy on ammonia fuel; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62340/22]

103. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the current work that is being undertaken by his Department on security of energy supply (details supplied); if his attention has been drawn to reports that a project could potentially supply the majority of the gas required for these plants and that this gas is one of the lowest carbon-intensity gases in Europe; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62739/22]

104. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he and his Department have made any progress with respect to supporting full-time residents in mobile homes by providing much-needed vital access to the €200 electricity payments given that the payment is intended to be issued to all principal residences; if he will issue a statement of intent to support this vulnerable cohort; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62728/22]

105. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that the current cold snap informs the Government of energy security and grid capability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [62785/22]

106. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on whether the exploitation and exploration of new fields of oil or gas in Irish waters from existing petroleum exploration licence holders should be welcomed and supported by the Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62679/22]

107. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the feasibility studies for geotherm for communal and district heating systems, to include an outline of grant schemes or other funding mechanisms for residents using communal and district heating systems; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62563/22]

108. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the feasibility study of geothermal energy; the role that he sees geothermal playing in community heating systems in Ireland; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62755/22]

109. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of employees at an organisation (details supplied), including details of full-time and seasonal staff; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [62476/22]

110. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has considered the policy implications of the ESRI's assessment of the embodied emissions in Irish imports; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [62746/22]

111. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he would support drilling at a location (details supplied) at no cost or risk to the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62738/22]

112. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if his Department has had any meetings or discussions with the EPA in relation to the impact on the State's emissions targets from data centres using gas fired generators as back-up generators; the estimated additional CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from current and planned data centres with similar or planned gas fired generator; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Gino Kenny. [62680/22]

113. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has received any early indications of the trend in emissions during 2022 and the factors influencing those trends; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [62747/22]

114. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of offshore renewable facilities delivered to date in 2022. — Thomas Gould. [62690/22]

115. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he is taking to promote the insulation of homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57926/22]

116. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the estimated revenue that would have been generated had the €120/MWh cap on renewable electricity generation and the €180/MWh cap on other inframarginal generation been applied since the beginning of 2022; if he will consider retroactively applying the cap as is being done by Belgium to capture some of the undue windfall gains; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62778/22]

117. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Government supports the siting and building of LNG facilities in this State, specifically in Shannon and Cork in cases in which such facilities specify they will not use fracked gas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [62709/22]

118. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the agenda highlights of the Environment Council to be held in Brussels on 20 December 2022. — Christopher O’Sullivan. [62502/22]

119. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications further to Parliamentary Question No. 48 of 8 November 2022, the status of the promised statutory guidelines for the implementation of local authority climate action plans, which will include the guidelines for the implementation of the local authority decarbonisation zones; the timeline for the publication of the statutory guidelines; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62564/22]

120. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide details regarding the deposit return scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [62023/22]

121. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline a detailed timeline for the delivery of the Digital Connectivity Strategy; if he will provide an update on the National Broadband Plan in view of this new initiative; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ruairí Ó Murchú. [62562/22]

122. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the better energy warmer homes scheme; and if he is considering adding additional measures to the scheme such as solar panels and heat pumps. — Kieran O’Donnell. [62858/22]

123. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the District Heating Steering Group will finalise its first set of recommendations; if he plans to publish those recommendations; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neasa Hourigan. [62789/22]

124. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the funding allocated to an organisation (details supplied) in each of the past five years, indicating the specific funding programme and heading; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [62480/22]

125. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the National Broadband Plan. — Thomas Gould. [62691/22]

126. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will provide an update on the national clear air strategy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O’Sullivan. [62475/22]

127. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the grants that are available to support individuals, businesses, public organisations and community groups to install solar panels. — Peadar Tóibín. [61735/22]



128. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the European Commission will formally adopt the Territorial Just Transition Plan and the accompanying programme, which will provide essential funding to the midlands. — Joe Flaherty. [62472/22]

129. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when work on the Celtic interconnector cable will commence. — James O'Connor. [62460/22]

130. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the consultation on private wire direct-line renewables will be released; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [62474/22]

131. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that he is taking to reduce the cost of insulating homes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [57927/22]

132. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that has been made to date to ensure that areas without mobile phone signals get mobile phone coverage; the discussions that have taken place between his Department and the industry on this; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62723/22]

133. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if electricity generators will be allowed to keep all windfall profits from 2022 under current Government proposals; if he will consider extending the solidarity contribution such as the windfall tax to electricity companies as is being considered by Spain and the Czech Republic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62779/22]

134. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications when the roll-out of high-speed broadband under the National Broadband Plan will reach Kiskeam, County Cork. — Michael Moynihan. [62461/22]

135. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress to date in the roll-out of broadband in counties Cavan and Monaghan; the progress that will be achieved in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62763/22]

136. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that his Department plans to support the development of electricity generation by floating offshore wind turbines; the measures that he is putting in place to facilitate this; the associated indicative timescales for same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [62791/22]

137. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the roll-out of National Broadband Plan connections and service in local schools in counties Laois and Offaly; the way that the figures compare to other counties; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [61794/22]

138. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on the success of the four-day week research project carried out by an organisation (details supplied), University College Dublin and Boston College; and if his Department will provide additional funding for further research in other sectors of the economy to get a holistic understanding of the financial, social and environmental impact of a four-day week across the whole of the economy. — Louise O'Reilly. [62045/22]

139. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that he is supporting the production of renewable fuels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — David Stanton. [62790/22]

140. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure that the timeline in the processing and approval of applications for grant aid for retrofitting of private homes is reduced substantially; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62762/22]

141. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the measures that have been put in place by his Department to help midland communities transition away from fossil fuels; the amount of funding available and drawn down to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Charles Flanagan. [61793/22]

142. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on introducing a moratorium on new data centre connections in the context of energy security and carbon emissions targets. — Ivana Bacik. [62759/22]

143. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will outline the details of Ireland's deposit return scheme. — Ciarán Cannon. [62828/22]

144. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the status of the progress of the implementation of the local Digital Strategy in each county as detailed under the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [61850/22]

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

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

\*145. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment the funding that was provided by county from his Department in 2022, broken down by project in tabular form. — Richard Bruton. [62872/22]

\*146. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment when he will make regulations under section 7 of the Transnational Information and Consultation of Employees Act 1996, in view of the migration of more than 100 European Works Councils to Ireland following Brexit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [62875/22]

\*147. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment his views on the concerns expressed by the European Commission and an organisation (details supplied) regarding the adequacy of Ireland's transposition of Directive 2009/38/EC; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael McNamara. [62876/22]

\*148. To ask the Tánaiste and Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment if he has discussed with Enterprise Ireland the way to stimulate the establishment of indigenous businesses in the renewable energy supply chain through a national renewable energy business accelerator programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62962/22]



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

\*149. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on Ireland's cybersecurity infrastructure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Neale Richmond. [57654/22]

\*150. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications his views on Ireland's cybersecurity capabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Farrell. [57455/22]

\*151. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that his Department has specifically made with regard to delivering the National Broadband Plan. — Ciarán Cannon. [56456/22]

\*152. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on Ireland's cybersecurity infrastructure. — Alan Dillon. [58446/22]

\*153. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he has had further dialogue with his colleagues across Europe, with particular reference to achieving targets on emissions. — Bernard J. Durkan. [55616/22]

\*154. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if the Government clawbacks in respect of the National Broadband Plan will not be diminished as a result of NBI's interest in X3T and the expectation from its shareholders; if he has engaged with NBI regarding its interest in the company; and if he is satisfied that no risk arises in respect of his interests in the National Broadband Plan as a result of the establishment of the company. — Catherine Murphy. [62842/22]

\*155. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if NBI is subject to public procurement rules; the way in which services provided to NBI by a company (details supplied) are governed and managed. — Catherine Murphy. [62843/22]

\*156. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if NBI sought permission to establish a spin-out company named (details supplied) from the NBI; and if his Department completed a due diligence process in relation to the company. — Catherine Murphy. [62844/22]

\*157. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the progress that his Department has specifically made with regard to delivering the National Broadband Plan; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [56288/22]

\*158. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the up-to-date position regarding supports for pay-as-you-go gas and electricity customers to protect them from disconnection this winter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62888/22]

\*159. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way that he plans to increase renewables to meet 80% of Ireland's electricity needs by 2030; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62954/22]

\*160. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will build a strategy in conjunction with the European Commission to fund and construct an Atlantic electricity interconnector which would land west/southwest coast renewable energy directly into the mainland European electricity grid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62958/22]

\*161. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will establish an offshore renewable development authority similar to the Industrial Development Authority that will drive a fully co-ordinated national action plan, and will have responsibilities ranging from research and development and supply chain development to the commercial deployment of renewable energy, ensuring that Ireland becomes the leading global clean energy exporter; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62959/22]

\*162. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he has discussed with Enterprise Ireland plans to stimulate the establishment of indigenous businesses in the renewable energy supply chain through a national renewable energy business accelerator programme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62960/22]

\*163. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will publish a green hydrogen strategy involving the emerging industry across the EU as well as key domestic stakeholders to assess hydrogen's suitability as a key future energy source for Ireland's economy and identify the main infrastructure investment requirements; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62961/22]

\*164. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the steps that are being taken to assist local broadband providers in competing for public sector contracts. — Holly Cairns. [62974/22]

\*165. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will ensure the provision of broadband to Brookdale, Riverstick, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [62975/22]

\*166. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which ongoing progress can be reported in regard to the provision of high-speed modern broadband in all areas throughout the country; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62998/22]

\*167. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he and his Department continue to examine the fullest possible extent to which all measures can offset the impact of meeting such targets on industry, sector by sector, with particular reference to the need to avoid permanent damage to the economy while at the same time meeting the targets, in the context of meeting carbon reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62999/22]

\*168. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he continues to consult with the relevant Minister and the agri-food producing sector with a view to ensuring that carbon reduction targets can be met, while at the same time meeting economic targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63000/22]

\*169. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the targets, if any, set for the achievement of carbon sequestration over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63001/22]

\*170. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which his Department continues to explore electricity generation from non-fossil fuels by way of wind, wave or solar; the full extent of the investment in each element of the sector to date; the degree to which he expects such investment to materialise on an annual basis over the next five years; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63002/22]

\*171. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the number of new broadband connections in the past twelve months to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63003/22]

\*172. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the ongoing steps to support remote working through the roll-out of high-speed fibre broadband connections in internet, with particular reference to blackspot-prone rural areas; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63004/22]

\*173. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which he expects to rely on onshore and offshore wind-generated electricity over the next ten years; the extent to which he expects to meet overall targets in respect of alternative energy production throughout the period in question; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63005/22]

\*174. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the main areas of environmental protection deemed at present to be urgent; the action in hand or proposed to deal with any such issues; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63006/22]

\*175. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the success to date in meeting carbon reduction targets; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63007/22]

\*176. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the national waste management plan continues to address the relevant issues, with particular reference to reduction, reuse and recycle; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63008/22]

\*177. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the way in which the cost of producing electricity here currently compares with other countries throughout Europe, with particular reference to maintaining competitiveness throughout industry; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63009/22]

\*178. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications the extent to which the budget allocated to his Department remains adequate to meet the costs of the targets set in respect of his Department in the Programme for Government; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63011/22]

\*179. To ask the Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications if he will report on the cross-jurisdictional collaboration which took place in 2022 between his Department and the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and Rural and Community Development in Northern Ireland. — Ivana Bacik. [63134/22]

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

\*180. To ask the Minister for Transport the plans that are in place to develop the port infrastructure to enable the deployment of offshore windfarms, particularly along Ireland's west coast (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62955/22]

\*181. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on establishing Shannon Foynes port as an international floating offshore wind energy hub; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62956/22]

\*182. To ask the Minister for Transport if his attention has been drawn to a complaint (details supplied) in relation to bus services to the Knocklyon area; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62877/22]

\*183. To ask the Minister for Transport the estimated total cost to the State and total length of time remaining on the M1 toll contract; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [62879/22]

\*184. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide clarification on why a person who has a free travel pass is charged to bring their bike onto a bus (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [62915/22]

\*185. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide an update on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the charge to take a foldable bike on a bus; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Danny Healy-Rae. [62920/22]

\*186. To ask the Minister for Transport the amount of funding that was provided for cycling facilities in Waterford city in 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [62928/22]

\*187. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of antisocial incidents on Dublin Bus by individual bus routes and by month in each of the past 18 months that resulted in bus curtailment in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [62929/22]

\*188. To ask the Minister for Transport the number of tickets sold for the Dublin-Dundalk train line to date in 2022; if he will provide a breakdown of tickets sold between adult single, adult return, student single, student return, child single and child return in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [62930/22]

\*189. To ask the Minister for Transport if there are plans to have the Dublin Bus route H1 included on 24/7 routes during 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [62931/22]

\*190. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide details of the staff and volunteer complement at Doolin coastguard; if he is satisfied that this unit is sufficiently experienced and competent; if there are immediate plans to further add to the staff complement at the unit; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Darren O'Rourke. [62936/22]

\*191. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will clarify whether the 226X service in County Cork has been reduced. — Holly Cairns. [62979/22]

\*192. To ask the Minister for Transport the steps that he is taking to improve the 226X service in County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [62980/22]

\*193. To ask the Minister for Transport if he is satisfied that night-time transport options in urban areas will be able to meet increased demand during the Christmas period; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [63058/22]

\*194. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will provide a schedule of the current greenway and blueway projects broken down by section; the current status of each section; and the costs to date associated with the sections and planned completion dates. — Catherine Murphy. [63068/22]

\*195. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will outline the landscape and management plans that are in place to help combat climate change by maximising the use of roadside spaces to help reduce carbon emissions and pollutant gases, provide roadside shelter and increase biodiversity by the use of native tree species while at all times taking into account health and safety concerns; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63099/22]

\*196. To ask the Minister for Transport if native tree species are always planted in tree planting programmes along roadways; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63100/22]

\*197. To ask the Minister for Transport if he and or the National Transport Authority have conducted a survey in respect of delivering a regular bus service to link Leixlip and Celbridge towns to Tallaght Hospital, in view of the variety of services that hospital location provides for persons in the aforementioned areas. — Catherine Murphy. [63107/22]

\*198. To ask the Minister for Transport his plans to establish an independent inquiry into the management of the Irish Coast Guard. — Catherine Murphy. [63127/22]

\*199. To ask the Minister for Transport his engagement with Bus Éireann and commercial bus operators to address the issue of securing drivers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62134/22]

\*200. To ask the Minister for Transport his engagement with local authorities to progress their plans for EV charging points; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62532/22]

\*201. To ask the Minister for Transport if he will consider providing electric vehicle charging grants to businesses for their employees and customers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aindrias Moynihan. [62533/22]

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

\*202. To ask the Minister for Finance the dates of the board meetings of a bank (details supplied) that the Independent Non-Executive Director to the bank attended in 2021 and 2022 on his behalf; if they submitted written updates to him on the themes covered during these board meetings; if the bank has discussed the possibility of making any of its branches cashless in 2023, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [62836/22]

\*203. To ask the Minister for Finance if he will remove land that has been actively farmed from liability for the vacant zoned land tax; and if his Department is reviewing this. — Brian Stanley. [62907/22]

\*204. To ask the Minister for Finance his views on retaining the 9% tourism VAT rate for all of 2023 to support the hospitality sector. — Holly Cairns. [62978/22]

\*205. To ask the Minister for Finance the number of applications for the new temporary business energy support scheme; the number of applications that have been accepted to date; the average request in cash terms; the number of applications per county; the number of applications broken down by sector in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [63012/22]

\*206. To ask the Minister for Finance if it is proposed to lower the requirement for credit unions to retain 10% of deposits, given that other countries in Europe have a requirement of 3% or 4% retention; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63110/22]

\*207. To ask the Minister for Finance the outcome of the work of the Banking Forum to date; if specific consideration is being given to the need to ensure that large parts of rural Ireland are not deprived of banking services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63114/22]

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

\*208. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if he will provide the projections for future growth in expenditure related to PPP charges that includes all planned PPP projects at various stages of development such as the projects contained in bundles 1 and 2 of the higher education public private partnership programme in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62865/22]

\*209. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform further to Parliamentary Question No. 350 of 8 September 2020, if his officials can provide an update on this search; if the search has been completed; if so, the items found; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [62913/22]

\*210. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform when he intends to approve the confirmation process for the Crossmolina flood relief scheme; when construction will commence on this project; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62947/22]

\*211. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform his views on the need for the annual publication in a national newspaper of details of the disbursement of “Funds for Good Causes”, in light of the report on the independent review of the allocation and utilisation of National Lottery funding. — Ivana Bacik. [63056/22]

\*212. To ask the Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform if the risk of flooding in Sutton and Baldoyle has been assessed a part of his nationwide flood assessment; if measures are being considered which would reduce this risk; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard Bruton. [63092/22]



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

\*213. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if there are regulations in place to ensure that smaller and local media organisations are included in advertising campaigns run by Government Departments and publicly funded bodies; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [62889/22]

\*214. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media when the 2021 annual report for Tourism Ireland will be published. — Darren O'Rourke. [62923/22]

\*215. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media if she is considering taking an interest in Shannon Heritage in the context of preserving and enhancing the State's tourism offering. — Catherine Murphy. [63109/22]

\*216. To ask the Minister for Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media the funding streams that are available to citizens to assist them to meet the costs for the unveiling of a plaque (details supplied). — Catherine Murphy. [63115/22]

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

\*217. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will provide an update on the establishment, recruitment and implementation of the new body, the Maritime Area Regulatory Authority, MARA; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62957/22]

\*218. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if some members of the Dublin Fire Brigade have been excluded from the €1,000 bonus for frontline workers; if so, the reason for same. — Richard Bruton. [63093/22]

\*219. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage when the higher social housing income thresholds will come into effect. — Ivana Bacik. [62862/22]

\*220. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage the details of all changes to the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme that have come into effect since February 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62893/22]

\*221. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if his Department has issued revised guidelines to local authorities in respect of the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme, to take into account the changes to the scheme that came into effect in 2022; if these guidelines are publicly available; if not, his plans for their publication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62894/22]

\*222. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to update the application form for the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme, in light of recent changes made to the scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62895/22]

\*223. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if the 2021 review of the Tenant (Incremental) Purchase Scheme is publicly available; if not, his plans to publish the review; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62896/22]

\*224. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if he will ensure that there will be a substantial financial allocation for the 2023 housing voids programme in view of its success since 2020 and the value of such works in bringing back to habitable use unoccupied homes; if he will ensure that additional support is given to local authorities, such as those in County Cavan, which have a very low rates base and have very limited revenue-raising capacity; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63024/22]

\*225. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage if there are plans to issue a call for larger properties for the housing of refugees, as was issued in respect of pledged accommodation in individual residential homes. — Ivana Bacik. [63059/22]

\*226. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his reason for proposing to block residents' associations from taking High Court actions against planning decisions; if he will provide details of the research undertaken to support the need for such a measure; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63073/22]

\*227. To ask the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage his plans to assist Clare County Council manage and operate Shannon Heritage. — Catherine Murphy. [63108/22]

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

\*228. To ask the Minister for Foreign Affairs if he will provide an update on the status of a passport application for a child (details supplied); if the application could be escalated given that the applicant's travel date is imminent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — John Brady. [62861/22]

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

\*229. To ask the Minister for Education the reason for replacing the higher diploma in education in 2014 with a two-year master's degree in education; if any review of this programme has been undertaken in the meantime; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62859/22]

\*230. To ask the Minister for Education when a project (details supplied) will proceed to the next stage; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62860/22]

\*231. To ask the Minister for Education the details regarding resources for educational welfare officers allocated to County Wicklow; if all posts are currently filled; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [62891/22]

\*232. To ask the Minister for Education the number of schools per county which have hepa filters installed in classrooms in tabular form. — Richard O'Donoghue. [62905/22]

\*233. To ask the Minister for Education when a person (details supplied) who has applied for a taxi service transport for school will receive this; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Fitzmaurice. [62912/22]

\*234. To ask the Minister for Education the system for the allocation of hours based on complex needs under the special education teacher allocation; the way that the data for complex needs is



sourced by the children's disability network teams; and if there is a central register held by the CDNT's in which the number of children with disabilities is held. — Róisín Shortall. [62951/22]

\*235. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department will establish a national voluntary redeployment panel for teachers who wish to relocate to enable them to keep their permanent and contract of indefinite duration status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62953/22]

\*236. To ask the Minister for Education her views on a policy issue raised in correspondence (details supplied) relating to the ongoing teacher retention crisis; her plans, if any, for an appropriate online portal on which teachers seeking voluntary redeployment could enter their details to seek a direct swap with a matching teacher seeking the reverse relocation as proposed in a recent motion; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ged Nash. [62969/22]

\*237. To ask the Minister for Education if pupils who are enrolled in a school after 30 September will be included in enrolment numbers of that school for capitation purposes in cases in which it is clear that such pupils were not enrolled in any other school in this State at the end of September; if this matter will be given further consideration in view of the increased movement of persons and families to this State in recent years; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63021/22]

\*238. To ask the Minister for Education when appeals submitted to the Independent Appeals Scrutineers which had to be submitted by 21 October 2022 in respect of students who sat the Leaving Certificate 2022 will issue; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63022/22]

\*239. To ask the Minister for Education further to Parliamentary Question No. 360 of 29 November 2022, if she will provide an update on girls with special educational needs in education; if she has plans to review the adequacy of service delivery for such students and pupils; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Ivana Bacik. [63055/22]

\*240. To ask the Minister for Education if she will publish the new circular issued to schools banning the use of resources or materials produced or funded by the alcohol industry for education and awareness on alcohol; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63071/22]

\*241. To ask the Minister for Education the position regarding the Programme for Government commitment to provide additional supports for school and college students who are homeless, resident in family hubs or in direct provision; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63090/22]

\*242. To ask the Minister for Education the total number of DEIS appeals that have been received by county and location; the reason for refusals in tabular form; the mechanism by which a school can be independently reviewed after a failed review if it disagrees with the appeal; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Fergus O'Dowd. [63094/22]

\*243. To ask the Minister for Education if she has considered establishing a national voluntary redeployment panel to allow teachers who wish to relocate to keep their permanent and contract of indefinite duration status; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Willie O'Dea. [63095/22]

\*244. To ask the Minister for Education if her attention has been drawn to a campaign underway by a group (details supplied); the consideration that her Department is giving these proposals; if she will undertake to meet with this group; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63098/22]

\*245. To ask the Minister for Education if her Department has engaged with a group (details supplied); and if her Department has considered proposals from the group in relation to transferring of job location. — Patrick Costello. [63103/22]

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

\*246. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if support will be provided in relation to the case of a person (details supplied) who has yet to receive a backdated payment of a disability allowance; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Jennifer Carroll MacNeill. [62835/22]

\*247. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a decision has been made on a supplementary welfare exceptional needs' appeal by a person (details supplied) in County Kerry; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Griffin. [62837/22]

\*248. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the average processing time for applications for exceptional needs' payments; the steps that she is taking to shorten the waiting times; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [62847/22]

\*249. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a working family payment application will be processed and paid before Christmas in the name of a person (details supplied). — John McGuinness. [62871/22]

\*250. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an exceptional needs' payment can issue in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62899/22]

\*251. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if an entitlement for a carer's allowance is being reviewed in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62908/22]

\*252. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will outline any changes to the registration of new births; if parents are now required to present themselves at an office, given that previously the entire process was completed by the hospital and her Department without needing a parent to show up in an office; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [62917/22]

\*253. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of claims submitted and the number of persons who have received enhanced illness benefit for Covid-19; the number of persons who were in payment for ten weeks; the number of persons who transferred to illness benefit after the ten-week payment period had expired; the number of these claims that were in payment for more than two weeks, four weeks, eight weeks, 12 weeks or in excess of 12 weeks respectively; the number that were transferred to disability allowance; the number of such claims that were rejected or pending; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62919/22]

\*254. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the number of full-time medical assessors working in her Department in each of the years of 2019 to 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased during 2023. — Darren O'Rourke. [62921/22]

\*255. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if a person who has mixed social welfare record consisting of A, B and D contributions and can satisfy the minimum conditions for a pro-rata pension for a person with mixed insurance, is entitled to have their pension assessed under the total contribution system including up to 1,040 ordinary and caring credits; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62943/22]

\*256. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if she will provide an update on the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Kieran O'Donnell. [62964/22]

\*257. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the reason that a person (details supplied) has not been able to obtain a full State pension (contributory); the way that this can be addressed in the context of their circumstances; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62981/22]

\*258. To ask the Minister for Social Protection if and when the State pension will be paid in the case of a person (details supplied) who is a vulnerable person; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62983/22]

\*259. To ask the Minister for Social Protection the position regarding a child benefit payment for a child (details supplied) in Dublin 9; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63104/22]

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

\*260. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if any potential funding streams are available to a centre (details supplied) for the targeted youth employability support initiative which was previously funded under the dormant accounts by the Department for Children, Equality; Disability and Youth but has not been renewed as a multi-annual project.; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul McAuliffe. [62901/22]

\*261. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if the national disability inclusion strategy transport working group approved the review of the disabled drivers and disabled passengers' scheme at its meeting on 8 December 2022; when the final report will be published; and if submissions made by TWG members between September and October 2022 will be published. — Ivana Bacik. [63054/22]

\*262. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if his attention has been drawn to correspondence being issued to persons (details supplied) advising that they are unable to meet the statutory obligation in processing applications; his views on this; the engagement that his Department has had in this regard; his views on whether this is acceptable; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Pádraig O'Sullivan. [62897/22]

\*263. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the strategies that he will pursue to tackle the growing racism and ignorance of multiculturalism in Ireland; if any thought has been given to re-establishing the national consultative committee on racism and interculturalism; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Aengus Ó Snodaigh. [62918/22]

\*264. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if he will outline the application process for the 'UBU Your Place - Your Space' scheme; if the scheme is

currently open for applications from existing providers; and the criteria that are required to be met for eligibility. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62966/22]

\*265. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if a service (details supplied) is eligible for funding under the ‘UBU Your Place - Your Space’ scheme. — Eoin Ó Broin. [62967/22]

\*266. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth if she will clarify a number of points (details supplied) on the ratification on the Optional Protocol of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cathal Crowe. [62970/22]

\*267. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the steps that he is taking to ensure the provision of additional creche and childcare facilities in Kinsale, County Cork. — Holly Cairns. [62973/22]

\*268. To ask the Minister for Children, Equality, Disability, Integration and Youth the extent to which the attention of Tusla has been drawn to the housing and safety situation in the case of the children of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63113/22]

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

\*269. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when applications will be accepted for Innovate for Ireland a new partnership between industry and the Government of Ireland to recruit and retain research talent; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [62845/22]

\*270. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the number of guidance counsellors directly employed by the Louth-Meath Education and Training Board in each of the years 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [62922/22]

\*271. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the progress that has been made to date with the review of the terms and conditions of employment of PhD worker students; when it is expected that contact will be made with the various PhD stakeholders such as two groups (details supplied) to seek their views; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62938/22]

\*272. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if he will consider fully funding further education courses for persons on disability allowance and invalidity pension to enable them to upskill and re-enter the workplace with new skills; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62940/22]

\*273. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science when a person (details supplied) will be called to progress their electrical apprenticeship; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62948/22]

\*274. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the position regarding the Programme for Government commitment to provide additional supports

for school and college students who are homeless, resident in family hubs or in direct provision; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63091/22]

\*275. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science if additional third level places will be provided for all therapy courses, in view of the difficulties in recruiting therapists; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63126/22]

\*276. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science the initiatives that will be undertaken to promote student mobility North South and South North; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63128/22]

\*277. To ask the Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science his views on a matter (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63129/22]

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

\*278. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the visa requirements for Colombian visitors entering Ireland when compared to other EU member states; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63016/22]

\*279. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will outline the role that an organisation (details supplied) plays when issuing Irish visas for visitors from certain countries; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [63017/22]

\*280. To ask the Minister for Justice if there are delays in the processing of stamp 4 extensions; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Duncan Smith. [62833/22]

\*281. To ask the Minister for Justice the options that are available to a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62852/22]

\*282. To ask the Minister for Justice when the contract for the issuing of new ballistic vests for frontline gardaí will be put out to tender. — Darren O'Rourke. [62924/22]

\*283. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-time senior investigating officers; and the total full-time equivalent of each child protection unit since 2019. — Darren O'Rourke. [62925/22]

\*284. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of persons who were successfully prosecuted in the Meath Garda division for driving a vehicle without a valid licence in each of the years of 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Darren O'Rourke. [62926/22]

\*285. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of inmates currently detained in the Irish Prison Service that are solely being held on remand for between four and eight months and over eight months. — Darren O'Rourke. [62927/22]

\*286. To ask the Minister for Justice if she is considering dispensing with the requirement that all non-EEA researchers who undertake research activities on a four-year contract have to renew their Irish residency permit or visa each year at a cost of €300, and replacing that with a requirement that the third level institution would confirm each year that the researcher is continuing with the contract with the higher-level educational institution; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62939/22]

\*287. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of full-body searches carried out in Irish prisons in each of the past five years; the circumstances that arise that cause these searches to be carried out; if such searches are carried out on both female and male prisoners; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62965/22]

\*288. To ask the Minister for Justice if a person (details supplied) has the reckonable residency to now apply for naturalisation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62982/22]

\*289. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of Garda stations without access to broadband in County Tipperary; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Lowry. [63053/22]

\*290. To ask the Minister for Justice if she will report on the regularisation scheme for undocumented migrants. — Ivana Bacik. [63060/22]

\*291. To ask the Minister for Justice further to Parliamentary Question No. 106 of 9 November 2022, if there has been any further progress in the consultation process; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63119/22]

\*292. To ask the Minister for Justice if an alternative system for registration for Stamp 4 can be provided in the case of a person (details supplied); and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63130/22]

\*293. To ask the Minister for Justice the number of additional domestic violence refuge places provided to date in 2023; and the counties within which they are located in tabular form. — Mary Lou McDonald. [63133/22]

\*294. To ask the Minister for Justice the progress that has been made in implementing the recommendations of the Review of the Provision of Accommodation for Victims of Domestic Violence. — Mary Lou McDonald. [63132/22]

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

\*295. To ask the Minister for Health the total number of rare and orphan drugs currently being evaluated for use in Ireland; the length of time that normally required for this process; the drugs that have taken an inordinate amount of time to evaluate and approve for use here; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62832/22]

\*296. To ask the Minister for Health if the 35 children with cystic fibrosis whose age and genotype were not included in the initial deal with a drug manufacturer will now be included to provide access to the life changing medication, kaftrio (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [62834/22]

\*297. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the nine community eating disorder teams expected to be operational by the end of 2022; if this target has been delivered; if there are any delays; and if so, the reason; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [62839/22]

\*298. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update of the roll-out of the eating disorder network and the implementation of the HSE National Model of Care Plan for eating



disorders; the target operational dates for the remaining adult and CAMHS teams for eating disorders; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [62840/22]

\*299. To ask the Minister for Health the expected cost overrun for the construction and operation of a facility (details supplied) that was due to open in December 2021; the final cost of the construction and operation of the facility; when it will open; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Mark Ward. [62841/22]

\*300. To ask the Minister for Health the efforts his Department is taking to ensure all frontline workers employed by a Section 39 have received the promised pandemic bonus of €1,000 before Christmas 2022; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Sorca Clarke. [62846/22]

\*301. To ask the Minister for Health his views on a matter (details supplied) in relation to the prescription of a medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [62848/22]

\*302. To ask the Minister for Health if Covid-19 vaccines will be made available to children under five years of age; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [62850/22]

\*303. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the roll-out of the pandemic recognition payment to eligible Section 38 employees who have not yet received the payment; the steps they must take in order to receive the payment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Connolly. [62854/22]

\*304. To ask the Minister for Health if all avenues are being pursued to facilitate the full homecare package as required in the case of a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62863/22]

\*305. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide a list of all primary care centres, specifying whether a GP is operating out of the centre in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62866/22]

\*306. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 63 of 8 December 2022, if he has the power to mandate an independent investigation into individualised services under the service agreement between an organisation (details supplied) and the HSE; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62867/22]

\*307. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons employed in the individualised services of an organisation (details supplied) since 2011; the number of vacancies in its individualised services in each year since 2011; the average time to fill a vacancy in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62868/22]

\*308. To ask the Minister for Health if funding can be made available for adult ADHD clinics in CHO9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [62873/22]

\*309. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on plans for a new emergency department at Beaumont Hospital, Dublin 9; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [62874/22]

\*310. To ask the Minister for Health if he will address the situation whereby long-stay contribution hospital charges are being applied in cases in which home support has been awarded

but where HSE or agency staff were not available such as in the case of a person (details supplied) meaning that the patient has to remain in hospital due to not having home help support which would allow them to go home; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [62878/22]

\*311. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the situation with district nursing on Tory island (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Thomas Pringle. [62880/22]

\*312. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update in relation to a hospital appointment for a child (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [62881/22]

\*313. To ask the Minister for Health if he will consider including supplements and over-the-counter medicine that are prescribed by a doctor, on the drug medical schemes in view of the cost-of-living crisis and the cost of over-the-counter medication; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62882/22]

\*314. To ask the Minister for Health if he will expedite a hospital appointment for a person (details supplied). — Brendan Griffin. [62883/22]

\*315. To ask the Minister for Health the proportion of the €2.2 million allocated for the development of long-Covid services in 2022 that was spent exclusively on long-Covid services; the allocation drawn down by each clinic to date in 2022; the respective period of operation of each clinic; the number of new patients and recurring patients treated to date; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62886/22]

\*316. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 307 of 15 September 2022, the number of full-time posts allocated to post-acute and long-Covid clinics by clinic and speciality; if the position has been filled; if an offer has been made, if a recruitment competition is ongoing and or if the HSE recruitment process has commenced in light of emerging evidence on long-Covid. — Denis Naughten. [62887/22]

\*317. To ask the Minister for Health if any progress is being made to make the medication cariban reimbursable when prescribed by a pregnant mother's GP, as opposed to a pregnant mother's consultant, as this would make cariban more accessible during early pregnancy; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Emer Higgins. [62892/22]

\*318. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the payments for thousands of frontline workers (details supplied) which have been approved and all steps have been taken by staff to provide their details, are not being processed as a matter of urgency; the person or body that this personal information given by staff is provided to in order to process the payments; if it is a third party and or the HSE directly; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Murphy. [62898/22]

\*319. To ask the Minister for Health if he can provide a date when all the frontline workers waiting on the pandemic payment of €1,000 can expect to receive the payment (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [62902/22]



\*320. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the fact that there is no paediatric neurologist in UHL; when it is likely that a neurologist will be appointed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [62903/22]

\*321. 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. — Richard O'Donoghue. [62904/22]

\*322. To ask the Minister for Health further to the response of An Taoiseach to questions on promised legislation on 30 November 2022 regarding the long-Covid clinic at the Mater Hospital, the current status of the clinic; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62911/22]

\*323. To ask the Minister for Health the percentage of staff working in Our Lady's Hospital, Navan, that have received their Covid recognition payment; and when the remaining eligible staff will receive this payment. — Darren O'Rourke. [62932/22]

\*324. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the work of the infectious diseases clinical programme; the status of the establishment of a network of infectious diseases clinics; the number of such clinics established and operational to date; and the locations of all infectious diseases' clinics, operational or planned. — Darren O'Rourke. [62933/22]

\*325. To ask the Minister for Health the number of full-time pharmacists and senior pharmacists working in the National Centre for Pharmacoeconomics in each of the years of 2020, 2021 and to date in 2022, in tabular form; and if this number will be further increased. — Darren O'Rourke. [62934/22]

\*326. To ask the Minister for Health if the new National Children's Hospital will have the capacity and specialist staff to carry out heart and lung transplants for children aged under 16 years. — Darren O'Rourke. [62935/22]

\*327. To ask the Minister for Health when urgent surgery will take place for a person (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [62941/22]

\*328. To ask the Minister for Health the progress that has been made on implementing the recommendations from the McHugh report on the conditions and allowances of student nurses and midwives; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bríd Smith. [62945/22]

\*329. To ask the Minister for Health the services that are currently available to those diagnosed with foetal valproate spectrum disorder; the way that these services can be accessed within communities following a diagnosis; the discussions that his Department is having with the HSE to improve these services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62950/22]

\*330. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 307 of 15 September 2022, the number of full-time posts allocated to post-acute and long-Covid clinics, by clinic and speciality; if the position has been filled; if an offer has been made; if a recruitment competition is ongoing; if the HSE recruitment process has commenced in view of the emerging evidence on long-Covid; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62952/22]

\*331. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 812 of 18 October 2022, if he will outline the metrics at each clinic in 2022 including the number of new patients seen and the number waiting at the end of the year; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [62963/22]

\*332. To ask the Minister for Health the reason that the long-term illness scheme covers medication associated with intellectual disability and does not cover medication and other medical appliance costs associated with autism; if he intends extending the scheme to cover the same expenses for persons with autism as it covers for intellectual disability; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Éamon Ó Cuív. [62968/22]

\*333. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the provision of adult ADHD services in CHO4. — Thomas Gould. [63013/22]

\*334. To ask the Minister for Health the additional financial supports that will be provided for small-scale nursing home providers in view of the substantial additional costs incurred recently by such providers; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63018/22]

\*335. To ask the Minister for Health if he will ensure that adequate financial support is provided for small-scale nursing home providers given that a number of such providers have closed over recent months and it is essential that private nursing home care is not provided solely by large-scale operators, which would result in some rural communities losing such important health care facilities; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63019/22]

\*336. To ask the Minister for Health when additional health care places will be provided to an area (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63020/22]

\*337. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities who were in receipt of home-support hours in each LHO area as of 1 December 2022 or the latest date available; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and the number waiting 12 months plus in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [63025/22]

\*338. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons with disabilities who were in receipt of personal assistance hours in each LHO area as of 1 December 2022, or the latest date available; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for same in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and the number waiting 12 months plus in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [63026/22]

\*339. To ask the Minister for Health the number of residential places for persons with a disability currently being provided by CHO area as of 1 December 2022, or the latest date available in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [63027/22]

\*340. To ask the Minister for Health the number of new emergency places that have been provided to persons with a disability by LHO area as of 1 December 2022, in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [63028/22]

\*341. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children who were awaiting a first assessment from the HSE under the Disability Act 2005 for each LHO area as of 1 December 2022, or the latest date available in tabular form. — Jim O'Callaghan. [63029/22]

\*342. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons who were on the physiotherapy waiting list for each LHO area as of 1 December 2022, or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number for each category who were waiting aged 0 to 4, 5 to 17, 18 to 64 and 65 years plus in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63030/22]

\*343. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on the speech and language therapy assessment waiting list for each LHO area as of 1 December 2022, or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number waiting for each category aged 0 to 17 years and those aged 18 years and above in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63031/22]

\*344. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons for each LHO area on the speech and language therapy initial treatment waiting list as of 1 December 2022, or the latest date available; the number who were waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number for each category waiting aged 0 to 17 years and those aged 18 years and above in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63032/22]

\*345. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons for each LHO area on the speech and language therapy further treatment waiting list as of 1 December 2022, or the latest date available; the number who were waiting less 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the numbers for each category waiting aged 0 to 17 years and those aged 18 years and above in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63033/22]

\*346. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons for each LHO area on the occupational therapy first-time assessment waiting list as of 1 December 2022, or the latest date available; the number waiting less than 4, 4 to 12 and more than 12 months; and the number for each category waiting aged 0 to 4 years, 5 to 17 years, 18 to 64 years and aged 65 years plus in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63034/22]

\*347. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a podiatry appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2022 or the latest date available; the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63035/22]

\*348. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an ophthalmology appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2022 or the latest date available; the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63036/22]

\*349. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for an audiology appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2022 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63037/22]

\*350. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a dietetics appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2022 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63038/22]

\*351. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a psychology appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2022 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63039/22]

\*352. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each LHO area waiting for a counselling appointment in primary care as of 1 December 2022 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63040/22]

\*353. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons in each Local Health Office area waiting for a child and adolescent mental health services appointment as of 1 December 2022 or the latest date available; and the number waiting 0 to 12, 12 to 26, 26 to 52 and the number waiting more than 52 weeks. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63041/22]

\*354. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children admitted to adult mental health units to date in 2022. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63042/22]

\*355. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home support hours currently being provided in each LHO area as of 1 December 2022 or the latest date available; the way that compares to target in each LHO for the same time period; the number of persons currently on the waiting list for home support hours in each LHO area; the number waiting 0-3, 3-6, 6-12 and the number waiting 12 months plus in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63043/22]

\*356. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons awaiting placement under the fair deal scheme as of 1 December 2022 or latest date available; the average waiting time; the number of persons currently awaiting placement under the scheme for each local health area; and the length of time waiting in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63044/22]

\*357. To ask the Minister for Health the number of medical cards as of 1 December 2022; the number of general practitioner cards on the same date; and the number for each type of card issued on a discretionary basis on that date. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63045/22]

\*358. To ask the Minister for Health the number of delayed discharges at the end of November 2022 for each public and voluntary hospital; and the total number to date in 2022, in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63046/22]

\*359. To ask the Minister for Health the number of bed days owing to delayed discharges to date in 2022, for each public and voluntary hospital in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63047/22]

\*360. To ask the Minister for Health the number of patients aged 75 years or over that experienced an emergency department wait time more than 24 hours during November 2022; the total number to date in 2022; and the hospitals where the wait occurred. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63048/22]

\*361. To ask the Minister for Health the number of spinal fusion patients currently waiting less than four months for treatment for both Our Lady’s Children’s Hospital, Crumlin and Temple Street Children’s University Hospital for the end of November 2022 or the latest date available; the number waiting four to eight months and more than eight months; and if he will provide the same information for other spinal patients in tabular form. — Jim O’Callaghan. [63049/22]

\*362. To ask the Minister for Health the initiatives that will be undertaken within a health care programme in 2023 (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63050/22]

\*363. To ask the Minister for Health if the independent evaluation of the experiences of abortion service providers by Manchester Metropolitan University will be published by the end of the year. — Ivana Bacik. [63057/22]

\*364. 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; the discussions that have taken place between the HSE and his Department to improve access to services; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63062/22]

\*365. To ask the Minister for Health the number of home care support hours for older persons being provided in each LHO area to date in 2022; the way that this compares to each LHO in 2020; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Cormac Devlin. [63063/22]

\*366. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid in legal costs to each of the top ten legal firms representing plaintiffs in medical negligence cases in 2021; the number of cases that payments relate to in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [63065/22]

\*367. To ask the Minister for Health the amount paid out in legal costs to each of the top ten named legal firms representing the agency in medical negligence cases in 2021; the number of cases that payments relate to in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Catherine Murphy. [63066/22]

\*368. To ask the Minister for Health the number of claims ongoing by the State Claims Agency in relation to late diagnosis and missed diagnosis in relation to failings in the CervicalCheck screening programme; the number of cases settled; the total amount paid out in claims to date; and the legal costs of the cases to date. — Catherine Murphy. [63067/22]

\*369. To ask the Minister for Health the status of the delivery of the public MRI scanner at Wexford General Hospital; the expected timeframe for delivery of the scanner; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Verona Murphy. [63069/22]

\*370. To ask the Minister for Health if his attention has been drawn to the Scoping Report on Training, Recruitment and Retention of Social Workers in Ireland undertaken by an organisation (details supplied); his views on same; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63070/22]

\*371. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question 156 of 7 December 2022, the rationale for referencing a study (details supplied) in his previous answer regarding nurse prescribing of opioid substitution therapy, in view of the objectives of that study which did not include an exploration of the viability of nurse prescribing; if this study formed the basis for his decision not to progress nurse prescribing; if not, if he will outline his other reasons; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63072/22]

\*372. To ask the Minister for Health if he will provide an update on the primary care centre for Finglas, Dublin 11; the current timeline; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63074/22]

\*373. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for speech and language therapy by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63075/22]

\*374. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for physiotherapy by CHO, age category; and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63076/22]

\*375. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for occupational therapy by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63077/22]

\*376. To ask the Minister for Health the number of children and young persons on waiting lists for an assessment of need by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63078/22]

\*377. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for ophthalmology by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63079/22]

\*378. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for audiology by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63080/22]

\*379. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for podiatry by CHO, and age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63081/22]

\*380. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for community psychology services by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63082/22]

\*381. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for counselling services by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63083/22]

\*382. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for CAMHS by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63084/22]

\*383. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on a waiting list for dietetics by CHO, age category and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63085/22]

\*384. To ask the Minister for Health the number of persons on an acute hospital waiting list by age category, hospital, speciality and time waiting in tabular form. — Róisín Shortall. [63086/22]

\*385. To ask the Minister for Health if he will outline the current policy on home births; the number of midwives providing this service by county; the steps that are being taken to expand this service; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63087/22]

\*386. To ask the Minister for Health the number of radiation therapist posts by hospital; the number of vacant posts; the steps that are being taken to address staff shortages; the adequacy of the present number of training places; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63088/22]



\*387. To ask the Minister for Health the average waiting times for initial referrals in respect of each urology clinic in the State; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Rose Conway-Walsh. [63096/22]

\*388. To ask the Minister for Health if he will allow a consultant to prescribe cariban, pyridoxine and doxylamine; and if his Department will engage directly with organisations (details supplied) and other expert bodies on the best way to implement same to maximise patient care. — Patrick Costello. [63097/22]

\*389. To ask the Minister for Health the policy in respect of allowing flexibility for reduced hours for nurses and midwives in circumstances in which they have other caring duties at home; if there is a need to update this policy in view of severe staff shortages; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Róisín Shortall. [63111/22]

\*390. To ask the Minister for Health the drugs that are currently available and approved by the HSE for the treatment of cystic fibrosis and other similar conditions, the medication which is awaiting approval in this country or in the European Union; when is it expected that those drugs still waiting for approval are likely to become available to patients likely to require the treatment; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [63112/22]

\*391. To ask the Minister for Health further to Parliamentary Question No. 17 of 8 December 2022, the details regarding a timeline for the establishment of a local community neurorehabilitation team for CHO to be based in Bray, County Wicklow; the stage that the recruitment process is at for these roles; when it is expected to be completed; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Steven Matthews. [63131/22]

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

\*392. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when payments will issue to persons (details supplied); the reason for the delay in this regard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [62853/22]

\*393. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the supports that are available to farmers to install solar panels; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [62855/22]

\*394. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will address the case of persons (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [62890/22]

\*395. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide a date for the announcement of the forgotten farmer's scheme; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Richard O'Donoghue. [62906/22]

\*396. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the funding that will be available for minor pier upgrades at a location (details supplied) in the future; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Alan Dillon. [62914/22]

\*397. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine further to Parliamentary Question No. 1299 of 8 November 2022, the outcome of his Department's review of a number of investment

proposals submitted by an organisation (details supplied); and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Joe Carey. [62942/22]

\*398. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine his views on allowing exceptions for rare breed farmers to the proposed suckler carbon efficiency programme due to the inherent difficulty of these breeds achieving the proposed targets. — Holly Cairns. [62971/22]

\*399. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if he will provide details of the producer organisations relating to the fishing sectors, including the number of members in each producer organisation. — Holly Cairns. [62972/22]

\*400. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if farmers who had to cease willow production will receive compensation payments under the Just Transition Programme due to the substantial costs that they have incurred in exiting such production; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63015/22]

\*401. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made to date in eliminating the delays in processing applications for forestry planting and felling; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63101/22]

\*402. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the level of funding provided for forestry research to date in 2022; the estimated level of funding to be provided for such work in 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63102/22]

\*403. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the progress that has been made to date in preparing data on the sequestration of carbon by hedgerows to ensure the inclusion of hedgerows in the national inventory; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Brendan Smith. [63106/22]

\*404. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if existing forestry approvals can transfer seamlessly into the new afforestation and roads schemes; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63116/22]

\*405. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the date on which the new forestry programme will commence; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63117/22]

\*406. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine the weekly target of afforestation licences on the weekly dashboard; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63118/22]

\*407. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine if the new forestry programme will be ready to commence in January 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63123/22]

\*408. To ask the Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine when his Department will publish a review of their forestry licensing plan of 2022; and when it will publish a licensing plan for 2023; and if he will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Healy-Rae. [63124/22]



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

\*409. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the process by which an organisation can apply for the Pobal community services programme; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63121/22]

\*410. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she intends to reopen Pobal community services for new applicants; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Paul Kehoe. [63125/22]

\*411. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the amount of funding that she has set aside for the community centre support scheme for 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Canney. [63052/22]

\*412. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the steps that she is taking to assist private sector employers to support employees working from home and digital co-working hubs in local towns; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Denis Naughten. [58140/22]

\*413. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will outline all the actions that her Department has taken across various sectors to revitalise rural Ireland; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Colm Burke. [56912/22]

\*414. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the funding that is available for community groups for electric buses for rural communities. — Mairéad Farrell. [62838/22]

\*415. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development when individual groups (details supplied) will receive the €2,000 grant to help with running costs; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Seán Haughey. [62849/22]

\*416. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development if she will provide an update on the roll-out of free Wi-Fi in public spaces. — Christopher O'Sullivan. [62503/22]

\*417. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the degree to which she expects to continue to support community investment throughout County Kildare in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62984/22]

\*418. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department continue to have dialogue with urban or rural-based groups, with a view to identifying deprivation or concerns which may need her intervention; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62985/22]

\*419. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the full extent of funding allocated to various groups throughout the country under the schemes available through her Department in the past three years to date; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62986/22]

\*420. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which all regions throughout the country continue to be the subject matter of examination by her Department, with a view to addressing issues of deprivation; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62987/22]

\*421. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which various recreational walk schemes throughout the country continue to be expanded by county; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62988/22]

\*422. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department continue to strive for an even spread of development, job locations and digital hubs throughout the country, in such a way as to ensure the availability of an office setting in areas not previously sufficiently provided for through digital developments; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62989/22]

\*423. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department continues to monitor urban and rural community activity, with a view to addressing issues arising from Covid-19 or Brexit; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62990/22]

\*424. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she and her Department expect to be able to assist those suffering from social isolation in urban or rural settings in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62991/22]

\*425. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the number of community development initiatives funded by her Department throughout the country in the past twelve months; her expectations in this regard in 2023; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62992/22]

\*426. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the full extent of awards made by her Department under the town and village renewal scheme throughout the country; her expectations in respect of this or similar schemes in the next year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62993/22]

\*427. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which she expects to be in position to offer grant assistance to appropriately-qualified groups throughout County Kildare in 2023, with particular reference to the community and voluntary sectors; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62994/22]

\*428. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which, the CLÁR programme has assisted communities throughout the country, including County Kildare, in the past year; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62995/22]

\*429. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department has supported various communities throughout the country through the LEADER programme in the past year; her current engagements and future proposals in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62996/22]

\*430. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the extent to which her Department has identified specific local initiatives in County Kildare worthy of support by her Department since its inception; her ongoing proposals in this regard; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Bernard J. Durkan. [62997/22]

\*431. To ask the Minister for Rural and Community Development the local development companies in Ireland that have a debt from any previous LEADER programme; the financial

amount of those debts by company in tabular form; the debt repayment resolutions in place for each company; and if she will make a statement on the matter. — Michael Ring. [63064/22]